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Fluted Blue Glass Hanging Lamp

19th - 20th century

United Kingdom

Indian Market

Colored glass, brass hardware

Overall: 17 1/4 x 9 1/2 in. (43.8 x 24.1cm) Other (a): 9 3/4 x 9 1/2 in.

(24.8 x 24.1cm) Other (b): 2 1/2 x 8 1/2 in. (6.4 x 21.6cm)

This fluted glass hanging lamp is one of ten multi-colored lamps suspended in the Mughal Gallery of Shangri La. These lamps were created by Jonas Defries & Sons, a London glass firm that operated between the mid 19th- to early 20th centuries. Defries & Sons specialized in lighting fixtures, producing elegant chandeliers for London theaters and other public buildings. The firm also designed products for clientele in Western, Southern, and East Asia. Aiming at the Indian market, Defries & Sons challenged the monopoly on the Indian market held by another British firm, F. & C. Osler.