



Pair of large Chinese armorial porcelain Monteiths with the arms of Pinto Pereira

Yongzheng period circa 1735

Portuguese Market

Height: 12 inches; 30cm

Priced in GB pounds sterling

£60,000

This item is located in the UK. Shipping from there is at the buyer's expense.

A very fine pair of Chinese export porcelain armorial monteiths with a Portuguese coat of arms, the body with extensive *anhua* incised decoration of lotus and other flowers.

The quartered arms are: Periera, Pinto, Guedes and Pimentel. Pereira: the cross in the Pereira arms commemorates Saint Nuno Álvares Pereira (1360-1431)

The arms are for Cosme Damião Pinto Pereira, Fidalgo of the Royal Household, Lord of the Quinta do Vale dos Moinhos and Quinta das Conchas in Lumiar, Lisbon. He was Captain-General and Governor of Macao for two periods, 1733-1735 and 1743-1747.

He ordered several services, all of which appear to have this *anhua* incised decoration but some later ones have additional famille rose sprays of flowers. These monteiths are from the earliest service.

Provenance: collection of Florentina (Cuqui) Fierro Viña in the Plaza de Marqués Salamanca.

References: Castro 1988, p78-9, details of this service; Ibid p 67, a monteith with the Royal arms of Portugal, the same crenellation but a different body shape; a single example of this shape and size, with the *anhua* decoration but with famille rose flowers and antiques and without the armorial is in the Royal Collection, Buckingham Palace, London.