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London

### **CADUCEUS DECORATED REGENCY CHAIR**



Model: CH CAD

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The back is carved with the symbol of the staff carried by Hermes, a God from Greek mythology. The same staff was also borne by heralds in general, for example by Iris, the messenger of Hera. It is a short staff entwined by two serpents, sometimes surmounted by wings. In Roman iconography, it was often depicted being carried in the left hand of Mercury, the messenger of the gods.



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The top has gilded figures of winged lions. These were most probably copied from engravings and sketches of pottery decoration sent back from excavations, especially at Pompei in the second half of the 18th century.

The Caduceus Decorated Regency Chair has parcel-gilt detailing, notably stars to the front seat rail, along with palm leaves and gilded rings to accentuate the turned legs.

\*As with all caned seats, the chair should be used with a squab cushion.

Dimensions (mm): w 450 d 540 h 840, sh  
Fabric required (m): 1.2m + pattern repeat  
Optional: 4.5m flanged cord



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