



A Pair Of Chinese Blue And White Porcelain Bowls From The Hatcher Cargo C.1643



1 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Porcelain

Description

A Pair of Chinese Blue and White Porcelain Bowls from the Hatcher Cargo c.1643 Late Ming, Wanli / early Transitional, circa 1643 Fine Transitional Porcelain Bowls from the Hatcher Cargo, late Ming dynasty c.1643. These thickly potted blue and white porcelain bowls are decorated with a border of 'galloping horses' of the typical late Wanli Style. Diameter: 20.3 cm (each) Height: 9.2 cm (each) Provenance Hatcher Cargo auction, Christie's Amsterdam, 12-13 June 1984 (one with the original sticker) Private collection, The Netherlands A very interesting and good pair of Chinese mid-17th-century bowls from the celebrated Hatcher Cargo. The Hatcher Cargo was recovered from the wreck of a Chinese junk in the South China seas port of Batavia (today Jakarta) by Captain Michael Hatcher in

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1983, and was later sold in the Netherlands. They were a small part of what, at the time, was the largest cargo of Chinese porcelain ever recovered in good condition from the sea. Decorated in underglaze blue. The central medallion is decorated with a river scene with rocky mountains, a pagoda and a banner in the distance. The cavetto is decorated with a border formed by alternating flaming wheel and ruyi-heads. The rim is painted with a continuous border with rocky mountains, pavilions, pagodas, banners flying from masts, trees and rowing boats. On the outer wall a bird perched on tree branches alternates with fruit and flower sprays, below a continuous border of horses flying among flames and crested waves. The horse, the seventh of the twelve creatures of the Chinese zodiac that represents the lunar months within a traditional twelve-year cycle, is a symbol of speed and perseverance. It appeared often on Jingdezhen blue and white porcelains of the late 16th and early 17th centuries. In total only sixty-eight identically shaped, sized and decorated bowls, divided over the lots 858-869 were sold on 12 and 13 June 1984. Both generally in good condition. - The glaze somewhat degraded and stained due to long time immersion in sea water, and one with a brown firing stain - The rims with typical small chips and fritting.