

SA1224809

Late Qing Dynasty Hardwood Altar Table China, circa 1880

Price

GBP 5,950

| USD \$8,036 | EUR 6,959

Item Reference: SA1224809

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 106 cm (41.7")

Width = 210 cm (82.7")

Depth = 44 cm (17.3")

Description

Late Qing Dynasty Hardwood Altar Table China, circa 1880. Elegantly proportioned and finely crafted, this late Qing Dynasty hardwood altar table dates to the latter part of the 19th century, circa 1880. Displaying the restrained sophistication characteristic of scholar's furniture, the table combines refined architectural form with subtle yet highly accomplished carved ornamentation. The rectangular floating-panel top is framed by a mitred border, above a narrow waist carved with an uninterrupted openwork frieze of stylised interlocking ruyi cloud motifs. The apron continues seamlessly around each end, demonstrating the precision and balance of traditional Chinese joinery. The square-section legs terminate in gently rounded feet and are joined by elegant open rectangular stretchers, lending the piece both visual lightness and structural strength. Decorative relief-carved motifs at the leg brackets and feet provide understated embellishment without detracting from the table's clean, harmonious lines. Constructed from a dense, dark-toned hardwood—most likely hongmu—the table possesses a rich patina developed over more than a century, with a deep lustrous finish that enhances its timeless appeal.

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