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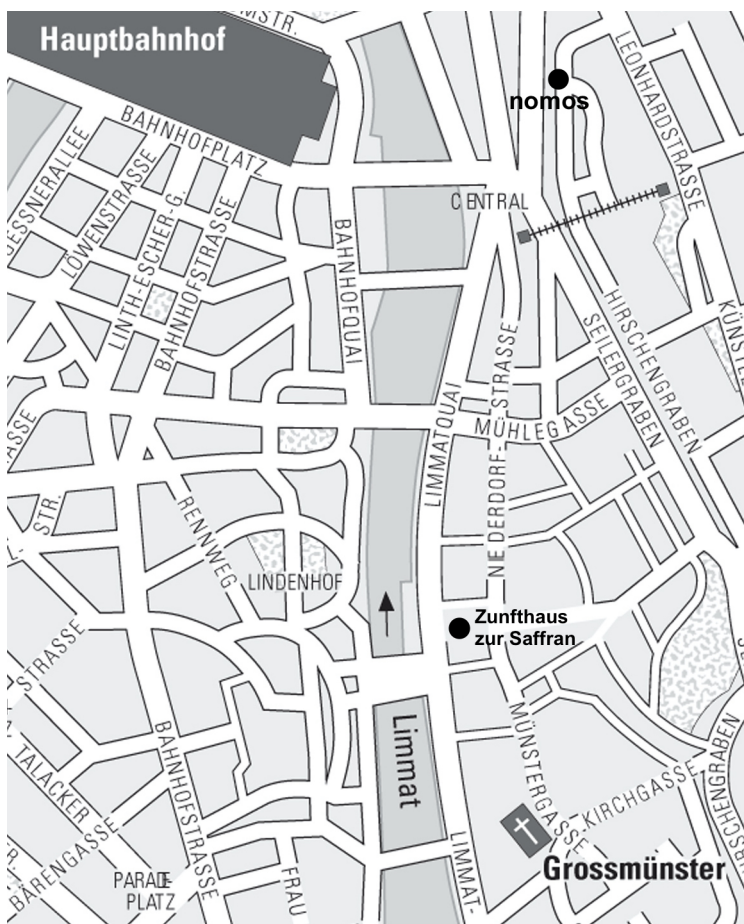
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## Your Nomos Team

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**Dr. Alan Walker** has a degree in Classics from the Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined Nomos AG as Director after 28 years with the numismatic department of Bank Leu and as senior numismatist at its successors, the original Leu Numismatik and LHS Numismatik. In his years in Zürich, Dr. Walker was responsible for researching and writing some of the world's finest numismatic auction catalogues.

**Dimitrios Gerothanasis**, a PhD candidate in History and Archeology from the University of Thessaloniki, Greece, joined Nomos AG in 2017 initially as a Numismatist. Dimitrios is completing a significant study on the entire coinage of Mende. His deep knowledge of both Greek and Roman coins, honesty and complete integrity makes him a perfect fit with the Nomos team. As of last year, Dimitrios has taken over the role of Director with Alan continuing as the Senior Numismatist.

**Johannes Stelzhammer**, with degrees from Vienna University (BA in Ancient History, MA in Numismatics) and currently researching on Pescennius Niger and the Eastern Coinages of Septimius Severus, is our newest colleague. Not only does he have a strong numismatic background, he has also spent some ten years in banking, and his varied experience is now at the service of Nomos' clients. Born in Austria, he speaks German, Wienerisch, English, Dutch, and some Italian, and he is a zealous researcher and cataloguer. We expect he will provide us with some true viennese numismatic rigor.

The office is staffed by **Claudia de Capitani** (Master's Degree in Prevention & Public Health) and **Christina Hornung** (Master's Degree in Economics and Business Administration). Claudia has been with Nomos for many years and understands the working requirements of the business very well. Christina has long since supported Nomos, helping manage the bidders and shipments. Both speak German, English, Italian and French.

Dimitrios, Johannes and John will also be attending most major international auctions and larger coin fairs and are available to provide expertise and representation for interested collectors; Nomos AG is already serving a wide spectrum of private and institutional clients.

If you are interested in consigning material to an upcoming Nomos auction, or would like to explore a direct sale, or merely need numismatic advice, please contact us.



# Your A. Karamitsos Team

## Headquarters in Thessaloniki, Greece

Established in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, A. Karamitsos is the leading auction house in the Balkans. With over 40 years of experience, we take pride in our commitment to delivering exceptional service to collectors. At A. Karamitsos, we specialise in a diverse range of things, including banknotes, modern coins and medals, stamps, books, maps, engravings, and general collectables. Our expertise includes a wide spectrum of valuable items, thus, providing our clients with a comprehensive source for their passions.

As an official grading service for NGC, PMG, and NCS, we maintain the highest standards of authenticity and quality. In addition, we are proud to be members of the IBNS (International Bank Note Society), the ASDA (American Stamp Dealers Association), the American Philatelic Society, APHV, PTS, and the Associazione Filatelisti Italiani Professionisti. These affiliations highlight our dedication to professionalism, ethical practices, and active participation in the global collector community.

**Asterios A. Karamitsos** studied Business Administration, while concurrently contributing his skills to the A. Karamitsos enterprise. As of 2024, he boasts an impressive tenure of 19 years within the company. Asterios is a well-known authority in the field, particularly renowned for his expertise in stamps. Through his insights he has contributed significantly to the stature and continued success of A. Karamitsos, solidifying the company's position as a distinguished entity within the industry.

**Polydefkis A. Karamitsos** holds a degree in Business Administration, Accounting & Finance. He proudly showcases an impressive career spanning 15 years in the field of Numismatics. Polydefkis has become a recognized authority, particularly in the realm of Balkan coins and banknotes. His scholarly contributions have significantly enhanced the understanding and appreciation of his numismatic specialities within the collector community. Throughout his tenure, he has meticulously researched and authored catalogues, specialising in the coins, banknotes, and medals pertaining to Greece.

**Konstantinos Pasilas** is an alumnus of the Department of Applied Informatics at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, and became a member of our auction house in 2010. He holds a pivotal role within the company, since he oversees activities related to photography, editing, and cataloging, as well as a myriad of other office tasks. The expertise acquired through curating and publishing numerous catalogs has expanded his opportunities for forging new collaborations and assuming additional responsibilities.



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Die Auktion erfolgt gegen Bezahlung in Schweizer Franken mit einem Aufgeld von 22.5% auf den Zuschlagspreis. Dies gilt auch für erfolgreiche Gebote über eine „Live Bidding“-Plattform. Bei Auslieferungen in der Schweiz erhöht sich der Endpreis (Zuschlagspreis und Aufgeld und Versandspesen) für Silber- und Bronzemünzen sowie Medaillen um die MWST von 8.1 %. Im Ausland erhobene Gebühren irgendwelcher Art sind vom Käufer zu bezahlen. Der Gesamtpreis ist nach erfolgtem Zuschlag fällig. Das Eigentumsrecht wird erst mit der vollständigen Bezahlung vom Käufer erworben. Für verspätete Zahlung wird ein Verzugszins von 1% pro Monat in Rechnung gestellt. Schriftliche Gebote haben Vorrang.

Jeder Ersteigerer verpflichtet sich, für die durch ihn getätigte Erwerbung persönlich zu haften. Er kann nicht geltend machen, im Auftrag Dritter gehandelt zu haben. Der Zuschlag verpflichtet zur Abnahme.

Die Beschreibung der Stücke und deren Erhaltungsgrade erfolgt nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen. **Die Echtheit der Stücke wird garantiert.** Begründete Reklamationen können nur berücksichtigt werden, wenn sie innerhalb von acht Tagen nach Erhalt der Stücke erfolgen. Die Zertifizierung durch Dritte (z.B. NGC, PCGS, ANACS, usw.) ist kein ausreichender Grund für eine Rückgabe der gekauften Münzen. Das Gutachten des Internationalen Büros zur Bekämpfung von Falschmünzen (IBSCC) der International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN) gilt als massgebend für Fragen der Echtheit.

Der Versand der ersteigerten Stücke erfolgt nach vollständiger Bezahlung der Rechnung auf Kosten und Risiko des Käufers. Im Übrigen kommen die ortsüblichen Gantbedingungen zur Anwendung.

Der Versand in die Russische Föderation erfolgt ausdrücklich auf eigenes Risiko des Empfängers.

**Gerichtsstand für alle Verfahren ist Zürich I.** Nur der deutsche Text der Auktionsbedingungen ist rechtsgültig. Durch Abgabe eines mündlichen oder schriftlichen Gebotes werden die vorliegenden Auktionsbedingungen anerkannt.

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La vente aux enchères s'effectue en francs suisses. Au prix d'adjudication s'ajoute une commission d'achat de 22.5%. La même commission s'applique aux achats effectués sur une plateforme internet «live bidding». En cas de livraison en Suisse, au prix d'achat global (comprenant le prix d'adjudication, les frais acheteurs, et les frais d'expédition) doit être appliqué la T.V.A. Suisse de 8.1% sur les monnaies et les médailles d'argent et de bronze. Tous droits et taxes dus à l'étranger sont à la charge de l'acheteur. Le paiement est dû immédiatement après l'adjudication. 1% d'intérêt sera facturé en cas de retard. Le transfert de propriété n'est effectif qu'après le paiement intégral. A montant égal, les ordres d'achat écrits sont prioritaires.

Chaque adjudicataire s'engage pour ses achats, et il ne peut prétendre avoir porté enchères pour le compte d'un tiers. L'adjudication est un engagement irrévocable pour l'acquéreur.

Les descriptions des lots, et leurs états de conservation, sont données en bonne foi. **L'authenticité des monnaies est garantie.** Toute réclamation justifiée sera prise en compte pendant les huit jours qui suivent la remise des monnaies. La certification par des tiers (p. ex. NGC, PCGS, ANACS, etc.) n'est pas un motif suffisant pour retourner les pièces achetées. L'avis du Bureau international de lutte contre les fausses monnaies (IBSCC) de l'Association internationale des numismates professionnels (IAPN) est considéré comme faisant autorité pour les questions d'authenticité. L'envoi des lots adjugés sera effectué, après paiement, aux frais et aux risques de l'acheteur.

La livraison a la Russie est expressément soumise au propre risque du destinataire.

**Les conditions locales de vente aux enchères seront appliquées.** Seul le texte allemand de ces conditions de vente fait foi. En tant que de besoin, le tribunal responsable sera celui de Zürich I. Tout enchérisseur, oral ou écrit, reconnaît avoir pris connaissance des conditions générales de vente ci-dessus.

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The auction sales are in Swiss Francs with the addition of buyer's premium of 22.5% on the hammer price. There is no additional fee for bids made through an internet live-bidding platform. For all lots delivered in Switzerland there is an additional Swiss VAT of 8.1% due on the hammer price and on the buyer's premium for silver and bronze coins, and for medals. The purchaser is responsible for all taxes and fees due for delivery of lots outside of Switzerland. Payment is due immediately following conclusion of the sale. Full title to purchases is only obtained upon full payment. A charge of 1% per month will be assessed for delayed payments. Written bids take preference over room bids.

Buyers are personally responsible for their own purchases and cannot claim to act on the account or instructions of a third party. Adjudication occurs on the fall of the hammer and commits the bidder to acceptance of the lot.

The lot descriptions, including the degree of preservation, are opinions and made in good faith. **The authenticity of all coins is guaranteed.** Justified complaints can only be considered if made within eight days of receipt of the pieces. Third party grading services certification (e.g. NGC, PCGS, ANACS, etc.) is not sufficient cause for any return of purchased items. The opinion of the International Bureau for the Suppression of Counterfeit Coins (IBSCC) of the International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN) will be deemed definitive for issues of authenticity. Upon receipt of full payment, shipment of lots will be arranged for the purchaser at his expense and risk. In general, the usual conditions applied to auctions held in Zürich apply here.

Shipping to the Russian Federation will only be made at the recipient's own risk.

**Exclusive jurisdiction for any legal proceedings shall be Zürich I.** Although the Conditions of Sale are provided in English, French and German, only the German text is legally valid. The bidder accepts these conditions of sale by the submission of a bid, whether verbal or written.







## Foreword.

Welcome to Nomos Auction 31! This auction contains El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, which we are proud to present in association with our colleagues in Thessalonica, the well-known auction firm of A. Karamitsos. Built up over the last three decades of the 20th Century, the El-Greco Collection is specialised in the coins and patterns of Modern Greece, including the Ionian Islands and Crete. This collection is, without exaggeration, the most important to appear in a public sale, since that of the late Dimitri Loulakakis, which was sold in Spink Auction 5 back in 1979.

The El-Greco collector was one of those old-school collectors who valued completeness more than just condition. He didn't mind that his common 10 Lepta of 1833 (lot 39) wasn't in mint condition, because he had the great rarities that no one else had, such as 5 Drachmai of 1845 (lot 95), the unique gold 20 Drachmai of 1852 (lot 126), or the unique Gold Pattern of the 1 Drachma of 1915 (lot 199) and so many others. Driven by his burning passion for Greek history, El-Greco patiently built his collection for almost 30 years, always keeping a low profile, away from the lights of publicity. He had almost never personally attended an auction, but had agents bidding for him in such a discrete way that most collectors were unaware of him, and his collection's, existence.

Nomos 31 contains 267 lots, with starting prices that range from a mere 20 CHF to a stratospheric 500,0000 CHF (for our cover piece, lot 126, the illustrious 20 Drachmai of 1852). The collection's content list is as follows:

Lot 1-25	Iohannes Kapodistrias
Lot 26-132	King Otho
Lot 133-196	King George I
Lot 197-203	King Constantine I
Lot 204	Second Greek Republic
Lot 205-210	King George II
Lot 211-213	King Paul I
Lot 214-217	King Constantine II
Lot 218-219	Greek Medals
Lot 220-237	The Cretan State
Lot 238-267	The Ionian Islands

We would like to dedicate this catalogue to our very good friend, George, who has unfortunately and unexpectedly left us far too early. George, another El-Greco in his own way, and a connoisseur, among others, of modern Greek coins, acquired, many, many winters ago, his very first coin from the El-Greco collector. It was a small gazetta of the Ionian islands as the one here in lot 239. Since then, he always told his friends, while they enjoyed, together, the pleasures of life - he was a famous and always generous host - that this particular moment was the turning point that inspired him with his love for history and for him to become a collector with his own beautiful collection.

We hope that this catalogue, which offers coins for every collector, will offer beginners the inspiration to start their numismatic journey, and give the most advanced connoisseurs the opportunity to acquire incredible coins, which haven't been on the market in a generation.

Τύχη ἀγαθή!

Nomos AG

Dimitrios Gerothanasis MA     Dr. Alan S. Walker     Johannes Stelzhammer MA



## The El Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities



1.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** Pattern 1 Lepton 1828 (Copper, 17 mm, 1.58 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, reeded edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ★ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1828• (sic!) around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 101a (A/a1). Divo -. Karamitsos T.1. KM Pn1. Rare pattern with the five-rayed star and rhomboid knot on the reverse. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2908885-002. 2500



*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dr. Athanasios Ghertsos, Leu 53, 21 October 1991, 588.*

Ioannis Kapodistrias, a prominent figure in Greek history, played a pivotal role in the early 19th century as the first head of the independent Greek state. Born in Corfu in 1776, Kapodistrias pursued a distinguished career in diplomacy and governance. His remarkable contributions extended beyond political realms, encompassing various facets of Greek society, including numismatics.

In 1827, Kapodistrias was appointed as the Governor of the newly liberated Greece, following the Greek War of Independence against Ottoman rule. His tenure marked a critical juncture for the nation when it was in the process of establishing its identity and its institutions. Kapodistrias envisioned a modern and progressive Greece and embarked on a series of reforms that touched upon every aspect of governance.

His influence also extended to the field of numismatics, the study and collection of coins. Recognizing the significance of currency as a symbol of national identity and economic stability, Kapodistrias took keen interest in the design and issuance of the coins to be minted for the new Greek state. Under his leadership, the newly independent Greece introduced a series of coins that reflected the nation's aspirations and heritage.

Kapodistrias' numismatic endeavors were characterized both by a commitment to the coins' artistic excellence and by a desire to convey the spirit of the Greek people through their new coinage. The coins minted during his administration featured iconic symbols and historical references, serving as tangible expressions of the newfound Greek sovereignty.

In summary, Ioannis Kapodistrias not only laid the foundations for modern Greek governance but also left an indelible mark on the realm of numismatics. His efforts in shaping the nation's currency reflected a deep understanding of the importance of symbols in reinforcing a collective identity. The legacy of Kapodistrias as a statesman and a patron of the arts endures, making him a central figure in both Greek political history and numismatic heritage.

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## 2.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 1 Lepton 1828** (Copper, 17 mm, 1.38 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκ' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 103 (B/b). Divo 7. Karamitsos 1.2. KM 1. Graded by NGC "UNC details / rev. spot removed". Cert number: 2908890-003. 200

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## 3.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 5 Lepta 1828** (Copper, 28 mm, 7.80 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκ' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 135 (E/b). Divo 5. Karamitsos 7.4. KM 2. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908886-012. 150

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## 4.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 5 Lepta 1828** (Copper, 28 mm, 7.83 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκ' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 135 (E/b). Divo 5. Karamitsos 7.4. KM 2. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908886-013. 150

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**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 10 Lepta 1828** (Copper, 34 mm, 16.08 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ •αωκ• = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 165 (C/e). Divo 3. Karamitsos 13.4. KM 3. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908886-003. 700

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**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 10 Lepta 1828** (Copper, 34 mm, 15.20 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ •αωκ• = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 166 (D/e). Divo 3. Karamitsos 13.5. KM 3. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2908886-004. 1200

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7.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Phoenix 1828 (Silver, 22 mm, 4.22 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, reeded edge. (anchor) ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1828• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 ΦΟΙΝΙΞ in two lines. Chase 191 (A/a). Divo 1. Karamitsos 20. KM 4. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908885-001. 2500

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8.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Lepton 1830 (Copper, 17 mm, 1.43 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 202 (B/b). Divo 7a. Karamitsos 3.2. KM 1. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908890-006. 400

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**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Lepton 1830 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.54 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engraver Georgios Papakonstantopoulos, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a circle of pearls; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 203 (C/c). Divo 7a. Karamitsos 4.1. KM 5. "Small phoenix" variety. Graded by NGC "XF 40". Cert number: 2908890-004. 250

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## 10.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Lepton 1830 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.81 g, 11 h), dies prepared by the engraver Georgios Papakonstantopoulos, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a circle of pearls; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 210 (G/f). Divo 7a. Karamitsos 4.8. KM 5. "Small phoenix" variety. Extremely Rare according to Chase, who estimated that less than 10 pieces of this variety exist. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908890-005. 800

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## 11.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 5 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 28 mm, 8.26 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ •αωκα• = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 232 (B/a). Divo 5a. Karamitsos 9.2. KM 2. Graded by NGC "VF details / enviromental damage". Cert number: 2908886-014. 100

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## 12.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 5 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 27 mm, 7.45 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engraver Georgios Papakonstantopoulos, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a circle of pearls; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 242 (H/h). Divo 5a. Karamitsos 11.5. KM 6. "Big phoenix" variety. Graded by NGC "VF 35 BN". Cert number: 2908886-015. 100

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**13.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 34 mm, 15.20 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ •αωκα• = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 261 (A/a). Divo 3a. Karamitsos 15.1. KM 3. Graded by NGC "F 15 BN". Cert number: 2908886-006. 60

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**14.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 34 mm, 16.18 g, 6 h), dies prepared by the engraver Chatzi-Grigoris Pirovolistis, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a linear circle; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ •αωκα• = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 265 (D/d). Divo 3a. Karamitsos 15.5. KM 3. Graded by NGC "VF 30 BN". Cert number: 2908886-005. 120

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15.

**Ioannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 31 mm, 14.80 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engraver Georgios Papakonstantopoulos, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a circle of pearls; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ 1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 276 (K/j1). Divo 3a. Karamitsos 17.5. KM 8. "Big phoenix" variety. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908886-007. 100

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16.

**Ioannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1830 (Copper, 31 mm, 14.08 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engraver Georgios Papakonstantopoulos, Aegina, plain edge. Phoenix with spread wings arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross; the whole within a circle of pearls; around, ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ \* \* ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ αωκα' = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1830• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 313 (AE/ad). Divo 3a. Karamitsos 17.41. KM 8. "Big phoenix" variety. Graded by NGC "XF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908886-008. 80

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17.

**Ioannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Lepton 1831 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.54 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 344 (C/b). Divo 8. Karamitsos 6.4. KM 9. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908885-003. 600

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**18.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 1 Lepton 1831 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.72 g, 1 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines. Chase 352 (I/e). Divo 8. Karamitsos 6.12. KM 9. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2908890-007. 1000

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**19.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 5 Lepta 1831 (Copper, 26 mm, 7.88 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 371 (A/a). Divo 6. Karamitsos 12.1. KM 10. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908890-001. 200

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**20.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 5 Lepta 1831 (Copper, 26 mm, 6.81 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 374 (B/b). Divo 6. Karamitsos 12.4. KM 10. Graded by NGC "XF 40 BN". Cert number: 2908890-002. 250

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21.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1831 (Copper, 31 mm, 14.94 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. KYBERNHTHΣ I.A. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 401 (A/a). Divo 4. Karamitsos 18.1. KM 12. Graded by NGC "VF details / harshly cleaned". Cert number: 2908886-010. 20

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22.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1831 (Copper, 31 mm, 16.68 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. KYBERNHTHΣ I.A. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 420 (M/i). Divo 4. Karamitsos 18.20. KM 12. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908886-011. 300

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23.

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831.** 10 Lepta 1831 (Copper, 31 mm, 15.16 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, plain edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. Rev. KYBERNHTHΣ I.A. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 423 (P/j). Divo 4. Karamitsos 18.23. KM 12. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908886-009. 200

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**24.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 20 Lepta 1831** (Copper, 36 mm, 33.48 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, decorated edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 20 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 485 (H/h). Divo 2. Karamitsos 19.16. KM 11. Graded by NGC "XF 40 BN". Cert number: 2908886-002. 150

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**25.**

**Iohannes Kapodistrias, as Governor, 1827-1831. 20 Lepta 1831** (Copper, 36 mm, 26.08 g, 12 h), dies prepared by the engravers Georgios Papakonstantopoulos and Dimitrios Kontos, Aegina, decorated edge. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Phoenix arising from the flames; above, rays of the rising sun and cross flanked by two stars; below, αωκα = 1821 in Greek alphabetic numerals. *Rev.* ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ Ι.Α. ΚΑΠΟΔΙΣΤΡΙΑΣ •1831• around a wreath of olive and laurel enclosing the denomination, 20 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines. Chase 505 (S/t). Divo 2. Karamitsos 19.36. KM 11. Of unusually light weight. Graded by NGC "XF 40 BN". Cert number: 2908886-001. 150

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According to Peter Chase, this was the last reverse die to be used for the 20 Lepta coins and was used to strike his varieties 505 and 506. The state of the reverse die on this coin is such that it is clear that the variety 505 was actually struck after 506, thus making this coin one of the last coins of Kapodistrias ever minted; it was almost certainly struck in 1832, after the Governor's assassination.









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**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 1 Lepton 1833 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.22 g, 5 h), struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. \*Z• KÖN• MÜNZE I• GRIECHENL• around shield bearing a coat of arms. Rev. \* / PROBE / MÜN•/ZE. in four lines. Around, T• ERTEL• MÜNCHEN• 1833•. Divo P42. Hauser 867. Karamitsos T.6a. KM Pn5. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908900-015. 250

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27.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 2 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 18 mm, 2.72 g, 6 h), **coin alignment**, struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. Z: KÖN• MÜNZE IN GRIECHENL• around coat of arms. Rev. VON /T• ERTEL• /1833• in three lines; around, PROBEMÜNZE MÜNCHEN•. Divo P41. Hauser 869. Karamitsos T.8a. KM Pn7. Particularly scarce in uncirculated condition as here, and even more desirable struck in coin alignment (↑) rather than the usual medal alignment (↑↑). Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2908901-008. 500

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28.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 5 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.71 g, 6 h), struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. ZUR KÖN• MÜNZE IN GRIECHENLAND• around a shield bearing a coat of arms. Rev. VON /T• ERTEL / IN / MÜNCHEN• / 1833 in five lines; around, PROBE EINES PRÄGWERKES \*. Divo P39 (*this coin*). Hauser 871. Karamitsos T.9. KM Pn8. Tzamalīs, Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου, Δ4 (*this coin*). This type stands out as one of the toughest to acquire within the Ertel patterns group; with a beautiful red-brown patina. Graded by NGC "MS 64 BN". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908887-015. 2000

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29.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 28 mm, 10.97 g, 6 h), struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. ZUR KÖNIGL. MÜNZE IN GRIECHENLAND• around shield bearing a coat of arms within an oak wreath tied below. Rev. VON / T• ERTEL / IN / MÜNCHEN• / 1833• in five lines; around, PROBE DES GULDEN PRÄGWERKES \*. Divo P38. Hauser 872. Karamitsos T.10. KM Pn9. Fine brown "chocolate" surfaces. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908901-006. 300

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30.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1833 (Copper, 23 mm, 4.75 g, 6 h), struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. ZUR KÖNIGL. MÜNZE IN GRIECHENLAND• around an ornate mantled and helmeted shield bearing a quartered coat of arms. Rev. T• ERTEL / IN / MÜNCHEN• in three lines; around, PROBE EINES PRÄGWERKES 1833•. Divo P40. Hauser 870. Karamitsos T.11. KM -. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908901-007. 300

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31.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1833 (Copper, 38 mm, 21.35 g, 6 h), struck from dies by Traugott Ertel, Munich, reeded edge. Obelisk, flanked by: WELCHE IM RUSS./ KRIEGE DEN TOD / FAN-DEN, in three lines; around, DENKMAL DER DREISSIGTAUSEND BAIERN. Rev. T• ERTEL / IN / MÜNCHEN• / 1833• in four lines; around, PROBE DES THALERPRÄGWERKES - F• D• KÖNIGL. MÜNZE IN GRIECHENLAND• (= *Test Strike of the Thaler Striking Machinery for the Royal Mint in Greece*). Divo P37. Hauser 873. Karamitsos T.12. KM PnA13. *One of the finest known examples!* Graded by NGC "MS 62". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2908901-005. 500

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The 29 meter tall Obelisk shown on this trial strike is the well-known monument located at the Karolinenplatz in Munich; it was designed by Leo von Klenze in 1833. It is dedicated to the 30,000 Bavarian soldiers who gave their lives during the Russian campaign of Napoleon I.



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**32.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1832 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.30 g, 1 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1832 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29a. Karamitsos 21. KM 13. Graded by NGC "UNC details / rev. cleaned". Cert number: 2908897-014. 150

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**33.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1832 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.59 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1832 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25a. Karamitsos 39. KM 14. Graded by NGC "MS 65 BN". Cert number: 2908899-005. 300

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**34.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1832 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.41 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΓΤ. *Rev.* 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ 1832 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12a. Karamitsos 102. KM 15. Exhibiting captivating visual allure, adorned with its original, exquisite patina. Graded by NGC "MS 64". Cert number: 2908885-009. 800

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35.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1832 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.47 g, 5 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ 1832 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12a. Karamitsos 102. KM 15. Beautiful old cabinet toning. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908885-008. 400

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36.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1833 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.25 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1833 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29b. Karamitsos 22. KM 13. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908900-003. 30

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37.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.61 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1833 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25b. Karamitsos 40. KM 14. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2908899-006. 100

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This coin has a beautiful brown toning overlaying traces of original red, which gives it remarkable eye appeal; this is accentuated by its precise striking and clear and pristine fields.







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**38.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.43 g, 11 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1833 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21a. Karamitsos 55. KM 16. Graded by NGC "MS 64 BN". Cert number: 2908898-009. 150

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**39.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1833 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.90 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1833 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18a. Karamitsos 72. KM 17. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908890-011. 30

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**40.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/4 Drachmi 1833 (Silver, 16.5 mm, 1.14 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/4 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 16a. Karamitsos 89. KM 18. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908890-010. 300

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The denominations of 1/2 and 1/4 Drachmi were only used under King Otho; subsequently, the fractions of the drachmi were expressed only in Lepta.



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41.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1833 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.21 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ /1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14a. Karamitsos 94. KM 19. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908890-008. 300

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42.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1833 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.41 g, 7 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ /1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12c. Karamitsos 103. KM 15. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908885-011. 200

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1833 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.46 g, 6 h), "Proof-like", Paris, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (anchor) 1833 A /★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12b. Karamitsos 104. KM 15. A coin of proof-like quality distinguished by its exceptional original patina and remarkable eye appeal. Graded by NGC "MS 65". Cert number: 2908887-006. 2500

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1833 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.47 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΤΤ. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (anchor) 1833 A / ★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12b. Karamitsos 104. KM 15. A particularly appealing example with exceptionally attractive natural toning. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908885-010. 200

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1833 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.35 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΤΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10a. Karamitsos 110. KM 20. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908885-005. 1300

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46.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1833 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.28 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΤΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10a. Karamitsos 110. KM 20. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908885-004. 600

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1833 (Pewter, 38 mm, 20.75 g, 7 h), **Pewter Pattern**, Paris, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ /(anchor) 1833 Α /★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo -. Karamitsos T.22. KM PN13. 8000

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A metal analysis of this example showed the following results: Sn: 94.34 Pb: 3.76 Cu: 0.915 Sb: 0.809 Bi: 0.175 which is a typical Pewter alloy.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1833 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.33 g, 6 h), **Paris**, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ /(anchor) 1833 Α /★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10b. Karamitsos 111. KM 20. Graded by NGC "AU details / rev. tooled". Cert number: 2908885-006. 300

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1833 (Silver, 38 mm, 21.94 g, 5 h), Athens, **but struck in 1843**, in a mintage of 435 pieces, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ (owl) 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10c. Karamitsos 112. KM 20. Graded by NGC "VF details / obv graffiti". Cert number: 2908887-003. 6000

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The 5 Drachmai dated to 1833 with owl mint mark, were actually struck in Athens in 1843, as a limited issue of only 435 pieces. It is thought that they were made because King Otho wanted to create the belief that 5 Drachmai coins had already been minted in the Kingdom of Greece at the very beginning of its modern numismatic history.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 20 Drachmai 1833 (Gold, 21 mm, 5.78 g, 6 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to left; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΤ. Rev. 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 9. Karamitsos 117. KM 21. A coin that is seldom graded as high as MS by NGC. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2908887-001. 2500

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The 20 Drachmai of 1833 stands as the inaugural gold coin struck to circulate in modern Greece following its liberation from the Ottoman yoke. While Kapodistrias had contemplated issuing gold pieces, his plans were never realized. While we know that King Otho had plans to issue other gold coins for general circulation - dies exist for them - they were, in fact, never issued.



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**51.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 20 Drachmai 1833 (Gold, 21 mm, 5.74 g, 6 h), **incomplete branch variety.** Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to left; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΙΓΤ. Rev. 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ 1833 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 9 var. Karamitsos 117a. KM 21 var. Graded by NGC "AU details / removed from jewelry". Cert number: 2909003-002. 700

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**52.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1834 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.26 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1834 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29c. Karamitsos 23. KM 13. Minor die break at 1' on the obverse. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2908897-015. 700

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**53.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1834 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.50 g, 12 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1834 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25c. Karamitsos 41. KM 14. Graded by NGC "VF details / rev. scratched". Cert number: 2908899-007. 80

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**54.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1834 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.59 g, 11 h), Munich, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1834 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21b. Karamitsos 56. KM 16. Graded by NGC "AU details / damaged". Cert number: 2908898-010. 150

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**55.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/4 Drachmi 1834 (Silver, 16.5 mm, 1.15 g, 5 h), Paris, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/4 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (anchor) 1834 A / ★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 16b. Karamitsos 89. KM 18. Graded by NGC "UNC details / cleaned". Cert number: 2908897-001. 200

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**56.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1834 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.27 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (anchor) 1834 A / ★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14b. Karamitsos 95. KM 19. Graded by NGC "UNC details / obv. scratched". Cert number: 2908890-009. 200

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1834 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.40 g, 5 h), Munich, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΙΓΤ. *Rev.* 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ /(anchor) 1834 A /★ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12d. Karamitsos 105. KM 15. Graded by NGC "VF details / rev. scratched". Cert number: 2908885-012. 120

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1836 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.68 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1836 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18b. Karamitsos 73. KM 17. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2908890-012. 80

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In the year 1836 the Athens Mint introduced three new denominations into circulation—namely, the 10, 5 and 2 Lepta. Notably, the 2 and 5 Lepta were produced in significantly lower mintages, rendering them, for numismatists, respectively rare and extremely rare. It is important to note that the 10 Lepta pieces bearing the same date was, in contrast, struck in substantial quantities during this period.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1837 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.40 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1837 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29d. Karamitsos 24. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908900-004. 300

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1837 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.96 g, 1 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1837 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25e. Karamitsos 43. KM 14. Lightly struck from worn dies. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908899-008. 180

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1837 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.53 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1837 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21d. Karamitsos 58. KM 16. Graded by NGC "MS 61 BN". Cert number: 2908897-007. 700

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1837 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.45 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies prepared by the engraver K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1837 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18c. Karamitsos 74. KM 17. Graded by NGC "AU 50 BN". Cert number: 2908890-013. 70

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1838 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.50 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1838 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29e. Karamitsos 25. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908900-005. 120

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1838 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.62 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1838 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25f. Karamitsos 44. KM 14. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908899-009. 200

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1838 (Copper, 25 mm, 5.92 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1838 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21e. Karamitsos 59. KM 16. Die fault on the reverse. Graded by NGC "XF details / rim damage". Cert number: 2908898-011. 40

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 lepta 1838/7 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.88 g, 12 h), the variety with **38 over 37**, Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1838/7 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18d var. (*variation unrecorded*). Karamitsos 75b. KM 17. Minor die break and metal fault on the reverse. Graded by NGC "MS 61 BN". Cert number: 2908890-014. 800

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1839 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.44 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1839 Denomination and date in three lines within laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29f. Karamitsos 26. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908900-006. 250

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1839 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.31 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1839 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25g. Karamitsos 45. KM 14. Lightly struck. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908899-010. 180

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1839 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.41 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1839 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21f. Karamitsos 60. KM 16. With collection inventory number 2646 written on the reverse in ink. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2908898-012. 60

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1840 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.36 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1840 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29g. Karamitsos 27. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908900-007. 400

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1840 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.47 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1840 Denomination and date in three lines within laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25h. Karamitsos 46. KM 14. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908899-011. 300

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1840 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.68 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1840 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21g. Karamitsos 61. KM 16. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908898-013. 50

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1841 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.26 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1841 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29h. Karamitsos 28. KM 13. Lightly struck. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908900-008. 300

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1841 (Copper, 25 mm, 5.92 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1841 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21h. Karamitsos 62. KM 16. Graded by NGC "XF details / obv. damage". Cert number: 2908898-014. 50

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1842 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.06 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1842 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29i. Karamitsos 29. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908900-009. 300

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1842 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.69 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1842 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 25i. Karamitsos 47. KM 14. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908899-012. 150

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1842 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.58 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1842 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 21i. Karamitsos 63. KM 16. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908898-015. 150

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1842 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.27 g, 6 h), **Heyer Pattern**, Athens, struck from dies prepared in Athens by the engraver Heyer, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, X. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (owl) 1842 Crowned coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath. Divo P36. Karamitsos 96a. KM Pn14. A. Walker, Num. Chron. 4 (1976), p. 63 fig. 10. Graded by NGC "VF 35". Cert number: 2908887-009. 2500

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During the excavation of a 19th century level in the vicinity of the Church of The Holy Apostles in the Athenian Agora, a hoard of 118 small silver coins (115 Greek, all of King Otho - 5 1 drachmi, 109 1/2 drachmi and 1 1/4 drachmi - 2 French 1/2 francs, and 1 Spanish Reale minted in Mexico) were unearthed "among the stones of an 19th century house wall". Given the fact that the two latest coins of the hoard were two extremely rare 1/2 drachmi of 1842 (the first the regular issue by Voigt and the second the pattern/essai by Heyer), the hoard could be dated to 1843 and its deposit was related by Walker to the Revolution of 1843. The surprising appearance in this hoard of the 1842 Heyer 1/2 drachmi Pattern/Essai, is proof that a few examples of this coin actually entered circulation, despite the fact that the design was eventually rejected, and the coins withdrawn. This is clear because the majority of the examples that have survived until today, despite their official withdrawal, are worn to a greater or lesser extent, thus proving that people used them.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1842 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.27 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, K.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (owl) 1842 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14c. Karamitsos 96. KM 19. A. Walker, Num. Chron. 4 (1976), p. 63 fig. 10. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908887-010. 6000

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1843 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.16 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1843 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 29k. Karamitsos 30. KM 13. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908900-010. 180

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1843 (Copper, 28 mm, 13.15 g, 12 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1843 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18e. Karamitsos 76. KM 17. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908890-015. 25

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1843 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.22 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (owl) 1843 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14d. Karamitsos 97. KM 19. Graded by NGC "XF 45". Cert number: 2908887-011. 7000

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This 1/2 Drachmi is the rarest coin of all the 1/2 Drachmi coins struck for general circulation.





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**83.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1844 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.29 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1844 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 30a. Karamitsos 31. KM 22. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2908901-001. 800

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**84.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1844 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.66 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1844 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 26a. Karamitsos 48. KM 23. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2908897-012. 2000

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**85.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1844 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.24 g, 5 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1844 Denomination and date in three lines within laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 22a. Karamitsos 64. KM 24. Graded by NGC "VF 20 BN". Cert number: 2908899-001. 70

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1844 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.94 g, 11 h), variety with **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ**, Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ** Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1844 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 18f. Karamitsos 77. KM 17. Graded by NGC "VF 35 BN". Cert number: 2908898-001. 200

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Following the Revolution of 1843, Greece underwent a number of constitutional changes in 1844. This transformative event prompted an alteration to the name of the kingdom as it appeared on coins, changing from **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ** to **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ**. It is noteworthy that during this transitional period the 10 Lepta denomination circulated with inscriptions reflecting both linguistic formulations.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1844 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.61 g, 6 h), the variety with **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ**, Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. **ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ** Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1844 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 19a. Karamitsos 78. KM 25. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908898-002. 150

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**88.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1844 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.49 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ. ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / (owl) 1844 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10d. Karamitsos 113. KM 20. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908887-004. 13000

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This coin has remarkable eye appeal thanks to its superb, original patina. Its exceptional fine condition and meticulous striking, renders it a rare find, worthy of the finest and most advanced collections. This is really a true gem of Greek numismatics, and would be a prized possession for every modern-day descendent of the fabled collectors of the Greek past, whether those in Greece herself, or those in the world-wide Greek diaspora .



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**89.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1844 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.27 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ. ΦΟΪΓΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / (owl) 1844 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10d. Karamitsos 113. KM 20. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2908887-005. 4000

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1845 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.13 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1845 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 30b. Karamitsos 32. KM 22. Graded by NGC "XF details /corrosion". Cert number: 2908900-011. 60

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1845 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.61 g, 5 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1845 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 26b. Karamitsos 49. KM 23. Graded by NGC "VF 30 BN". Cert number: 2908899-013. 50

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1845 (Copper, 25 mm, 5.49 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1845 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 22b. Karamitsos 65. KM 24. Graded by NGC "XF details /corrosion". Cert number: 2908899-002. 40

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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1845 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.80 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1845 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 19b. Karamitsos 79a. KM 25. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908898-003. 150

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94.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/4 Drachmi 1845 (Silver, 16.5 mm, 1.10 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. *Rev.* 1/4 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / (anchor) 1845 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 16c. Karamitsos 90. KM 18. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2908897-002. 4000

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This 1845 1/4 Drachmi is one of the rarest dates of this denomination. In addition, when found, examples of this coin tend to be in rather poor condition; not only that, they tend either to be holed or plugged. As such, the present coin's splendid condition makes it a real rarity.





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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1845 (Silver, 38 mm, 22.35 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.ΦΟΪΤ. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ /1845 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 10e. Karamitsos 114. KM 20. Graded by NGC "MS 63". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908888-001. 30000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980, lot 663.*

The 5 Drachmai coin of 1845 is acknowledged as one of the rarest circulation coins of King Otho. Instances of these coins, when encountered, have typically exhibited suboptimal conditions (i.e., *kind of lousy*). The present coin, distinguished by its exceptional quality, represents a noteworthy rarity as it is the first instance of such a well-preserved coin we have ever seen.



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**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1846 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.33 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1846 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 30c. Karamitsos 33. KM 22. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908901-002. 400

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97.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1846 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.32 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1846 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 22c. Karamitsos 66. KM 24. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2908897-008. 1800

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98.

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1846 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.37 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1846 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 19c. Karamitsos 80. KM 25. Graded by NGC "VF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908898-004. 30

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**99.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1846 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.20 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1846 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14e. Karamitsos 98. KM 19. Very rare. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908887-012. 4000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30-31 January 1980 677.*



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**100.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1846 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.39 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otto to right; below truncation in tiny letters, ΦΟΪΤΤ. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1846 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 12f. Karamitsos 197. KM 15. Graded by NGC "VF 30". Cert number: 2908885-013. 500

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**101.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1847 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.36 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1847 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 31a. Karamitsos 34. KM 26. Graded by NGC "AU details / rev. scratched". Cert number: 2908901-003. 400

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**102.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1847 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.49 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1847 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 27a. Karamitsos 50. KM 27. Graded by NGC "XF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908899-014. 150

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**103.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1847 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.75 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1847 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 23a. Karamitsos 67. KM 28. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908897-009. 700

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**104.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1847 (Copper, 28 mm, 14.23 g, 6 h), (**Large Crown Pattern**), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1847 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo -. Karamitsos T.30 = KM Ph17 = Loulakakis NCirc. **85**, 7/8, July/August 1977, p. 304 = Tzamalīs, 1980, Δ9 (*this coin*). *Unique*. Cancellation mark on reverse, *otherwise*, uncirculated. 40000

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In the year 1847 a notable modification occurred in the design of King Otho's copper coins: a new design, by Lange was approved for all the bronze coins, the coat of arms on the obverse was reduced in size and the wreath on the reverse became more elaborate.

The present coin is the sole known pattern testifying to Kurt Lange's unsuccessful endeavor to renovate King Otho's bronze coinage. Eventually the dies were not approved (note the cancellation mark on the reverse) but nevertheless in 1849 a limited number of coins were struck from the same master dies (with the alteration of the date) and escaped into circulation (see, below, lot 114).





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**105.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1847 (Silver, 19 mm, 2.17 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by Carl Friedrich Voigt, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Youthful head of Otho to right; below truncation in tiny letters, Κ.Φ. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1847 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 14f. Karamitsos 99. KM 19. Graded by NGC "**MS 62**". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2908888-002. 25 000

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This coin is recognized as being exceedingly rare, and is particularly notable for its exceptionally high grade. The number of known examples in similar condition is extremely limited.



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**106.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1848 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.30 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1848 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 31b. Karamitsos 35. KM 26. Graded by NGC "XF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908900-012. 150

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**107.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1848 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.31 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1848 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 27b. Karamitsos 51. KM 27. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908899-015. 150

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**108.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1848 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.61 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1848 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 23b. Karamitsos 68. KM 28. Very minor die break on the obverse. Graded by NGC "MS 61 BN". Cert number: 2908897-010. 1000

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**109.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1848 (Copper, 28 mm, 13.25 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1848 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied below. Divo 20b. Karamitsos 82. KM 29. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908897-004. 200

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**110.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1848 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.23 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1848 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 20b. Karamitsos 82. KM 29. Graded by NGC "VG 10 BN". Cert number: 2908898-005. 20

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**111.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1849 (Copper, 16.5 mm, 1.30 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1849 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 31c. Karamitsos 36. KM 26. Graded by NGC "VF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908900-013. 100

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**112.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1849 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.47 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1849 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 27c. Karamitsos 52. KM 27. Graded by NGC "MS 61 BN". Cert number: 2908900-001. 600

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**113.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1849 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.19 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1849 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 23c. Karamitsos 69. KM 28. Graded by NGC "VF 30 BN". Cert number: 2908899-003. 50

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**114.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1849 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.28 g, 6 h), variety with the **Large Crown**, Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1849 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied below. Divo 20d. Karamitsos 87. KM 29. Loulakakis 121 (this coin). Graded by NGC "VF details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908897-006. 2000

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As already mentioned in the note to lot 104 (above), in 1847 the design of the copper coins was altered to reduce the size of the coat of arms. However, in 1849, a small quantity of coins with the older, larger version were minted. Even though these coins were put into circulation as usual, today finding one of them in good condition is exceptionally difficult. Only a very few of them have survived and are, thus, extremely desirable for collectors.



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**115.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1849 (Copper, 28 mm, 13.05 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1849 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 20c. Karamitsos 83. KM 29. Graded by NGC "UNC detail / rev. cleaned". Cert number: 2908897-005. 100

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**116.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1850 (Copper, 28 mm, 12.74 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1850 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied below. Divo 20e. Karamitsos 84. KM 29. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908898-006. 150

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**117.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1851 (Copper, 15 mm, 1.16 g, 7 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1851 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 32a. Karamitsos 37. KM 30. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2908900-014. 50

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**118.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1851 (Copper, 17 mm, 2.65 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1851 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 28a. Karamitsos 53. KM 31. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2909004-002. 150

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**119.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1851 (Copper, 23 mm, 6.39 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1851 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 24a. Karamitsos 70. KM 32. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908897-011. 250

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**120.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1851 (Copper, 28 mm, 13.40 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. *Rev.* 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1851 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied below. Divo 20f. Karamitsos 85a. KM 29. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Cert number: 2908898-007. 200

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**121.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/4 Drachmi 1851 (Silver, 15 mm, 1.11 g, 5 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to left. Rev. 1/4 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1851 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 17a. Karamitsos 92. KM 33. Attractively toned and **rare**. Graded by NGC "AU details / plugged". Cert number: 2908887-014. 4000

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**122.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1851 (Silver, 17 mm, 2.26 g, 6 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otto to left. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1851 Crowned coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath. Divo 15a (*this is possibly the coin illustrated*). Karamitsos 100. KM 34. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2908887-013. 6000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980 679.*



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**123.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1851 (Silver, 21 mm, 4.49 g, 6 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to left. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1851 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 13. Karamitsos 109. KM 35. Remarkable quality, with original natural patina and proof-like fields. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908887-008. 5000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980 672.*



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**124.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Drachmi 1851 (Silver, 21 mm, 4.43 g, 7 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to left. Rev. 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1851 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 13. Karamitsos 109. KM 35. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2908885-014. 1000

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**125.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Drachmai 1851 (Silver, 36 mm, 22.20 g, 6 h), Athens (or Vienna for certain scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to left. Rev. 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1851 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 11. Karamitsos 116a. KM 36. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2908885-007. 4000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Bank Leu 16, 27 October 1976, 399.*



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**126.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 20 Drachmai 1852 (Gold, 21 mm, 5.76 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otto to left. Rev. 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ 1852 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo P34. Karamitsos T.33. KM Pn19. Graded by NGC "MS 62". **Unique** in pop report in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-001. 500000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, acquired in 1980.*

Δέος! is the word Greeks exclaim when they are excited and bewitched by the sight of something extraordinary. And that is what every collector of modern Greek coins feels when he holds this coin in his hand. It is not just because only 16 pieces were originally minted, of which only three, including this example, are available to private collectors. It is because since when we were young and discovered our love for history and coins, this coin, together with its big brother, the 40 Drachmas of 1852, was for us an unobtainable dream. Yet this dream will become actual reality on the 23rd March 2024 when this "crown jewel of a coin" will change hands and be awarded to a new owner, who will then proudly possess the *Holy Grail of Modern Greek Coins*.





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**127.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/4 Drachmi 1855 (Silver, 15 mm, 1.06 g, 6 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otho to left. Rev. 1/4 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1855 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 17b. Karamitsos 93a. KM 33. Graded by NGC "AU details / tooled". Cert number: 2908897-003. 150

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**128.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1/2 Drachmi 1855 (Silver, 17 mm, 2.24 g, 6 h), Athens (or Vienna according to some scholars), struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΟΘΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Mature head of Otto to left. Rev. 1/2 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ / 1855 Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center; all within an olive wreath with ties below. Divo 15b. Karamitsos 101a. KM 34. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2908885-015. 400

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**129.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 1 Lepton 1857 (Copper, 15 mm, 1.36 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 1 ΛΕΠΤΟΝ 1857 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 32b. Karamitsos 38. KM 30. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2908901-004. 600

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**130.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 2 Lepta 1857 (Copper, 17 mm, 2.51 g, 5 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 2 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1857 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 28b. Karamitsos 54. KM 31. Graded by NGC "UNC details / rev. corrosion". Cert number: 2908897-013. 200

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**131.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 5 Lepta 1857 (Copper, 23 mm, 6.49 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 5 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1857 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied above and below. Divo 24b. Karamitsos 71. KM 32. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2908899-004. 150

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**132.**

**Otho, 1832-1862.** 10 Lepta 1857 (Copper, 28 mm, 13.27 g, 6 h), Athens, struck from dies by K. Lange, reeded edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of Greece with the Wittelsbach arms at the center. Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ 1857 Denomination and date in three lines within a laurel wreath tied below. Divo 20g. Karamitsos 86. KM 29. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2908898-008. 100

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**133.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1868 (Silver, 23 mm, 5.01 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Ε (= *Essai*) 1868 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ. Divo P82. Karamitsos T.38. KM E2. **Graded by NGC "PF 64". Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908888-012. 30000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and the collection of Dr. Athanasios Ghertsos, Bank Leu 53, 21 October 1991, 603.*

King George I of Greece, born Prince William of Denmark in 1845, ascended the Greek throne in 1863, marking the beginning of a significant era in Greek history. His reign, which extended until his assassination in 1913, played a crucial role in shaping the modern Greek state.

Selected by the major European powers to assume the Greek throne, King George I faced the daunting task of guiding a nation emerging from political turbulence and territorial conflicts. Despite the challenges, he worked diligently to stabilize the country, promote economic development, and strengthen diplomatic ties.

George I was known for his commitment to constitutional monarchy and sought to establish a stable political framework. His reign witnessed the introduction of numerous reforms, modernization initiatives, and the development of infrastructure. His efforts aimed at fostering national unity and identity laid the foundation for the Greece we recognize today.

Internationally, George I was well-regarded for his diplomatic skills, maintaining a delicate balance amid the complex geopolitical dynamics of the time. His marriage to Grand Duchess Olga Constantinovna of Russia further solidified diplomatic relations between Greece and other European powers.

Tragically, George I's life was cut short when he was assassinated in Thessaloniki in 1913. Despite the untimely end of his reign, King George I is remembered as a pivotal figure in the early years of modern Greece, contributing significantly to the nation's political stability and progress, having a major role in the nation's numismatic history. Under his reign, significant changes occurred in Greece's monetary landscape. George I oversaw the introduction of a new currency system, aligning Greece with the Latin Monetary Union.

During his rule, which spanned 50 years from 1863 to 1913, various coin denominations were issued to reflect the evolving economic and political climate. Notably, the Latin Monetary Union, established in 1865, aimed to standardize coinage across its member countries, including Greece. This alignment with the union had a profound impact on Greek numismatics, influencing the design, composition, and denominations of the coins issued during this period.

King George I's numismatic legacy is evident from the coins minted during his reign, reflecting the ideals of the emerging Greek state within the context of broader European economic integration. His efforts to modernize the currency system and align Greece with international monetary standards left a lasting mark on the country's numismatic heritage.



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**134.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1868 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.99 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies prepared by the engraver Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1868 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Coat of arms of the kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks bee (for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879) on the left and an anchor (for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878) on the right. Divo 53a. Karamitsos 149. KM 38. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2909004-004. 100

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**135.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1868 (Copper-Nickel, 27 mm, 9.93 g, 12 h), **trial pattern of the reverse die** Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ. Divo P78 (*this coin*). Karamitsos T.43. KM Pn24. Tzamalīs, *Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου*, Δ35 (*this coin*). Graded by NGC "MS 63". Top **pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2909005-002. 2000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980 746. Published by Tzamalīs in 1977 and by J-P. Divo in 1969.*







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**136.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1868 (Silver, 27 mm, 9.98 g, 6 h), Essai, unmarked but lacking the privy marks on the **reverse**, Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1868 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ. Divo P79. Karamitsos T.41 (*this coin mentioned*). KM Pn22. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert number: 2908888-008.  
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**137.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1868 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.01 g, 6 h), Essai, unmarked and lacking the privy marks on the **reverse**, Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1868 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ. Divo -. Karamitsos T.42 = KM E23 (*this coin, but not illustrated*). Graded by NGC "PF 64". **Unique** in pop report in both companies. Cert number: 2908888-009.  
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**138.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 2 Drachmai 1868 (Silver, 27 mm, 9.99 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1868 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 51a. Karamitsos 155. KM 39. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2909004-002. 750

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**139.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 1 Lepton 1869 (Copper, 15 mm, 0.98 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ 1869 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing 1 / ΛΕΠΤΟΝ / ΕΣΣΑΙ in three lines. Divo P96. Karamitsos T.44 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E4. Graded by NGC "PF 64 RB". Cert number: 2909007-002. 3000

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**140.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Lepta 1869 (Copper, 20 mm, 1.93 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ 1869 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing 2 / ΛΕΠΤΑ / ΕΣΣΑΙ in three lines. Divo P94. Karamitsos T.45 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E5. Graded by NGC "PF 65 RB CAMEO". Cert number: 2909005-011. 4000

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**141.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Lepta 1869 (Copper, 25 mm, 5.00 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ 1869 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΟΒΟΛΟΣ / 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ / ΕΣΣΑΙ in four lines. Divo P91. Karamitsos T.46 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E6. Graded by NGC "PF 64 BN". Cert number: 2909005-008. 3500

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**142.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1869 (Copper, 30 mm, 9.53 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ 1869 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΔΙΟΒΟΛΟΝ / 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ / ΕΣΣΑΙ in four lines. Divo P88. Karamitsos T.48 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E7. Graded by NGC "PF 64 RB". Cert number: 2909005-005. 4000

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**143.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 20 Lepta 1869 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.01 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the kingdom of Greece; below, 20 ΛΕΠΤΑ / 1869 / Ε (= *Essai*) in three lines. Divo P85. Karamitsos T.50. KM E8. Graded by NGC "PF 63". Cert number: 2908902-005. 7000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dr. Athanasios Ghertsos, Bank Leu 53, 27 October 1991, 623.*



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**144.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1869 (Gold, 17 mm, 1.60 g, 6 h), Paris mint, struck from dies prepared by the engraver Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Ε (=Essai). Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing the denomination and date, 10 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1869 in three lines; below wreath, Ε (=Essai) . Divo P75. Karamitsos T.51 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E9. Graded by NGC "PF 65 CAMEO". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-007. 50000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dimitri Loulakakis, Spink 5, 18 May 1979, 233 (this piece may be the same as the example that appeared as lot 145 of Hess-Leu [8], 29 October 1957).*

The first set of modern Greek gold coin patterns dates to 1869, and it is probable that only 10 sets were produced. These coins are notably rare, and individual pieces seldom appear, much less groups of them, especially in such high grade as the ones here.



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**145.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Drachmai 1869 (Gold, 19 mm, 3.22 g, 6 h), Paris , struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / E. Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing the denomination and date, 10 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1869 in three lines; below wreath E (= ESSAI). Divo P74. Karamitsos T.52 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E10. Graded by NGC "PF 65 CAMEO". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2908889-008. 50000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dimitri Loulakakis, Spink 5, 17 May 1979, 232.*



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**146.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 20 Drachmai 1869 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.43 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Ε (=Essai) 1869 Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ★ 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ ★. Divo P73. Karamitsos T.53. KM E11. Graded by NGC "PF 66 CAMEO". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-009. 50000

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**147.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1873 (Copper, 37 mm, 20.52 g), **uniface reverse die ESSAI**, Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. Plain. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; in tiny letters in the lower left field, ESSAI. Karamitsos T.56 (*this coin, but not illustrated*). KM TS16. Tzamalīs, Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου, Δ41 (*this coin*). Virtually as struck. 10000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Leonidas C. Hermes, Hess-Divo 273, 25 March 1998, 130 (described as unique), ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980, 745, previously published by Tzamalīs in 1977, and from the collection of King Farouk, Sotheby & Co., 24 February 1954, lot 2416 (part).*

When this coin was published in the Hellas catalogue, it was stated that it was made of bronze. However, metal analysis proves that it is almost entirely made of copper (Cu: 99.74, Ni: 0.116, Sb: 0.022, Pb: 0.075), as it was stated when it was sold in 1954 as part of "The Palace Collections of Egypt".



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**148.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1873 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.09 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1873 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in very tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; in the lower left field, ESSAI in tiny letters. Divo P76 (*this coin*). Karamitsos T.55 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E12. Tzamalīs, *Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου*, Δ40 (*this coin*). Beautifully toned. Graded by NGC "PF 63". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908888-006. 20000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980 743. Published by Tzamalīs in 1977 and by J-P Divo in 1969, and possibly ex Hess-Leu 30, 27 April 1966, 481.*

This is an extremely rare coin and, in the opinion of the cataloguer, one of the most beautiful of all the pattern 5 Drachmai produced for Georgios I. It is the first fully complete pattern 5 drachmai made by Barre - the uniface pattern of the preceding lot should be related with this issue, and is the only 5 Drachmai pattern that bears the youthful head of Georgios I. It should be noted, that the obverse die was not formed by the same master die, which was used for the obverses of the silver coins minted between 1868 and 1873. It is, rather, a completely new die made by Barre which not only shows the king's portrait in a slightly more mature way, but also rendered in a much more medallion engraving style. In addition, the proportions of the engraver's signature differs from the way it appears on the other 5 Drachmai coins. In any case, this pattern was not approved. In 1875 another one was commissioned (see lot 153), bearing the more mature head of the king that was eventually approved.



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**149.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1873 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.96 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by the engraver Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1873 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*) on the left and, on the right, an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo 53b. Karamitsos 150. KM 38. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908901-014. 250

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**150.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 2 Drachmai 1873 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.02 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1873 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and, on the right, an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo 51b. Karamitsos 156. KM 39. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2908901-012. 250

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**151.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 50 Lepta 1874 (Silver, 18 mm, 2.48 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE and the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*) on the left and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*) on the right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ / 1874 / A in three lines. Divo 55b. Karamitsos 147. KM 37. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2909004-009. 100

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**152.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1874 (Silver, 23 mm, 5.00 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies prepared by the engraver Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1874 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*) on the left and, on the right, an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo 53c. Karamitsos 151. KM 38. Beautifully toned. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908901-015. 1200

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**153.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Drachmai 1875 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.07 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1875 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; in the lower left field, ESSAI in tiny letters. Divo P77. Karamitsos T.57 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E13. This coin is particularly attractive, especially with its lovely toning. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert number: 2908888-007. 30000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dimitri Loulakakis, Spink 5, 18 May 1979, 235 and ex Hess-Leu 48, 21 October 1970, 608.*



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**154.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1875 (Silver, 37 mm, 24.78 g, 6 h), variety with the **inverted anchor**. Paris = A, *mintage: unknown but very few*, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1875 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an **inverted anchor** (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 50a note. Karamitsos 159a. KM 46. Graded by NGC "VF 30". Cert number: 2908901-009. 300

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**155.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1875 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.00 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1875 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 50a. Karamitsos 159. KM 46. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2908901-010. 1000

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**156.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 50 Drachmai 1875 (Gold plated copper), **pair of uniface presentation ESSAIs**, Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. **Obverse die**, (27 mm, 7.61 g, 4 h). ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1875 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. *Rev.* 50 F (*retrograde*). **Reverse die**, (27 mm, 7.46 g, 11 h). ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ, Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; in the lower left field, ESSAI in tiny letters *Rev.* 50 F (*retrograde*). *Divo P71 var. Karamitsos T60a+T.60b. KM TS17+ TS18. Uncirculated.* 20000

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**157.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 50 Drachmai 1875 (Gold, 28 mm, 16.12 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1875 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; ESSAI in tiny letters in the lower left field. Divo P72. Karamitsos T.59 (*this coin mentioned*). KM E14 (*this coin depicted*). This coin stands as the singular known example, notably featured as the specimen on page 558 of the Krause catalogue. Graded by NGC "PF 61 ULTRA CAMEO". **Unique** in pop report in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-006. 80000

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**158.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 100 Drachmai 1875 (Gold plated copper, 35 mm, 16.74 g, 6 h), **pair of uniface presentation ESSAIs**, Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. **Obverse die**, (35 mm, 16.74 g, 6 h). ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1875 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. *Rev.* B /EPREUVE/ 100 .F. /1855 in four lines (*retrograde*). **Reverse die**, (35 mm, 16.92 g, 7 h). ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ, Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; in the lower left field, ESSAI in tiny letters. *Rev.* B /EPREUVE/ 100 .F. /1855 in four lines (*retrograde*. Karamitsos T.62a & T62b (*this set of coins mentioned*). KM TS19 & TS20. Uncirculated. 25 000

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**159.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 100 Drachmai 1875 (Gold, 35 mm, 32.25 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1875 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; ESSAI in tiny letters in the lower left field. Divo P71. Karamitsos T.61. KM E15. Tzamalīs, *Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου*, Δ51 (*this coin*). *This pattern extremely rare, with fewer than five known specimens worldwide, of which only two have been formally graded. Graded by NGC "PF 63 ULTRA CAMEO". Top pop in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-004.* 150000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980, 741 and published by Tzamalīs in 1977.*





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**160.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 20 Lepta 1876 (Copper-Nickel, 23 mm, 7.19 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. Crowned shield bearing the coat of arms of the Greek state, flanked by date 18-76, the whole within a circular cable border; around ESSAI MONETAIRE \* 20 ΛΑ \*. Rev. PARIS within a circular cable border; around, ALIAGE SEBILLOT \*. Divo P86. Karamitsos T.63. KM E16. Graded by NGC "MS 64". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909005-003. 1500

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**161.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1876 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.06 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1876 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879), on the left, and an anchor (for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878), on the right. Divo 50b. Karamitsos 160. KM 46. A lovely coin, beautifully toned. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908901-011. 1200

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**162.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1876 (Silver, 37 mm, 24.86 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1876 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 50b. Karamitsos 160. KM 46. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909004-001. 100

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**163.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 17 mm, 1.64 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α. Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing surrounding 5 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1876 in three lines; privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*) on the left and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*) on the right. Divo 46. Karamitsos 161. KM 47. This coin is extremely uncommon in such high quality! Graded by NGC "MS 65". Cert number: 2908902-002. 5000

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**164.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 5 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 17 mm, 1.60 g, 5 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A. Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing surrounding 5 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1876 in three lines; privy marks bee (for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879) on the left and an anchor (for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878) on the right. Divo 49. Karamitsos 161. KM 47. Graded by NGC "UNC details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909003-006. 1200

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**165.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 10 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 19 mm, 3.25 g, 5 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A. Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing surrounding 10 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1876 in three lines; privy marks bee (for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879) on the left and an anchor (for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878) on the right. Divo 48. Karamitsos 162, KM 48. In lower grades this is not an uncommon coin, but it is extremely rare in MS 66 as it is here. Graded by NGC "MS 66". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2908902-001. 5000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the Loulakis Collection, acquired in the late 1970s from G. Brosi who had, in turn, acquired it in 1976 from Maison Platt in Paris.*



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**166.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 10 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 19 mm, 3.24 g, 5 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A. Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Laurel wreath containing surrounding 10 / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ / 1876 in three lines; privy marks bee (for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879) on the left and an anchor (for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878) on the right. Divo 48. Karamitsos 162. KM 48. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2909003-005. 1500

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**167.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 20 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.46 g, 5 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1876 Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo -. Karamitsos 163. KM 49. Graded by NGC "PF 66". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908888-005. 40 000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Hess-Leu (18), 11 October 1961, 239 (?).*

Finding a 19th century Greek coin issued for circulation coins in such a pristine condition is notably scarce. The marked contrast between the intricate details and the glistening fields of this proof coin is particularly lovely.



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**168.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 20 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.46 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1876 Youthful head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 46. Karamitsos 163. KM 49. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909003-003.

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**169.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 50 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 28 mm, 16.10 g, 6 h), Paris = A, *mintage: 182 pieces*, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1876 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 45. Karamitsos 165, KM 50. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908888-004.

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The gold 50 Drachmai of 1876 is a coin that is sought after by collectors worldwide. While it occasionally appears at auction, finding one in a grade of MS 62 or above is extremely difficult.



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**170.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 100 Drachmai 1876 (Gold, 35 mm, 32.27 g, 6 h), Paris = A, *mintage*: 76 pieces, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1876 Mature head of George I to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. *Rev.* ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks bee (*for the Mint Director, Renouard de Bussière, 1860-1879*), on the left, and an anchor (*for the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*), on the right. Divo 44. Karamitsos 166. KM 51. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2908889-003. 70000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein Zurich 4, 17 October 1978, 300.*

The 100 Drachmas 1876 stands out as one of the most renowned of all Greek modern coins. Examples in "Mint State" (MS) are exceptionally uncommon: it is worth noting that no example has ever previously appeared at auction.





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**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Lepta 1877 (Copper, 20 mm, 1.90 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ 1877 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing 2 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; below denomination, ΕΣΣΑΙ flanked by two anchors (*privy mark of the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo P95. Karamitsos T.66. KM E19. With a very attractive toning. Graded by NGC "PF 64 RB". Cert number: 2909005-012. 3500

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172.

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Lepta 1877 (Copper, 25 mm, 4.08 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies prepared by the engraver Albert- Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Ε(ΕΣΣΑΙ) 1877 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΟΒΟΛΟΣ / 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in three lines; below denomination, ΕΣΣΑΙ flanked by two anchors (*privy mark of the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo P92. Karamitsos T.67. KM E20. This coin exhibits an aesthetically pleasing patina coloring, enhancing its overall visual appeal. Graded by NGC "PF 65 RB". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909005-009. 4000

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173.

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1877 (Copper, 30 mm, 9.51 g, 5 h), Paris, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Ε(= *Essai*) 1877 Mature head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΔΙΟΒΟΛΟΝ / 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ in three lines; below denomination, ΕΣΣΑΙ flanked by two anchors (*privy mark of the Engraver General, A. D. Barre, 1855-1878*). Divo P89. Karamitsos T.68. KM E22. A most attractive coin, beautifully toned. Graded by NGC "PF 64 RB". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS with RB designation. Cert number: 2909005-015. 4000

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174.

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 50 Lepta 1883 (Silver, 18 mm, 2.50 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE and the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director, Jean-Louis Ruau, 1875-1891*) on the left and fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*) on the right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ / 1883 / A in three lines. Divo 55c. Karamitsos 148. KM 37. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909004-010. 250

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**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 50 Lepta 1883 (Silver, 18 mm, 2.47 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE and the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director, Jean-Louis Ruau, 1875-1891*) on the left and fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*) on the right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ / 1883 / A in three lines. Divo 55c. Karamitsos 148. KM 37. Graded by NGC "VF 30". Cert number: 2909004-011. 30

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176.

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1883 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.98 g, 7 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / Α 1883 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and, on the right, a fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*). Divo 53d. Karamitsos 152. KM 38. Original beautiful coloring patina. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2909005-001. 800

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**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1883 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.98 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1883 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and, on the right, a fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*). Divo 53d. Karamitsos 152. KM 38. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909004-005. 50

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**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 2 Drachmai 1883 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.01 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / A 1883 Youthful head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, BAPPE. Rev. • ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ • Crowned and mantled coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director, Jean-Louis Ruau, 1875-1891*) on the left and fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*) on the right. Divo 51c. Karamitsos 157. KM 39. Graded by NGC "AU 53". Cert number: 2909004-003. 250

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179.

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 50 Lepta 1889 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 4.98 g, 12 h), a double-sided reverse pattern, Paris, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the kingdom of Greece; below, 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ / 1889. Rev. The same as the obverse. Divo -. Karamitsos T.70. KM Pn39. An extremely rare pattern in lovely condition. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2908902-004. 8000

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**180.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 20 Lepta 1894 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 4.02 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ / A in two lines and 1894 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director, Alfred de Foville, 1893-1900*) on the left and fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΛΕΠΤΑ / 20 in two lines. Divo 57b. Karamitsos 143. KM 57. Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2909004-012. 20

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**181.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 20 Lepta 1895 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 4.02 g, 6 h), Paris = A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ / A in two lines and 1895 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director, Alfred de Foville, 1893-1900*) on the left and fasces (*for the Engraver General, Jean Lagrange, 1880-1896*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing ΛΕΠΤΑ / 20 in two lines. Divo 57c. Karamitsos 144. KM 57. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2909004-013. 20

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**182.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1910 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.98 g, 6 h), Pattern lacking the mint marks and with large letters on reverse. Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1910 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ. Rev. ΔΡΑΧΜΗ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding with her extended right hand the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion. Divo -. Karamitsos T.72. KM Pn41. Extremely rare, a pattern that has only appeared a very few times over the past generation. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909004-007. 7000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Dr. Athanasios Ghertsos, Bank Leu 53, 21-22 October 1991, 624b.*



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**183.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1910 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.97 g, 7 h), Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1910 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ; privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) flanking the date. Rev. ΔΡΑΧΜΗ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding, with her right hand, the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion, and resting her left on her waist. Divo 54a. Karamitsos 153. KM 60. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909004-006. 20

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**184.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 1 Drachmi 1911 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.99 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1911 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ; privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) flanking the date. Rev. ΔΡΑΧΜΗ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding, with her right hand, the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion, and resting her left on her waist. Divo 54b. Karamitsos 154. KM 60. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2909004-008. 200

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**185.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913. 2 Drachmai 1911 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.00 g, 6 h), Paris, ESSAI, mule, struck from an obverse die by Georgios Jakobides and a reverse die by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1911 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ; below, flanking the date, privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930). Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the kingdom of Greece; below, • 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ•; in tiny letters on the lower right field, ESSAI. Karamitsos T.76, KM E23. Tzamalis, Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου, Δ38 (this coin). Extremely rare, only three examples known. Uncirculated and with very attractive original toning. Virtually as struck. 20000**

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**186.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1911 (Silver, 27 mm, 9.98 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1911 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ. Rev. ΔΙΔΡΑΧΜΟΝ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding, with her right hand, the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion. Divo -. Karamitsos T.74 (*this coin, but not illustrated*). KM Pn42. The only example known. Graded by NGC "MS 61". **Unique** in the Pop Report in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908888-011. 10000

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**187.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1911 (Silver, 27 mm, 9.90 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1911 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ. Rev. ΔΙΔΡΑΧΜΟΝ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding with her right hand, the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion; ESSAI in tiny letters in the right field. Divo P 80. Karamitsos T.75 (*this coin mentioned*). KM EA23. Graded by NGC "MS 64". Top Pop from NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908902-003. 10000

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**188.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 2 Drachmai 1911 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.00 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Georgios Jakobides, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Α! ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1911 Elderly head of George I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, Γ. ΙΑΚΩΒΙΔΗΣ; privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) flanking the date. Rev. ΔΙΑΔΑΧΜΟΝ Veiled Thetis, seated to left on a hippocamp swimming to right, holding, with her right hand, the shield of Achilles adorned with a facing gorgoneion, and resting her left oar her waist. Divo 52. Karamitsos 158. KM 61. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2908901-013. 300

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**189.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Lepta 1912 (Zinc, 19 mm, 3.00 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge and with a center hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo -. Karamitsos T.78 (*this coin, but not illustrated*), KM E25. Extremely rare, *only the second example known*. Graded by NGC as "PF 63". Cert number: 2908902-006. 4000

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**190.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1912 (Zinc, 21 mm, 4.06 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge and with a center hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo -. Karamitsos T.81 (*this coin, but not illustrated*), KM E27. Extremely rare, *only the second example known*. Graded by NGC as "PF 64". Cert number: 2908902-007. 4000

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**191.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 20 Lepta 1912 (Zinc, 23 mm, 4.90 g, 6 h), Paris , struck from dies by C. Pillet, plain edge, and with a center hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 20 / ΛΕΠΤΑ On the left, the Athena of Varvakios standing to left holding Nike, set on a column before her, with her right hand; to the right olive branch; ESSAI in tiny letters in the upper right field. Divo -. Karamitsos T.83 (*this coin but not illustrated*). KM E30. Extremely rare, *only the second example known*. Graded by NGC as "PF 64". Cert number: 2908902-008. 4000

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**192.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 5 Lepta 1912 (Copper-Nickel, 19 mm, 2.92 g, 6 h), Paris , struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge and with a center hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 5 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo P93. Karamitsos T.77. KM E24. Graded by NGC "PF 66". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909005-010. 1800

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**193.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1912 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 4.13 g, 6 h), Paris , struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge and with a center hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo P90. Karamitsos T.79. KM E26. Graded by NGC "PF 66". Cert number: 2909005-007. 2500

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**194.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 20 Lepta 1912 (Copper-Nickel, 23 mm, 4.91 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by C. Pillet, plain edge with a central hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 20 / ΛΕΠΤΑ On the left, the Athena of Varvakios standing to left holding Nike, set on a column before her, with her right hand; to the right olive branch; ESSAI in tiny letters in the upper right field. Divo P87. Karamitsos T.82. KM E29. Graded by NGC "PF 66". **Top pop** in NGC. Cert number: 2909005-004. 2500

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**195.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** Pattern 10 Lepta 1912 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 3.95 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge with a central hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece; the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) flanking the date. Rev. 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo -. Karamitsos T.80. KM E28. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert number: 2909005-006. 2500

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**196.**

**Georgios I, 1863-1913.** 10 Lepta 1912 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 4.01 g, 6 h), a circulation issue lacking all privy marks, Paris, struck from dies by Ch. Pillet, plain edge with a central hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ / ΤΗΣ / ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1912 in four lines; to right, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Rev. 10 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Owl standing facing on a Panathenaic amphora lying on its side; to right, olive branch; below, CH. PILLET; ESSAI, in tiny letters, in the upper right field. Divo - (but P90 note, mentioning this coin). Karamitsos 139a, KM 63 var. Graded by NGC "AU details / polished". Cert number: 2909004-014. 100

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30 January 1980, 754.*







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**197.**

**Constantine I, first reign, 1913-1917.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1915 (Silver, 23 mm, 5.01 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from an obverse die by K. Demetriadis and a reverse master die by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1915 Laureate mature head of Constantine I to left; below truncation, in small letters, K. Δ; in the lower right field, ESSAI . Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ΔΡΑΧΜΗ; in small letters in the lower right field, ESSAI . Divo P100. Karamitsos T.85. KM E33. An extremely rare pattern, attractively toned. Graded by NGC "PF 63". Cert number: 2908889-010. 35000

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King Constantine I of Greece, born in 1868, ascended to the throne in 1913 during the tumultuous period marked by the two Balkan Wars and, then, World War I. His reign was characterized by political instability and territorial changes. Constantine I faced internal conflicts, notably during the National Schism, the deep division over Greece's involvement in World War I.

An advocate for Greek neutrality during the war, Constantine I's stance led to tensions with the political factions supporting the Allied Powers. The ensuing conflict and political unrest ultimately compelled him to abdicate in 1917.

Constantine I returned to the throne in 1920 but faced further challenges, including the Greco-Turkish War and the Asia Minor Catastrophe. The military defeat and its ensuing political unrest led to his second abdication in 1922.

Despite the complexities of his reign, King Constantine I is remembered for his contributions to the modernization of the Greek military and his efforts to navigate the intricate political landscape of the time. His legacy remains a subject of historical scrutiny, reflecting the challenges faced by Greece in the early 20th century.



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**198.**

**Constantine I, first reign, 1913-1917.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1915 (Copper-Nickel, 23 mm, 4.96 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from an obverse die by K. Demetriadis and a reverse master die by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1915 Laureate mature head of Constantine I to left; below truncation, in tiny letters, K. Δ.; in the lower right field, ESSAI . Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ΔΡΑΧΜΗ; in tiny letters on the lower right field, ESSAI . Divo - (this coin mentioned in the note to P100). Karamitsos T.86. KM E32. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert number: 2909009-006. 5000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 9, 30-31 January 1980 758, and Bank Leu 48, 21-22 October 1970, 613.*



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**199.**

**Constantine I, first reign, 1913-1917.** Pattern 1 Drachmi 1915 (Gold, 23 mm, 8.22 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from an obverse die by K. Demetriadis and reverse master die by Albert-Désiré Barre, plain edge marked with a cornucopia and 10R (=916 fine gold) 6h. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1915 Laureate mature head of Constantine I to left; below truncation, in small letters, Κ. Δ.; in the lower right field, ESSAI in small letters. *Rev.* ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ΔΡΑΧΜΗ; in the lower right field, ESSAI in small letters. Divo - (but *this coin* mentioned in the note to P100) = Karamitsos T.87 (*this coin mentioned, but not illustrated*) = KM E34 = Tzamalis, Νομίσματα Ελληνικού Χώρου, Δ56 (*this coin*). *Unique and of the greatest historical importance!* A remarkably beautiful and elegant coin; it is likely that the gold coins of 1915 were minted for the famous collection of Enzo Ferrari, which had a plethora of extraordinary gold coins. **Graded by NGC "PF 65". Unique** in the Pop Report in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908889-012. 80000

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**200.**

**Constantine I, first reign, 1913-1917.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1915 (Silver, 27 mm, 10.02 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from an obverse die by K. Demetriadis and a reverse master die by Albert-Désiré Barre, reeded edge. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 1915 Laureate mature head of Constantine I to left; below truncation, in small letters, Κ. ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΑΔΗΣ; in the lower right field, ESSAI . Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, ΔΙΑΔΡΑΧΜΟΝ; in tiny letters in the lower right field, ESSAI . Divo P98. Karamitsos T.88. KM E35. Excessively rare pattern coin! Graded by NGC "PF 62". Cert number: 2908889-011. 35000

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**201.**

**Constantine I, second reign, 1920-1922.** 50 Lepta 1921 (Copper-Nickel, 25 mm, 7.17 g, 6 h), Heaton mint (Birmingham), struck from dies by Georgios Iakovidis, plain edge with a central hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1921 Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the kingdom of Rev. 50 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Olive branch, above H (= *Heaton*). Divo 101. Karamitsos 168. KM 65. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2909005-014. 2500

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Although these coins bear the date 1921, they were actually struck in 1922. After the devaluation of the Drachma, as a result of the defeat and withdrawal of the Greek forces from Asia Minor, the metal value of these coins was higher than their face value, therefore they were never released for circulation. The majority of them were melted down in 1926 to provide the metal for the 2 Drachmas coins of 1926. Only few coins have survived, probably a total of less than 50 for both the Heaton and King's Norton mints.



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**202.**

**Constantine I, second reign, 1920-1922.** 50 Lepta 1921 (Copper-Nickel, 25 mm, 6.90 g, 12 h), struck in medal alignment, i.e., 12h, King's Norton mint = Nobel Industries (Birmingham), struck from dies by Georgios Iakovidis, plain edge with a central hole. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1921 Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the kingdom of Rev. 50 / ΛΕΠΤΑ Olive branch, above KN (= *King's Norton*). Divo 101. Karamitsos 169 var. KM 65 var. *A great rarity, apparently the first known example of this coin type struck in medal alignment!* Graded by NGC "AU details / environmental damage". Cert number: 2909009-005. 4500

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This is a surprising discovery for the modern Greek coin series! All previously known examples of the 1921 50 lepta, regardless the mint, were struck with the dies in coin alignment (6h, as, for instance, lot 201 above). Surprisingly, this coin was struck in medal alignment (12h); this variety has never been recorded in any previous catalogue or auction. This coin is, thus, a new variety and as far as we know the only existing example; but it is, of course, possible that there are other examples of this variety, but no one has ever noticed them! Additionally, it is worth mentioning that the King's Norton 1921 50 lepta is, in general, much rarer than the already rare Heaton ones.



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**203.**

**Constantine I, second reign, 1920-1922.** 10 Lepta 1922 (Aluminum, 21 mm, 1.47 g, 6 h), Poissy, struck from dies by Georgios Iakovidis, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 1922 The crown of the Kingdom of Rev. 10 ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines, above olive branch; below, to left, thunderbolt (*Poissy* and, to right, and flaming torch (*privy mark of the engraver general, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 102. Karamitsos 167a. KM 66.1. A surprisingly well preserved and attractive example of a relatively common issue. Graded by NGC "MS 61". Cert number: 2909004-015. 20

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**SECOND GREEK REPUBLIC**

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**204.**

**Second Greek Republic, 1924-1935.** Pattern 2 Drachmai 1926 (Copper-Nickel, 27 mm, 7.52 g, 12 h), Vienna mint, struck from dies by Richard Placht, taken from a plaster model prepared by F. Gilliéron, reeded edge. Head of Athena to left wearing pearl necklace and Corinthian helmet; in the field on the right, GILLÉRON FILS in tiny letters. Rev. ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ •1926• around the denomination, ΔΥΟ / ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ in two lines. Divo -. Karamitsos T.105. KM Pn54. With the accented E in GILLÉRON FILS and with thick letters in the reverse inscription. Graded by NGC "MS 64". Cert number: 2908902-009. 2500

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Presentation patterns for the coins of the second Greek republic are immensely rare and are, additionally, difficult to identify since they share "almost" the same types found on the circulation issues. Apart from the medal alignment (12h), the only difference is the thick letters of GILLÉRON FILS on the obverse and the accent on the E.

## GEORGIOS II



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**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** Pattern 20 Drachmai 1940 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.43 g, 12 h), proof pattern lacking the **denomination numeral** Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* Laurel wreath tied below, containing the word ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ; above, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Karamitsos T.115 = KM Pn60 (*this coin*). Excessively rare, *apparently unique*. Proof. 30000

*From the El-Greco Collection of Modern Greek Rarities, and from the collection of Leonidas C. Hermes, Hess-Divo 273, 25 March 1998, 172, ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 8, 1979, 615 (as "Unique Proof FDC" and was acquired by Hermes against Dimitri Loulakakis). Prior to that it was offered in NCirc 74.5 in May 1966.*

From the five patterns created for the commemorative series of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy in 1940, the present piece certainly stands out as being both completely different and special. Apart from the fact that it is the only pattern in Gold that we are aware of, the lack of the denomination numeral is an indication that this coin could be a pattern for both of the gold coins, which were eventually issued: i.e., including the 100 Drachmai. The fact that it was struck in Gold and lacks the denomination, leads to the assumption that it was struck to be offered for approval to the King of the Greeks himself.



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**206.**

**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** Pattern 20 Drachmai 1940 (Copper, 21 mm, 3.85 g, 12 h), Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ in two lines; above, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Karamitsos T.114. KM Pn59. An extremely rare pattern with an almost full original red color. Graded by NGC "PF 65 RB". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS, and unique with the designation RB. Cert number: 2908902-011. 12000

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**207.**

**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** 20 Drachmai 1940 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.46 g, 12 h), Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, reeded edge. Mintage: 200 pieces. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 20 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ in two lines; above, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece. Divo 112. Karamitsos 180. KM 74. Graded by NGC "PF 64 CAMEO". Cert number: 2909008-001. 13 000

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The fifth anniversary of the restoration of monarchy was to be celebrated on 25 November 1940. However, less than a month before, on the 28th October 1940, Mussolini declared war and the Italians began their disastrously incompetent attempt to invade Greece through the mountains of Epirus. In this turbulent period the Greek State's original order for the production of 750 these coins was reduced to only 200 pieces.





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**208.**

**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** 100 Drachmai 1940 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.04 g, 12 h), Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, reeded edge. Mintage: *500 pieces*. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece. Divo 113. Karamitsos 181. KM 75. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert number: 2909007-001. 1400

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In this turbulent period the Greek State's original order for the production of 2000 these coins was reduced to only 500 pieces.



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**209.**

**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** Pattern 100 Drachmai 1940 (Copper, 35 mm, 15.74 g, 12 h), Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ in two lines. Above, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece, topped by a cross with *rectangular arms*. Karamitsos T.116. KM Pn62. An extremely rare pattern with very **attractive toning**. Graded by NGC "PF 64 RB". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2908902-010. 7500



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**210.**

**Georgios II, second reign, 1935-1947.** 100 Drachmai 1940 (Gold, 35 mm, 32.26 g, 12 h), Heaton mint, issued on the event of the 5th anniversary of the restoration of monarchy, from dies by F. Kovacs and O. Steinberger, mintage: 140 examples. Reeded edge. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ / 25 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 1935 Bare head of Georgios II to left. *Rev.* Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 100 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ in two lines; above, the crown of the Kingdom of Greece, topped by a cross with *triangular arms*. Divo 111. Karamitsos 182, KM 76. Graded by NGC "PF 64+ CAMEO". Cert number: 2908888-013. 28000

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The fifth anniversary of the restoration of monarchy was to be celebrated on 25 November 1940. However, less than a month before, on the 28th October 1940, Mussolini declared war and the Italians began their disastrously incompetent attempt to invade Greece through the mountains of Epirus. In this turbulent period the Greek State's original order for the production of 300 these coins was reduced to only 140 pieces. Nevertheless, it is intriguing that even for this very limited issue there were two different reverse dies.

## PAUL I



## 211.

**Paul I, 1947-1964.** Proof set 1954 (Copper-Nickel), **ANAMNH-ΣTIKON** series within the **original presentation box**, containing the 5 Drachmai, 2 Drachmai, 1 Drachmi and 50 Lepta, 1954, Paris, from dies by Basil Falireas, reeded edge. ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ •1954• Bare head of Paul to left; below truncation, ΦΑΛΗΡΕΑΣ and ANAMNHΣTIKON in small letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of Arms of the Kingdom of Karamitsos T.122. KM Pn63/Pn66/Pn69/Pn72. Very rare, only 50 sets or fewer were minted, but they are very rarely offered at public sales. Graded by NGC "SP 66", "SP 65", "SP 65" & "SP 67". 5 Drachmai is **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert numbers: 2908902-012/014 & 2909009-001. 10000

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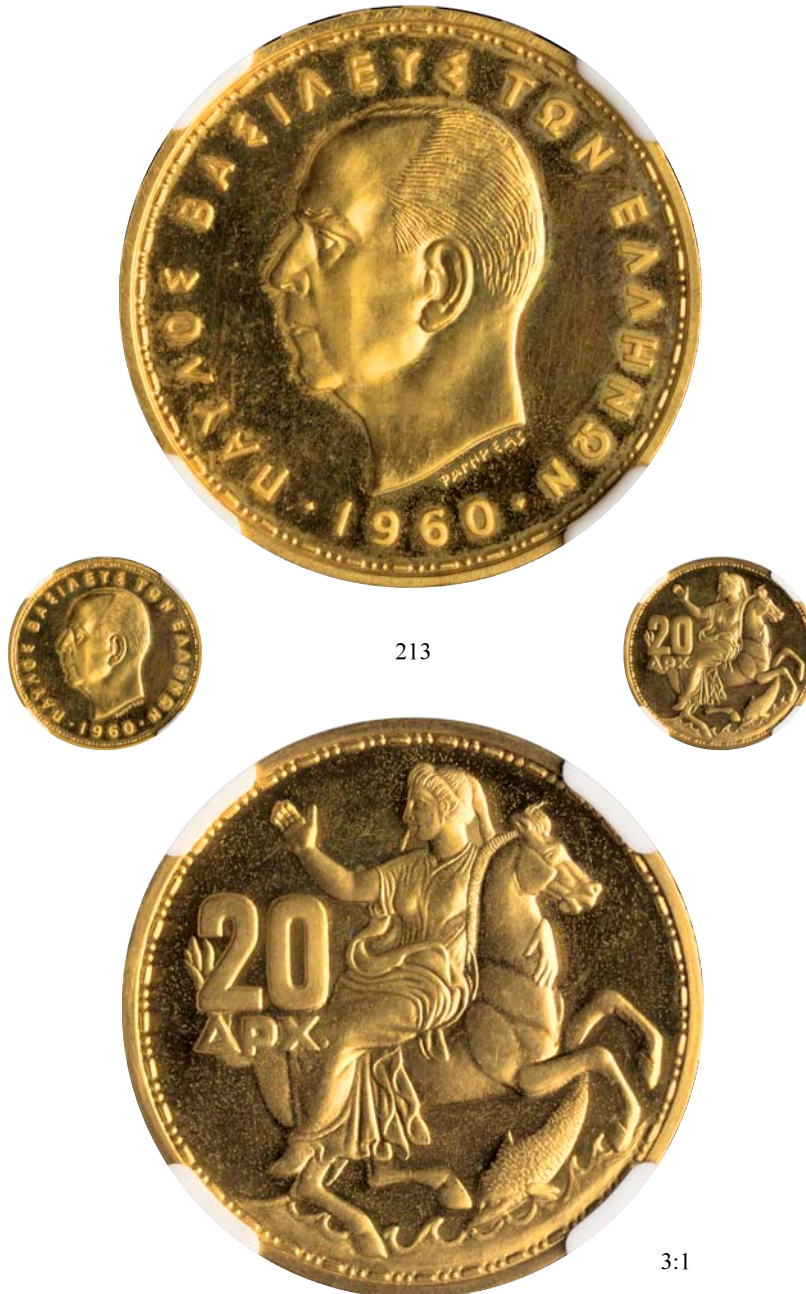




## 212.

**Paul I, 1947-1964.** Proof set 1957 (Copper-Nickel), **presentation series within the original box**, containing the 2 Drachmai, 1 Drachmi and 50 Lepta, 1957, Paris, from dies by Basil Falireas, reeded edge. ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ •1957• Bare head of Paul to left; below truncation, ΦΑΛΗΡΕΑΣ in small letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of Arms of the Kingdom of Karamitsos T.125. KM -. Extremely rare. Graded by NGC "PF 64". Cert numbers: 2909009-002/004. 8500

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**213.**

**Paul I, 1947-1964.** Pattern 20 Drachmai 1960 (Gold, 26 mm, 12.64 g, 6 h), London, from dies by Basil Faliereas, inscribed edge. Mintage: 10 pieces. ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ •1960• Bare head of Paul to left; below truncation, ΦΑΛΗΡΕΑΣ in small letters. Rev. Veiled figure of Selene seated to left on a horse emerging from the sea and galloping to right; below horse, dolphin swimming to left over waves; in two lines on the upper left field 20 / ΔΡΧ. Karamitsos T.135. KM Pn77. Excessively rare, 10 or less were minted. Graded by NGC "PF 66 CAMEO". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909008-002. 30000

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## CONSTANTINE II



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### 214.

**Constantine II, 1964-1973.** 20 Drachmai 1970 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.43 g, 6 h), Kremnica, issued by the military junta of the Colonels (1967-1974), struck from dies by E. Kelaidis, reeded edge. The emblem of the military junta, a private soldier standing before the Phoenix arising from the flames; in exergue, 21 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ / 1967 in two lines; above the exergue line on the right, E. ΚΕΛΑΙΔΗΣ in tiny letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, denomination, 20 / •ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ•. Karamitsos 240. KM 92. Graded by NGC "MS 67". Cert number: 2909010-003. 450

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### 215.

**Constantine II, 1964-1973.** 20 Drachmai 1970 (Gold, 21 mm, 6.44 g, 6 h), Kremnica, issued by the military junta of the Colonels (1967-1974), struck from dies by E. Kelaidis, reeded edge. The emblem of the military junta, a private soldier standing before a Phoenix arising from the flames; in exergue, 21 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ / 1967 in two lines; above the exergue line on the right, E. ΚΕΛΑΙΔΗΣ in tiny letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of arms of the kingdom of Greece; below, denomination, 20 / •ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ•. Karamitsos 240. KM 92. Graded by NGC "MS 67". Cert number: 2909010-002. 450

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**216.**

**Constantine II, 1964-1973.** 100 Drachmai 1970 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.01 g, 6 h), Kremnica, issued by the military junta of the Colonels (1967-1974), struck from dies by E. Kelaidis, reeded edge. The emblem of the military junta, a private soldier standing before a Phoenix arising from the flames; in the exergue, 21 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ / 1967 in two lines; above the exergual line on the right, E. ΚΕΛΑΙΔΗΣ in tiny letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, denomination, 100 / •ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ•. Karamitsos 242. KM 94. Graded by NGC "MS 64". Cert number: 2909010-004.

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**217.**

**Constantine II, 1964-1973.** 100 Drachmai 1970 (Gold, 35 mm, 32.23 g, 6 h), Kremnica, issued by the military junta of the Colonels (1967-1974), struck from dies by E. Kelaidis, reeded edge. The emblem of the military junta, a private soldier standing before a Phoenix arising from the flames; in the exergue, 21 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ / 1967 in two lines; above the exergual line on the right, E. ΚΕΛΑΙΔΗΣ in tiny letters. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ Coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece; below, denomination, 100 / •ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ•. Karamitsos 243. KM 95. Graded by NGC "MS 66". Cert number: 2909010-001.

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## GREEK MEDALS



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**218.**

**Time of Alexander I, 1917-1920.** Medal of 4 Ducats (Gold, 40 mm, 10.80 g, 12 h), honoring the prominent Greek politician, E. Venizelos, struck in an unknown private mint, from dies by Brulat, reeded edge. ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΣ ΒΕΝΙΖΕΛΟΣ Draped bust of Eleftherios Venizelos to left, set on laurel branch; below truncation, BRULAT. Rev. ΜΙΚΡΑ ΑΣΙΑ ΘΡΑΚΗ ΚΥΠΡΟΣ ΔΩΔΕΚΑΝΗΣΑ •1919• The coat of arms of the Greek state set on the Byzantine double-headed eagle. KM M4. Particularly unusual and seldom offered with this die combination. With minor traces of mounting as usual, *otherwise*, extremely fine. 600

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**219.**

**Constantine II, 1964-1973.** Medal (Gold, 24 mm, 9.98 g, 12 h), commemorating the wedding of Constantine II with Anna Maria in 1964, unofficial private issue, by by A. Lazarides, plain edge. ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ Β' ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ • ANNA-MARIA ΒΑΣΙΛΙCΑ • 1964 Jugate, draped busts of Constantine and Anna-Maria to left; below truncation, in small letters, A. ΛΑΖΑΡΙΔΗΣ. Rev. ΟΙ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙC ΘΗΣ ΝΕΩΤΕΡΑΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ •• Crowned shield, on a plinth with Heracles supporters, bearing the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece, with a smaller shield at the center bearing the Danish royal coat of arms; on the lower left, at the edge, small numerals 999.9 (= *gold fineness*). Extremely fine. 600

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## CRETE



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220.

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Lepton 1900 (Copper, 15 mm, 0.98 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, Α ΒΟΡΡΕΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 1/ ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines; above the tie, Α. Divo 138a. Karamitsos C.1. KM 1. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2909006-015. 50

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221.

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Lepton 1900 (Copper, 15 mm, 0.99 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, Α ΒΟΡΡΕΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 1/ ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines; above the tie, Α. Divo 138a. Karamitsos C.1. KM 1. Graded by NGC "UNC details / obv. scratched". Cert number: 2909006-014. 30

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222.

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 2 Lepta 1900 (Copper, 20 mm, 2.01 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, Α ΒΟΡΡΕΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 2/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, Α. Divo 137a. Karamitsos C.3. KM 2. Graded by NGC "MS 63 RB". Cert number: 2909006-010. 40

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**223.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 2 Lepta 1900 (Copper, 20 mm, 2.03 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 2/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 137a. Karamitsos C.3. KM 2. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2909006-011. 30

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**224.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 5 Lepta 1900 (Copper-Nickel, 17 mm, 2.01 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 5/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 136. Karamitsos C.5. KM 3. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909006-008. 75

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**225.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 10 Lepta 1900 (Copper-Nickel, 19 mm, 3.06 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 10/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 135. Karamitsos C.6. KM 4.1. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909006-006. 100

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**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 10 Lepta 1900 (Copper-Nickel, 19 mm, 3.00 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 10/ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 135. Karamitsos C.6. KM 4.1. Graded by NGC "AU 58". Cert number: 2909006-007. 50

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**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 20 Lepta 1900 (Copper-Nickel, 21 mm, 3.98 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1900 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 20/ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 134. Karamitsos C.7. KM 5. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2909006-005. 300

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**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Lepton 1901 (Copper, 15 mm, 1.03 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1901 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 1/ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 138b. Karamitsos C.2. KM 1. Graded by NGC "MS 63 RB". Cert number: 2909117-001. 60

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**229.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Lepton 1901 (Copper, 15 mm, 0.97 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1901 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 1/ ΛΕΠΤΟΝ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 138b. Karamitsos C.2. KM 1. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2909117-002. 50

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**230.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 2 Lepta 1901 (Copper, 20 mm, 1.98 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1901 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 2/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 137b. Karamitsos C.4. KM 2. Graded by NGC "MS 64 RB". Cert number: 2909006-013. 70

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**231.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 2 Lepta 1901 (Copper, 20 mm, 2.03 g, 6 h), Paris, A, struck from dies by A. Borrel, plain edge. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ The crown of the Kingdom of Greece; below, in tiny letters, A BOPPEΛ and 1901 flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (for the Mint Director) on the left and torch (for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930) on the right. Rev. Laurel wreath tied below, containing the denomination, 2/ ΛΕΠΤΑ in two lines; above the tie, A. Divo 137b. Karamitsos C.4. KM 2. Graded by NGC "MS 62 BN". Cert number: 2909006-012. 40

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**232.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 50 Lepta 1901 (Silver, 18 mm, 2.52 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. B. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned shield bearing the arms of the Cretan State; below, 50 ΛΕΠΤΑ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*) on the right. Divo 133. Karamitsos C.8. KM 6. Graded by NGC "MS 64". Cert number: 2909006-001. 1 500

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**233.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Drachmi 1901 (Silver, 23 mm, 4.99 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. BOPPEA. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Cretan State, supported by two Herakles; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and, on the right, a torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 132. Karamitsos C.9. KM 7. Graded by NGC "MS 62". Cert number: 2909005-013. 2 000

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**234.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 1 Drachmi 1901 (Silver, 23 mm, 5.00 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. BOPPEΛ. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Cretan State, supported by two Herakles; below, 1 ΔΡΑΧΜΗ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and and, on the right, a torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 132. Karamitsos C.9. KM 7. Graded by NGC "AU 50". Cert number: 2909006-003. 150

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**235.**

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 2 Drachmai 1901 (Silver, 27 mm, 9.99 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. BOPPEΛ. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Cretan State, supported by two Herakles; below, 2 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and and, on the right, a torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 132. Karamitsos C.10. KM 8. Graded by NGC "XF details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909006-002. 100

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236.

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 5 Drachmai 1901 (Silver, 37 mm, 25.04 g, 5 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. BOPPEΛ. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Cretan State, supported by two Herakles; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and and, on the right, a torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 130. Karamitsos C.11. KM 9. Graded by NGC "AU 53". Cert number: 2909007-004. 1000

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237.

**Georgios, Prince of Greece, High Commissioner of the Cretan State, 1898-1906.** 5 Drachmai 1901 (Silver, 37 mm, 24.87 g, 6 h), Paris, struck from dies by Alfred Borrel, reeded edge. ΠΡΙΓΚΗΨ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΑΡΜΟΣΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΚΡΗΤΗ, •1901• Head of prince George to right; below truncation, in tiny letters, A. BOPPEΛ. Rev. ΚΡΗΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ Crowned and mantled shield bearing the coat of arms of the Cretan State, supported by two Herakles; below, 5 ΔΡΑΧΜΑΙ flanked by the privy marks cornucopia (*for the Mint Director*) on the left and and, on the right, a torch (*for the Engraver General, Henri-Auguste Patey, 1896-1930*). Divo 131. Karamitsos C.11. KM 9. Graded by NGC "XF 40". Cert number: 2909007-003. 100

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## IONIAN ISLANDS



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**238.**

**Venice. Coinage for Dalmatia and Albania. Circa 1684 and later.**

Leone of 80 Soldi (Silver, 34.5 mm, 10.47 g, 5 h), struck under the doge Alvise II Mocenigo, 1700-1709, Venice, mintmaster Bernardo Gritti, 1705. S\* M\* V\* ALOY\* MOCENI Alvise II Mocenigo, kneeling to left, grasping long, cross-tipped scepter, and being blessed by St. Mark, seated to right; in the exergue, \*G·B\*. Rev. Winged lion of St. Mark standing to left among the sea-waves, with his head facing, holding olive branch in his right paw; to left, Dalmatian fortress; in the exergue, denomination flanked by stars. Karamitsos DA.17c (mint error). KM 11. Montenegro 2269. Paolucci 806. Toned and well centered, and with a very rare mint error: the mintmaster's initials inverted are transposed! No example has appeared in any auction in the past decades. Graded by NGC "VF details / rev. scratched". Cert number: 2909007-011. 500

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Although these coins were struck for circulation in Dalmatia and Albania, they also were used in the Ionian Islands and the Peloponnesos. We know that, both from coin finds as well as from the records preserved in the Venetian archives.



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**239.**

**Venice. Coinage for the Ionian Islands. 1710-1721.**

Gazzetta of 2 Soldi (Copper, 27 mm, 4.96 g, 9 h), Venice mint for circulation in the Ionian Islands, plain edge. \*S· MARC· VEN\* The winged lion of Saint Mark, facing slightly to right, holding Book of Gospel; in the exergue, II (denomination) between two stars. Rev. \*/ CORF· / CEFAL / ZANT· /\* in five lines. Karamitsos I.2h. KM 3. Montenegro 142. Graded by NGC "XF 45 BN". Cert number: 2909118-003. 150

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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under Russian-Ottoman supremacy. 1800-1807.** 1 Gazzetta 1801 (Copper, 25 mm, 6.46 g, 12 h), Corfu, *denomination in Greek*, edged with a chain-pattern. ΕΠΙΤΑΝΗΣΟΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ\* The winged lion of Saint Mark holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Rev. 1/1000 / GAZZETTA / 1801 in three lines; the whole within circular chain border. Karamitsos I.3a (*same dies*). Lambros 8 var. (*same obverse die, but different controls on the reverse*). KM 1. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2909008-003. 10000

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The mint of the Septinsular Republic was officially created on 5 September 1801, following the bilingual decree issued by the president of the Senate of the Ionian Republic, Count Spyridon Georgios Theotokis. That decree announced the coins' denominations and the iconography, as well as the measures taken to assure the new currency's acceptance. However, the decree didn't specify the exact exchange rate of the Gazzetta to the foreign silver and gold coins, which circulated in the region. The mint was located in Garitsa, a southern suburb of Corfu, very close to the future Mon Repos.

Due to the extreme rarity of these coins, it has been suggested that they never circulated, and all the surviving examples are in fact patterns. Count Markos Theotokis, in his study published in 1884, maintained that the decree to release the coins into circulation was never actually published, and, in fact, even doubted the 1801 decree's authenticity.

In any case, the way the coins were minted is certainly related to Russian mint practices, especially given the presence of the anti-forgery incuse edge pattern that all these coins have (and has never been mentioned in the past). This is very unusual in modern Greek coins, with the only parallel being the edge decoration of the 20 Lepta of 1831, issued by the Governor Iohannes Kapodistrias, (once minister of foreign affairs of the Russian empire).



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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under Russian-Ottoman supremacy. 1800-1807.** 5 Gazzettai 1801 (Copper, 32.5 mm, 21.75 g, 12 h), Corfu, *denomination in Italian*, edged with a chain-pattern. \*ΕΠΙΤΑΝΗΣΟΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ The winged lion of Saint Mark holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Rev. -5- / GAZZETTE / \*1081\* in three lines, with the date engraved retrograde; the whole within round chain border. Karamitsos I.4a, Lambros 6 (*same dies and possibly this coin depicted!*), KM 3. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". Top pop in pop report both companies. Cert number: 2909008-006. 15000

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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under Russian-Ottoman supremacy. 1800-1807.** 5 Gazzettai 1801 (Copper, 33 mm, 22.44 g, 6 h), Corfu, *denomination in Greek*, edged with a chain-pattern. ΕΠΤΑΝΗΣΟΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ \* The winged lion of Saint Mark holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Rev. \*5\*/ ΓΑΖΕΤΑΙΣ / -1801- in three lines; the whole within a circular chain border. Karamitsos I.4c. Lambros 7 (same dies), KM 2. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909008-004. 15000

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243.

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under Russian-Ottoman supremacy. 1800-1807.** 10 Gazzettai 1801 (Copper, 38 mm, 43.24 g, 5 h), Corfu, *denomination in Greek*, edged with a chain-pattern. \*ΕΠΤΑΝΗΣΟΣ \*ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ The winged lion of Saint Mark holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Rev. -10- / ΓΑΖΕΤΑΙΣ / 1801- in three lines, the whole within a circular chain border. Cf. Karamitsos I.5b and Lambros 5 (same dies, but control mark " - " next to date unnoted). KM 4. Graded by NGC "AU 58 BN". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909008-008. 15000

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**244.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under partial British occupation. 1809-1814.** 25 Paras 1813/4 (Silver, 22 mm, 2.02 g), struck on a 1689 Carlino of Charles II of Naples and Sicily, Zante (Zakynthos). Countermarked on the host reverse with an oval indent containing a laureate and draped bust of George III above the denomination 25. *Rev.* Countermarked on the host obverse with a square indent containing the denomination 25. Karamitsos I.6b. KM 18. Lambros 18. Host Coin: Fair, Countermark: Good very fine. Graded by NGC "Fair 2". Cert number: 2909009-007. 6000

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Great Britain took over the Ionian Islands in 1809 and the usual island problems of the export of good silver soon began. Spanish Dollars were imported for military use, but almost immediately went out again for supplies, thus leaving only poor quality minors for the inhabitants. In 1813 the government imported large numbers of Sicilian silver fractions and countermarked them with Para values on a fixed exchange ratio. Needless to say, these initial countermarks, being only a numeral within a square frame, were immediately forged. The coins were then recalled and countermarked with the head of George III above the value within an oval indent. Despite the execrable artistic quality of these countermarks, the coins continued in circulation until 1821 when they were finally withdrawn in favor of the new denomination system.



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**245.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Septinsular Republic. Under partial British occupation. 1809-1814.** 50 Paras 1813/4 (Silver, 25 mm, 4.00 g), overstruck struck on a 1692 Tari of 20 Grana of Charles II of Naples and Sicily, Zante (Zakynthos), 1814. Countermarked on the host obverse with an oval indent containing a laureate and draped bust of George III above the denomination 50. *Rev.* Blank save for the host reverse. Karamitsos I.8b. KM 23.1. Lambros 15. Extremely rare type, apparently lacking the initial 1813 square countermark! Coin: VG, c/m: Good very fine. Graded by NGC "VG 8" Cert number: 2909009-008. 7000

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**246.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** Medal (Copper, 40.5 mm, 33.35 g, 12 h), in honour of the Constitution offered by Britain to the Ionian Islands in 1817, struck between 1818 and 1820 from dies by A. J. Depaulis, plain edge. Britannia seated left, placing her extended right hand on the tablets of the Constitution, and with her left resting on a shield decorated with the Union Jack; in background to right, statue of Neptune on garlanded base; above, MDCCCXVII (date in Latin); in the exergue, ENGLAND GIVES A / CONSTITUTION TO. *Rev.* Seven draped female figures, representing the seven Ionian islands, dancing around a British flag; on the right, in tiny letters close to the rim, DEPAULS F.; in the exergue, THE IONIAN ISLANDS; below, in tiny letters, MUDIE D.. BHM 958. Eimer 1094. Karamitsos I.6b. Mudie 40. A particularly elegant medal with beautiful brown surfaces. Graded by NGC "MS 64 BN". Cert number: 2909119-001. 100

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It is particularly interesting that the word IONIENNE is actually in French, and not in English like the rest of the legend!



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**247.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1/2 Obol 1819 (Copper, 22 mm, 4.66 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. BRITANNIA• Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, in small letters, W.W. *Rev.* IONIKON KPATOS: 1819• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.15. KM 31. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909117-003. 50

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**248.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** Proof 1 Obol 1819 (Copper, 28 mm, 9.45 g, 12 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, W. **Rev.** **IONIKON KPATOΣ**• 1819• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.17a. KM 32. Graded by NGC "PF 65 BN". **Top pop** in NGC and PCGS. Cert number: 2909009-009. 3000

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**249.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1 Obol 1819 (Copper, 28 mm, 9.22 g, 5 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA** Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and olive branch with her extended right; shield decorated with the Union Jack at her right side; W on exergual line. **Rev.** **IONIKON KPATOΣ**• 1819• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows that represent the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.17. KM 32. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2909007-006. 120

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**250.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 2 Oboloi 1819 (Copper, 35 mm, 18.75 g, 5 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA** Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, in small letters, W WYON. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOΣ** 1819 The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.18. KM 33. Graded by NGC "PF 63 BN". Cert number: 2909007-007. 1600

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**251.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 2 Oboloi 1819 (Copper, 35 mm, 18.84 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA** Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, in small letters, W WYON. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOΣ** 1819 The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.18. KM 33. Graded by NGC "AU details / obv. rim damage". Cert number: 2909117-005. 200

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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1/2 Obol 1820 (Copper, 22 mm, 4.66 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, in small letters, W W. **Rev.** IONIKON KPATOΣ: 1820• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.16. KM 31. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2909117-004. 120

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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1/4 Obol 1821 (Copper, 19 mm, 2.61 g, 6 h), Corfu, struck from dies prepared by I.H., an unknown Corfiot engraver, plain edge. **BRITANNIA** Britannia seated to left on globe, holding trident with her left hand and an olive branch with her extended right; to the right, leaning on the globe, shield decorated with the Union Jack; on the exergual line, in small letters, I-H; below, 4 (denomination mark). **Rev.** IONIKON KPATOΣ •1821 The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.14a. KM 30. Overstruck on a clipped Venetian "Armata et Morea" Gazzetta. Graded by NGC "XF 40 BN". Cert number: 2909007-005. 2000

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**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1 New Obol 1834 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.86 g, 6 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right hand on the shield. **Rev.** IONIKON KPATOΣ• 1834• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows that represent the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.19. KM 34. Graded by NGC "MS 63 BN". Cert number: 2909117-006. 100

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**255.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1834 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.41 g, 6 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS**• 1834 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.27. KM 35. Graded by NGC "UNC details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909007-008. 100

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**256.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1834 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.40 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS**• 1834 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.27. KM 35. Graded by NGC "XF 45". Cert number: 2909117-011. 70

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**257.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1834 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.41 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS**• 1834 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.27. KM 35. Graded by NGC "AU 53". Cert number: 2909117-010. 120

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**258.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1834 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.41 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOΣ**• 1834• 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.27. KM 35. Graded by NGC "AU 50". Cert number: 2909117-012. 100

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**259.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1 New Obol 1835 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.81 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOΣ**• 1835• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.20. KM 34. Graded by NGC "AU 55 BN". Cert number: 2909117-007. 30

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**260.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1 New Obol 1848 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.86 g, 6 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOΣ**• 1848• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.21. KM 34. Graded by NGC "AU details / cleaned". Cert number: 2909117-008. 30

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**261.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1848 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.39 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA•** Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS•** 1848• 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.28. KM 35. Graded by NGC "VF 35". Cert number: 2909117-013. 80

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**262.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1849 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.42 g, 6 h), the variety with 49 over 48. London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA•** Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her hand on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS•** 1849 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.29. KM 35. Graded by NGC "AU 53". Cert number: 2909117-014. 80

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**263.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1851 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.41 g, 6 h), London mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA•** Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS•** 1851 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.30. KM 35. Graded by NGC "AU 55". Cert number: 2909007-009. 100

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**264.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1852 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.41 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA•** Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. **Rev. IONIKON KPATOS•** 1852 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.31. KM 35. Graded by NGC "XF 45". Cert number: 2909118-001. 125

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**265.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 1 New Obol 1853 (Copper, 16 mm, 1.91 g, 12 h), Birmingham mint, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. *Rev.* **IONIKON KPATOS**• **1853**• The winged lion of Saint Mark walking to left, holding Book of Gospels surmounted by 7 arrows representing the 7 Ionian islands. Karamitsos I.24. KM 34. Graded by NGC "AU 53 BN". Cert number: 2909117-009. 40

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**266.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1857 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.39 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding trident with her extended left hand and resting her right hand on the shield. *Rev.* **IONIKON KPATOS**• 1857 30, within oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.32. KM 35. Graded by NGC "XF 45". Cert number: 2909118-002. 200

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**267.**

**IONIAN ISLANDS, Ionian State, as a British protectorate. 1815-1864.** 30 New Oboloi 1862 (Silver, 16 mm, 1.42 g, 6 h), London, struck from dies prepared by W. Wyon, plain edge. **BRITANNIA**• Helmeted Britannia seated to right on shield decorated with the Union Jack, holding a trident with her extended left hand and resting her right on the shield. *Rev.* **IONIKON KPATOS**• 1862 30, within an oak wreath with ties below. Karamitsos I.33. KM 35. Graded by NGC "MS 63". Cert number: 2909007-010. 100



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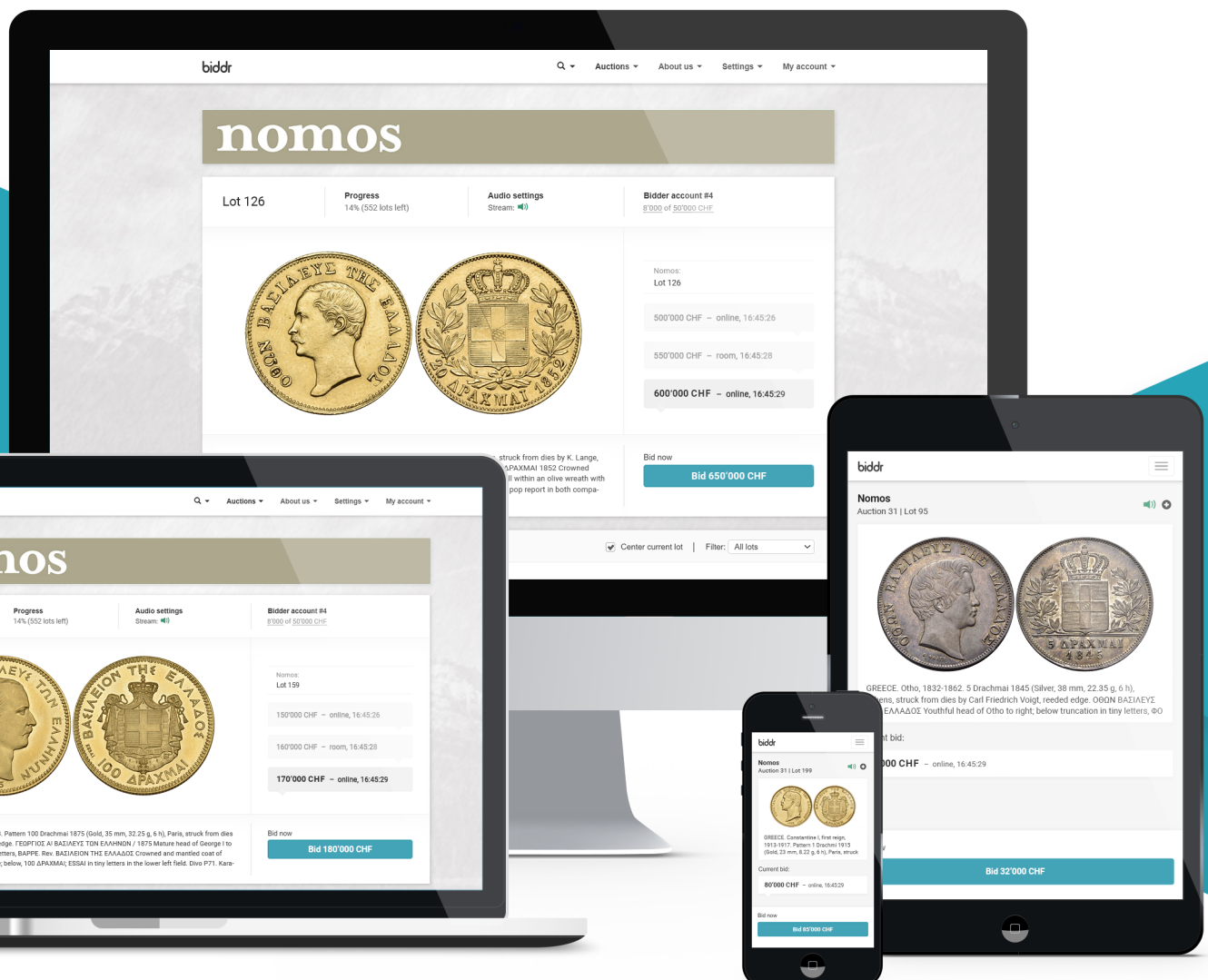




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