

FOSTER & GANE

An exceptional Empire giltwood salon armchair by Jacob-Desmalter

£14,500



REF: 4467

Height: 97 cm (38.2")

Width: 66 cm (26")

Depth: 65 cm (25.6")

Description

The giltwood frame with upholstered back, seat and arms in its original green silk. The front legs with carved lion paw feet rising to finely carved winged angel heads. Stamped J.D. to the underside and faint pencil writing to the inner front rail reading Delatour, indicating the client who commissioned it. Probably designed by Percier & Fontaine and executed by Jacob-Desmalter.

Made in Paris between 1803 and 1813.

Provenance: From an important private Parisian collection handed down through generations.

The aristocratic de La Tour d'Auvergne Lauraguais family served in high office and were close to Napoleon. When this chair was made, they lived in what is now the Elysee Palace, now the home of the French president.

A similar model by Jacob Frères, was commissioned as a series of ten for the second salon of Jean-Baptiste Treilhard, director, at the Palais du Directoire Exécutif (Luxembourg), 1798-1799. See final image.