

GALERIE GOLCONDA

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CERTIFICATE

SMALL BETEL POT CAMBODIA – KHMER (AD 12th century)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: pot in bronze resting on a pedestal with a three-tier lid that served for storing betel. High ovoid shape, good overall ancient golden green patina. Excellent state of preservation.

ORIGIN: Betel is a climbing plant with medicinal properties, native to Malaysia. The properties of this plant are mainly psycho-stimulating, toning, it helps fight against headaches, constipation and promotes lactation. In Malaysia, it is used as a remedy for rheumatism, in China against toothaches and in Indonesia as an antibiotic. In India and Vietnam the leaves are chewed with lime and the nut of a palm tree called Arec. This mixture which gives a characteristic red colour saliva takes the name of Betel.

Nowadays the full betel service includes a metal box containing betel leaves, a knife to cut the Arec nuts and a spoon to be used in the lime jar.

DIMENSIONS: Heights: 10 & 12 cm (5.0”) - Widths: 3 & 3.7 cm (1.4”)

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