

SA834750

Pair of tall late C18th / early C19th Italian Venetian-style gilt-wood and silvered 'mecca' altar-type candlesticks.

Price

GBP 1,100

| USD \$1,489 | EUR 1,287

Item Reference: SA834750

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 80 cm (31.5")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Pair of tall late C18th / early C19th Italian Venetian-style carved gilt-wood and silvered 'mecca' altar-type candlesticks. Highly decorative pair of 'gilded' and partially silver-lacquered or 'mecca', candlesticks with leaf-carved columns, raised on triform bases with carved scroll feet. The process of Mecca gilding was a technique where silver-leaf was applied to the wooden base and then coated with a layer of golden varnish or shellac to imitate gold leaf, as the gold was obviously a much more expensive option. This creates a most attractive and mellow finish and patina. Of good large scale with atmospheric wear and losses commensurate with age, use and purpose. Minor chips and splits. H 32" W 5" D 5" Italy c.1800

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