





**ANTIQUE 19thC CHINESE EXPORT SOLID SILVER DRAGON
JARDINIERE, WANG HING c.1890
£5,795.00**

Antique late-19th Century Chinese large solid silver jardiniere, of oval form, applied with unusual twin dragon head handles with rings in mouth and standing on four coiled dragon feet, shaped top rim and sides decorated with pierced dragons amongst clouds, the front with a round vacant cartouche. The base hallmarked with Chinese character mark and Retailer WH, (active 1854-1941, Canton), Probably the greatest and finest Chinese Export retailer, Wang Hing started trading in Canton soon after 1842 when, with the end of the First Opium War and the treaty of Nanking, China opened its ports to foreign merchants and Hong Kong became a British colony.