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A RARE SILVER-INLAID STEEL SWORD, OMAN, 15TH/16TH CENTURY

with a straight double-edged watered-steel blade, the hilt with leather-covered grip and teardrop form quillons, the faceted tapering pommel inlaid with silver inscriptions, the leather-covered wood scabbard with two metal suspension mounts
89cm.

ESTIMATE 8,000 - 10,000 GBP

CATALOGUE NOTE
inscriptions

Arabic benedictory inscriptions (not all deciphered) signed as:

'Work of 'Abdallah bin Ghabish (?)'

It is very unusual to find an Omani sword of this kind with an inscription. A sword of similar form, although lacking an inscription, was sold in these rooms 1 April 2009, lot 151.