

Pair of 18th century Chinese export porcelain plates

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Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Diameter: 23 cm (9.1")

Description

A pair 18th century Chinese export porcelain plates with lotus and ruyi pattern circa 1780.

The Chinese lotus and ruyi patterns are iconic motifs in traditional Chinese art and design, rich in cultural symbolism. The lotus represents purity, spiritual enlightenment, and rebirth, as it rises unstained from muddy waters. It is frequently seen in Buddhist art and imperial decoration.

The ruyi (literally "as you wish") is a sceptre-like symbol with a cloud-shaped head, symbolising power, good fortune, and the granting of wishes. Together, these patterns often adorn textiles, ceramics, and architecture, conveying harmony, prosperity, and auspicious blessings.

Their elegant forms and deep meanings continue to inspire contemporary Chinese design and cultural expression.