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HIGH CARAT GOLD
CIRCA 1950'S
SIZE: 3CM LONG – 1¼ INS LONG (4.5CM LONG – 1¾ INS LONG (EXTENDED))

LITERATURE

TO THE ANCIENT ROMANS THE PHALLUS WAS A TALISMAN THAT HAD A PROPHYLACTIC AND AN APOTROPAIC POWER. LINKED TO THE ORIGIN OF LIFE AND THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE OF NATURE THE PHALLUS WAS, AND INDEED STILL IS, SYMBOLIC OF THE GENERATIVE POWER THAT BRINGS ABUNDANCE AND HAPPINESS. PENDANTS IN THE SHAPE OF A PHALLUS WERE OFTEN WORN AS AMULETS TO PROTECT AGAINST THE EVIL EYE AND ARE SOMETIMES WORN TODAY IN ITALY AS A 'LUCKY CHARM'.