

PAIR OF EARLY 20TH CENTURY ITALIAN PAINTED WOOD HERALDIC SHIELD WALL PANELS

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This elegant pair of antique painted wood heraldic shield panels was crafted in Italy circa 1920 and was intended as decorative wall hangings or architectural accents for a palazzo or refined interior. Each shield is framed by an ornate painted surround inspired by classical and late Baroque decorative traditions, giving the panels strong visual presence and architectural character without carved relief. The central escutcheons are hand-painted in a restrained grisaille palette of charcoal, black, and soft gray, featuring traditional heraldic motifs including diamond lozenges, diagonal bands, and fleur-de-lis devices. The monochrome decoration emphasizes graphic clarity and symmetry, allowing the heraldry to read clearly while lending the surfaces a sophisticated, time-softened patina. While heraldic in nature, the imagery is presented as decorative symbolism rather than attributed to a specific documented family, making the panels both historically grounded and decoratively versatile. The surfaces exhibit minor paint wear, small losses, and softened edges consistent with age and long-term use. Overall, the pair is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use. The reverse sides show original wood construction with later horizontal battens added for stability and hanging, typical of period wall panels adapted for display. Decorative yet restrained, this antique pair of Italian painted heraldic shields offers excellent scale and graphic impact, well suited for display in an entryway, library, study, or wine room, either as a balanced pair or as individual wall accents. Dimensions: 25"W x 39"H.

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