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SCULPTURALLY CONCEIVED EMBLEM, WOOD

TURKEY; 18TH-19TH CENTURY

H INCL. FOOT: 89.5 CM

This work of art belongs to a group of emblems which is an artistic interpretation of an Arabic letter or word that brings the Sufi farther along his path to God when he remembers or repeats it in his devotions (*dhikr*).

The design of the individual emblems is familiar from calligraphic works on paper or executed directly on the walls of Sufi shrines and certain mosques in the Ottoman Empire.

This emblem is a symmetrical composition with the word *ash-shafi* (the Healer), one of Allah's many names.