



Fine Japanese Art (JAP0522)

Fri, 27th May 2022

Lot 118

Starting price: €500

Estimate: €1000

A GOLD LACQUER BOWL WITH KATABAMI MON

Japan, Meiji period (1868-1912)

The deep rounded sides supported on a slightly spreading foot, the rims of gold fundame, the nashiji ground decorated in gold and silver takamaki-e with three irregularly spaced katabami mon, a design of yellow sorrel flowers, against scrolling foliage.

DIAMETER 12.4 cm

Condition: Very good condition with minor surface wear, the rim with two tiny nicks.

Provenance: The Ankarcrona Collection of Japanese Works of Art. Old inventory label to base. Sten Ankarcrona (1861-1936) began collecting upon his first visit to Japan in the late 1880s, at the beginning of the golden age of travel and collecting in Europe. The young aristocratic Swedish naval officer became fascinated by the breadth of artistic production in the region and continued to add to his collection back in Europe. In 1923, by then an admiral, he was appointed by the King of Sweden to travel back to Japan on a special mission, where he spent two months making many more purchases. His love of Asian art was later passed down to his children and grandchildren, who have enriched the family collection during their own visits to Japan throughout the second half of the 20th century.