



Bactrian Columns



2 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Marble

Description

IDOLS--BACTRIAN COLUMNS

Bactria-Margiana, late 3rd-early 2nd millennium

B.C. Price 2000 EUR/piece Material Green

marble Dimensions Height: 23 cm Height: 25.1

cm Provenance- Rosen Gallery, Tel Aviv, 1960-

K. M. Collection, London- Lyon & Turnbull,

Edinburgh, July 31, 2024, lots 107 and

108 Description A pair of column-shaped idols

carved from green marble, resting on a flat base

featuring a central groove. The sculptures feature

an elegant cylindrical shape, with a curved,

slightly constricted body and a shallow groove at

the top. The marbled surface, with shades of

green, evokes swirling clouds. Bactrian columnar

idols are ancient stone objects, cylindrical or

conical in shape, associated with the

Bactrian-Margian culture in Central Asia and

Dealer

Collectique

Antiquités

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dating from the 3rd and 2nd millennia BCE. They are generally considered to be religious or ritual objects, although their exact function remains a subject of debate. These objects have been discovered in various archaeological contexts, including burials, sanctuaries, and hoards, suggesting their importance in religious or ritual practices. Although their precise function remains unknown, they are interpreted as religious objects, perhaps used in ceremonies or representing deities. Some hypotheses suggest that they may have served as weights or counterweights.