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Japan - Set Of Twenty-two Joka Lotus Flowers, Buds, And Leaves, Gilded Wood, Japan, 19th Century



8 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilded wood

Height : 82cm

Description

Set of twenty-two Joka lotus flowers, buds, and leaves made of gilded wood, Japan, 19th century. Smaller than the large temple sets typically found, these flowers stand out for their delicacy. The slender stems, supple leaves, and veined buds create a light, almost graphic silhouette. The antique gilding has developed a beautiful patina, with warm hues, natural wear, and small marks that attest to the set's age. In Buddhism, the lotus is one of the most powerful symbols. Born of mud yet rising above the water unsullied, it evokes purity, enlightenment, and the possibility of spiritual transformation. Joka flowers were intended for Buddhist altars, where they served as a lasting offering--a precious substitute for fresh flowers. This set is presented here in a vase signed by Mikio Osaka, preserved

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with its original tomobako. The vase is available but sold separately. Japan, 19th century. Carved and gilded wood, antique patina. Dimensions: the largest flower measures 82 cm. Set as shown: 92 × 74 cm.