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CERTIFICATE

SNOW LION

TIBET (AD 16th century)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: rare rectangular plaque of gilded copper with, in relief, a lion sitting on its back legs and raising its front legs toward the sky. The hair of the mane and on the tip of the tail is represented by flames with highlights of blue paint. It wears a necklace around its breast. Its face in profile is turned to the right.

Excellent state of preservation. The object is displayed in a frame.

ORIGIN: the snow lion is a mythical animal of Tibet. It incarnates gaiety, the values of courage and symbolizes vivacity. It is along with the dragon, the tiger and the Garuda one of the four dignities of the Shambhala Path. It resides in the east and represents unconditional joy and peace of mind. Naturally benevolent, it teaches us the virtue and the discipline of putting others before one's self.

Buddha's throne is often depicted accompanied by eight snow lions representing the eight Bodhisattva disciples of Gautama Buddha, the historic Buddha.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 18.7 cm / Width: 14,8 cm. (with frame: 34 x 38 cm)

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