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### LOT 1090

A Japanese export lacquer inlaid Nanban cabinet, Momoyama period (1568-1600), of rectangular form, the interior fitted with a symmetrical arrangement of eight drawers of various sizes, each front with black and gilt and finely inlaid mother-of-pearl chequer board design, concealed behind a fall flap, the front, top and sides finely worked in black and gilt and inlaid in mother-of-pearl with central panels of birds and blossoming branches, reserved against a mother-of-pearl ground, the top and front with a surround of mon, applied gilt copper locking plate, corner mounts and drop handles to sides, height 31.5cm, width 44cm, depth 30.5cm (some faults). Note: this Japanese cabinet belongs to a category of goods known as Nanban (literally 'Southern Barbarians'), which were produced in the late 16th and early 17th centuries for trade with Portugal and other European countries.

Estimate: £3,000 - £5,000

### Condition Report

1090. As can be seen in the online images, it is in structurally good order, but does have condition issues and would require some restoration. PLEASE NOTE, we have no key.

Top - horizontal split across the lower section of the panel. Other typical nicks. Some loss to mother-of-pearl inlay and wear to gilt. Significant loss to the chevron type border. Generally a bit dusty and dirty.

Back panel - vertical split down the panel front top to bottom. Some minor loss to inlaid leaves and border. Gilt with typical light surface wear, but otherwise fairly fresh.

Side panel - some loss to speckled mother-of-pearl inlay and mother-of-pearl inlaid border. Some minor loss to lacquer borders and more significant loss to the chevron type border.

Front fall-flap front - generally fairly good condition. Typical surface scratches and wear. Some minor mother-of-pearl loss to borders. Typical wear to gilt. More significant loss to mother-of-pearl outer borders and wear to gilt. Typical nicks to edges.

Front fall-flap interior side - generally good condition with bright and vibrant gilt and inlay. Typical minor surface scratches and light wear. Minor nicks to edges. Hinge is good and closes nicely in a straight and aligned way.

Interior of drawers - generally good fresh condition with bright and vibrant gilt and inlay. Typical minor wear and some minor nicks. All drawers structurally sound. Centre drawer with slightly loose locking plate. Handles in good condition.

All metal mounts are dirty, with typical surface scratches and wear. Couple of corner mounts have dents.