

Luohans riding lions

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: **54.178.1** 

Type: **textile arts**

Date of production: 17th century
Ming dynasty

Place of production: **China**

Materials: **silk**

Techniques: **woven**

Dimensions: height: 42.5 cm
width: 31 cm

Luohan ("worthy of honours", arhat in Sanskrit): Buddha Shakyamuni first disciples and followers who reached the outmost level of spiritual evolution, the Enlightenment. However, they chose to stay in this world in order to preserve his teachings and to give strength to those with shaken faith until the arrival of Maitreya, the future Buddha.

