

# Lote: 3989

## Online Coin Auction #93

PANAMÁ. Set oficial y completo compuesto por 9 monedas (8 de plata) con valores comprendidos entre 1 Céntimo y 20 Balboas. 1975. Franklin Mint. Incluye estuche original y certificado de autenticidad. PROOF.



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

THE 1975 COINAGE OF PANAMA

This is to certify that the coin of the realm set accompanied by this certificate is legal tender in the Republic of Panama and is an original 1975 Proof Set minted by The Franklin Mint under authorization of the Panamanian government.

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1975 COINAGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
*Nine-Coin Proof Set*

The 1975 coinage of the Republic of Panama features the first major redesign of the nation's coinage in 71 years, and the largest and smallest circulating coins in the world. The obverse designs of this historic issue honor men revered in Panama as national heroes.

The largest circulating coin in the world, the twenty Balboa piece, honors Simon Bolivar, "The Great Liberator." For more than ten years, beginning in 1813, Bolivar fought for and won the independence of several South American countries, including Colombia from which Panama later gained its independence.

Belisario Porras, known as "The Constructor of the Republic," is portrayed on the five Balboa coin. Born in 1856, Porras was a dominant figure in Panamanian poli-

tics from 1912 through 1924. The head of the Liberal party, Porras served three terms as president of the Republic of Panama.

Depicted on the one Balboa coin is the renowned explorer for whom the national currency is named—Vasco Núñez de Balboa. In 1513 the Spanish adventurer became the first European to cross the Isthmus of Panama and see the Pacific Ocean. The portrait on the one Balboa coin also appears on the 1975 One Hundred Balboa Gold Coin.

One of the originators of the Panama Canal, French engineer Fernando de Lesseps, is honored on the fifty centesimo coin. De Lesseps headed the company that first began construction of the canal across the Pana-