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Art Deco Jadeite Bead Necklace, Circa 1920

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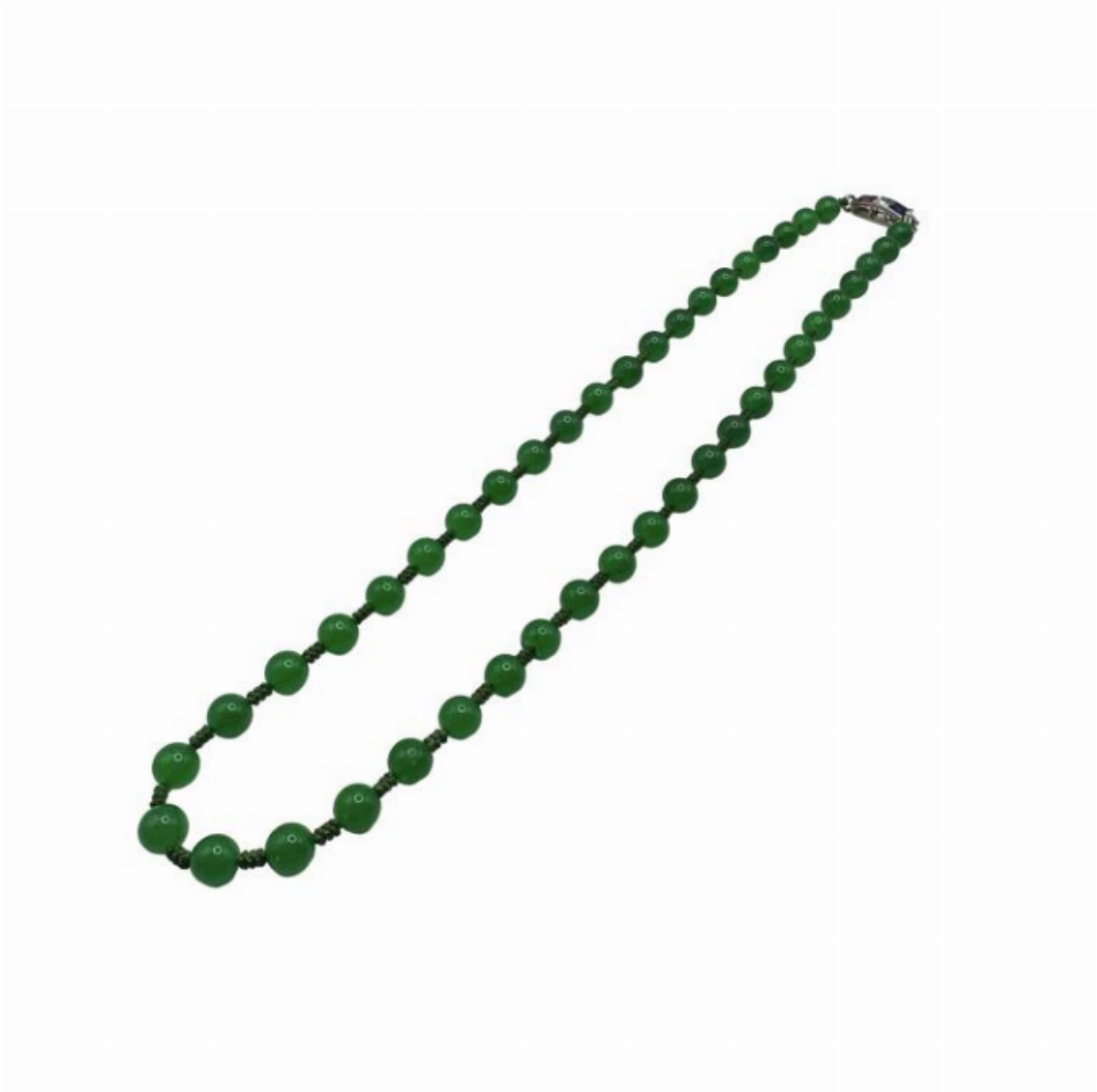

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Description

A refined single-strand jadeite bead necklace, dating to circa 1920 and completed with a distinctive three-stone coloured jadeite clasp in the Art Deco taste. The necklace is composed of uniform, carefully matched jadeite beads, whose harmonious colour and regularity create an elegant, uninterrupted line around the neck.

The beautifully conceived clasp is a feature in its own right. Set with three contrasting coloured jadeite stones, it offers a subtle yet decorative point of interest and reflects the geometric restraint and fascination with colour so characteristic of the Art Deco period. Its design allows the necklace to be worn with the clasp placed discreetly at the back or brought to the front as an ornamental focal point.

Jadeite has long been prized for its luminous surface, depth of colour, and cultural significance. During the early 20th century it became especially sought after in European jewellery, where its rich tones and smooth polished finish were celebrated by designers working in the emerging Art Deco style. This necklace is a beautiful example of that enduring appeal, combining the simplicity of a classic bead strand with the sophistication of a period clasp.

Elegant alone and equally striking when layered, it would make a distinguished addition to a collection of Art Deco jewellery, jadeite ornaments, or early 20th-century decorative arts. A timeless jewel with exceptional versatility, understated glamour, and a strong sense of period.

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