

## **Certificate of Authenticity**

2017 25-Euro Fine Silver Coin - Microcosm

### **Product Specifications:**

- Coin Metal: 90 % pure silver
- Coin Weight: 16.5 g
- Coin Diameter: 34 mm
- Coin Finish: Special uncirculated
- Edge: Plain
- Coin Denomination: 25-Euro
- Year of Issue: 2017
- Coin Mintage: 65,000
- Country of Issue: Austria

### **Coin Story:**

The latest edition in the Austrian Mint's spectacular two-tone silver niobium series uses the microscope to show the world in microcosm. It does this by means of the butterfly, an example of which is found in the raspberry-red and grass-green niobium centre of the coin's obverse. But the journey of discovery really begins on the coin's reverse where a microscopic view of a butterfly wing is shown at the top of the centre. Moving clockwise we go even deeper with the help of an electron microscope. But that is not the end of the expedition: the bottom half of the coin shows a cell, its structure and even its core. Microcosm truly glistens with knowledge.

Through the combination of silver and niobium the Austrian Mint has achieved an internationally recognized innovation of a quality that no other coin manufacturer has so far managed to equal. The niobium tones arise without the application of colour, purely through light refraction on an extremely thin, transparent oxide layer. The combination of the coins' two-tone niobium core with the circular design of the silver outer ring provides the ideal environment in which to explore fittingly fascinating themes.

Special uncirculated coins are designed to meet the most exacting standards. As a 'first strike'— an early strike in a series struck from a new die – each one combines state-of-the-art technology and precision craftsmanship to turn a simple metal blank into a coin finished in such a way as to accentuate the beauty of its design. Immediately after minting each coin is quality checked and packed with care to ensure that every single special uncirculated coin is an unblemished masterpiece.

The Austrian Mint guarantees both the authenticity of this Special Uncirculated quality coin and that its mintage is strictly limited. This coin is legal tender in the Republic of Austria.

