

GALERIE GOLCONDA

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Bijarcheo is the exclusive trademark of jewellery from Galerie Golconda, which crafts all its pieces in a traditional manner. Each antique object, mounted in Italy by Alvaro and Correnti, is authentic and only noble materials such as gold and silver and natural stones are used. Beryl Cavallini owner of Galerie Golconda, is also a qualified gemologist.

SECRET RING WITH SILVER COIN

Persian Kingdom (AD 50 –100)

A secret compartment ring in 22 carat gold, the upper section of which opens with a key, revealing a silver coin of a 1st century Persian king with unidentified iconography.

TBE, well centred strikes, beautiful relief.

- Coin of a king, half drachma struck in Persepolis

OBVERSE: bust of a king from the front with head to the left, bearded and wearing the imperial tiara of Parthian adorned with beading. An Aramaic monogram lies behind.

REVERSE: stylised diadem. Depicts an Aramaic legend.

ORIGIN: during the 1st century, the powerful Parthian empire dominated the Persian kingdom, territory of south western Iran. Retaining a certain autonomy, the Persian kings struck a local silver coinage influenced by that of the Parthian Arsacid dynasty: the iconographic style was adopted while the Aramaic writing, the main language of the Persians from the 8th century BC, was preserved.

There are few accounts from this period; the Persian coinage allows us to establish a chronology of the regional kings.

Weight of 22-carat gold: 21 grams

Weight of the coin: 1.58 grams

Diameter of the coin: 12.8 mm

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