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Item A VERY LARGE ROUNDEL OF ALABASTRO
Date Unknown; now mounted in a mid-century ebonised frame.
Dimensions Dia 38 1/4" (97cm) Depth 2 1/8" (5.4cm)

Description *The circular piece of deeply veined alabaster now inset within an ebonised strigilated moulded border frame, formally a table top; the surround probably continental mid-twentieth-century; the brass hanging loop fitted later.*

This enigmatic disc, resembling the surface of a planet, is richly coloured in tones of burnt orange, cream, honey and browns, with small splashes of purple.

It has not yet been possible to identify the alabaster, which appears to be of similar colour and figure to *alabastro Egiziano* - a calcite rather than gypsum - nor therefore to determine whether the material is of ancient origin and reused or, as appears more likely, mined at a much later date.

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