



Islamic & Indian Art (22 Apr 2020 C)

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Lot 41

Estimate: £1200 - £1800 + Fees

***A MANUSCRIPT ILLUSTRATION FROM SA'DI'S BUSTAN
Iran, 15th - 16th century**

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PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT EUROPEAN PRIVATE
COLLECTION

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Opaque pigments and gold on paper, with a total of 14ll. of black ink *nasta'liq* script encased within clouds against a golden background with floral tendrils, the text an extract from the sixth chapter of the *Bustan* by Sa'di warning against greed and power-hunger, stressing the importance of contentment, the vertical manuscript illustration depicting a gruesome battle scene, the main warrior on the right slicing in half the opponent on the left, in the lower left corner a rider ready to shoot at the advancing army with the typical Parthian shot, decapitated heads and bleeding bodies strewn on the ground, the advancing army holding up two gold-embroidered flags surmounted by drop-shaped brass *'alams* (processional standards), the battle illustrating a tale narrated in the sixth chapter of the *Bustan*, within blue and orange rules and with golden borders, mounted on a black and green-bordered cardboard album page, the back with an old inventory number and notes, 38.5cm x 27.2cm.

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