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Antique Rare Fine Pair of French Marquetry and Gilt Bronze Mounted Commodes In the Louis XVI Style, after Jean-Henri Riesener

Price

GBP 485,000

| USD \$656,302 | EUR 567,499

Item Reference: SA1136978**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

Antique fine French rare pair of early 20th century mahogany, fruitwood marquetry and gilt bronze mounted commodes In the Louis XVI Style, after the original model of the commode commissioned for the bedroom of Louis XVI at Versailles (d. 1774) by Jean-Henri Riesener (French, 1734-1806). The two-drawer and two-side door "D" shaped commodes both boast a white and mottled white-gray marble top resting on the base which depicts four armorial bronze figures emblematic of Courage, Force, Prudence and Tempérance. The centre marquetry panel with a floral still life and vase design flanked on each side by cherubs emblematic of Bienfaisance and Justice below a sunburst mask ormolu mount; the lower apron centred with a sphere with Fleur-de-lis, a French term meaning "lily flower," is a stylised emblem or device often associated with French royalty, and representing purity, light, and life surmounted by two floral cornucopias. The rounded sides each fitted with a cupboard door. The original commode was made in 1774 by J.H. Riesener for Louis XVI's bedroom at Versailles. The commode's central panel was inlaid with the ciphers of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, which, after 1789 was...

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