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RARE SET IN GOLD FROM JAVA MATARAM KINGDOM (AD 8th - 10th century)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: exceptional set composed of an open bracelet and ring in gold. Over 20 carats in gold with subtle craftsmanship of twists and typical Java interlacing. Rare collection piece in excellent condition. Simple and sophisticated, this stunning original set shows lovely warm colour due to its age.

ORIGIN: during the 6th century AD, Java was known in the Buddhist scriptures as *Suvarnabhumi*, meaning « Land of Gold ». Mataram was an important kingdom, whose territory extended into central Java from the 8th to the 10th century. At the end of the 10th century, Java was a powerful island whose territory extended into Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia. The first Khmer king was only able to establish his capital in Angkor after breaking free from the sovereignty of Java. At that time, the island was the center of a brilliant culture known as the land of scholars. The finest monuments date from this period, *Borobudur* Buddhist rite and *Prambanam* of Shavaïte rite, were both listed as World Heritage sites by the UNESCO. Both rites appear to have coexisted at this time.

MEASUREMENTS: total weight of the set: 47,3g – weight of bracelet: 32,4g – weight of ring: 14,9g – internal diameter of bracelet: 5,4cm – ring size: Europe 52 / USA 6.5

MUSEOGRAPHY: similar models are exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of art under catalogue n° 1998.544.20 and n° 1998.544.373 from the Indonesian gold collection of Samuel Eilenberg-Jonathan P. Rosen, legs in 1998.

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