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A "SEA LIFE" CHESS SET

Meissen, design by Professor Max Esser (1885-1943) from 1923, executed 1935-47.

The chessboard in grey and white, the playing field adorned with gold edges, the sides modelled with two octopus heads and wave motifs on the opposite sides. The 32 chess pieces in the form of marine animals, decorated in orange-red and gold on one side and in dark grey and gold on the opposing side: the king and queen modelled as sea anemones, the knights as seahorses, the bishops as lobsters, the rooks as octopuses, and the pawns as starfish. Underglaze blue sword marks, impressed form numbers A1083 and A1082, moulder numbers. (33)

Chessboard 52 x 52 cm. H king 8.5 cm, pawn 2 cm.

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style="color:#747474 !important;">Some restorations. Provenance: Swiss private collection.

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