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SOLD - Low Square Table with Fortuitous Double Coin Carvings

SHANDONG PROVINCE, C19TH

DIMENSIONS: W:97 D:97 H:50 (cm)

REFERENCE: T317A

A wonderful and versatile low square elm wood table with fortuitous carvings. Originally a taller dining table: it was repurposed and legs shortened to the more adaptable dimensions of an exceptional coffee table. Remnants of original lacquer remain. The table surface is supported underneath by moulding and an open framework apron with struts and carvings of double interlocked circles representing fortuitous double coin motifs, giving it a sense of lightness and definition.

As a square dining table its equal sides meant equal rank in seating, a deliberate means to remove hierarchy. It allowed for full and informal participation between all at the table without emphasis on formal or ritual status, such as the altar table. Square tables were therefore used for eating or games, and are associated with pleasure and communal gatherings. Some forms are known as baxian zhou, or the "eight immortals table."

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