

SA627421

German School 17th Century Portrait of a Merchant holding an Ornate Ivory Staff

Price

GBP 800

| USD \$1,083 | EUR 936

Item Reference: SA627421

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

German School 17th Century Portrait of a Merchant holding an Ornate Ivory Staff oil on canvas 76.20 x 63.50 cm. (30 x 25 in.) The Staff shown is possibly a carved ivory figure, its style suggests a date from the mid 17th century. The staff is likely to be Netherlandsih and seems to be related stylistically to cutlery handles of that date. It is quite possible that the merchant in the poirtrait was a master culter or even a skilled ivory carver who decided to be depicted with a staff showing one of his fine carved handles. The staff head seems to depict a woman surrounded by foliage, it may well be allegorical. With thanks to Dr Majorie Trusted FSA, senior curator of sculpture the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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