



A Dutch world map with superb decorative borders

DE WIT, Frederick.
 Nova Orbis Tabula in Lucem Edita.

Amsterdam, 1675. Original colour. 465 x 540mm.

£5,500

An exquisite seventeenth century map of the world in double-hemisphere, with two further spheres showing the northern and southern hemispheres and cherubs in the cusps. The four corners are taken up with vignettes of the seasons, each with references to the Elements and the Zodiac. The first state of the map was issued c.1670, but the cherubs in the cusps and the engraved border mark this as the second state. Another plate replaced it in 1680.

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