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**VIEW OF BEDIEH (THE
WILDERNESS) , OIL ON
CANVAS PAINTING BY ABDUL
KADIR AL RASSAM (IRAQ,
1882-1952)**

Price

GBP 55,000

| USD \$74,470 | EUR 64,356

Item Reference: SA829947**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92.5 cm (36.4")

Width = 128.5 cm (50.6")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

A fine oil on canvas painting, signed "ABDUL KADIR" and dated "1318" (Hijri) in Arabic (lower left), titled "View of Bedieh (The Wilderness)" in Arabic (lower right), executed in 1900-1901. Condition: Good Dimensions: H: 92.5cm, W: 128.5cm, D: 2cm Canvas: H: 80cm, W: 117cm, D: 1cm Abdul Kadir Al Rassam was a member of the first generation of modern Iraqi painters. He was the pioneer among a group of predominantly amateur artists trained in Istanbul who brought their artistic knowledge back to their home country. This group of "soldier-artists" are widely credited with introducing canvas painting to Iraq at the turn of the century. Working in a realist style, al-Rassam is known for his sweeping landscapes, immaculate portraits, and faithful portrayals of everyday life in Iraq. He is one of the most prominent and prolific painters in Iraq's modern art history and his work heavily influenced the generations that followed. An important characteristic of this initial generation was their desire to stimulate awareness and appreciation of the arts amongst the Iraqi population. Al-Rassam taught painting lessons out of his studio in Baghdad and encouraged young artists to...

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