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GUANGZHOU MEDICINE COMPANY JAR

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c. 1900 • China • Ceramic • Collection #Z027B

H: 12.25" Dia: 10.0"

Chinese medicine businesses were among the most successful enterprises operating in the vibrant metropolis of Guangzhou around the turn of the 20th century. Assimilating Western-style media and business models, these companies were largely responsible for spreading consumer culture throughout Southeast Asia. This lidded container was likely used to transport medicinal herbs and spices to customers. Its practical, barrel-like shape and flat lid made it suitable for stacking and shipping, embossed with the company name and a rectangular frame to accommodate a written label. Continued...



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Despite its utilitarian function, the jar exhibits a beautifully nuanced blue-green glaze that would look stunning in any home.



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