


# Ornamental vase - With decoration imitating so-called Saracen (Arabic) silk fabric

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**Accession Nr.:** 78.24.1 

**Manufacturer:** Zsolnay factory (Pécs)

**Date of production:** ca. 1890

**Place of production:** Pécs

**Inscription:** a talpon masszába nyomva: Zsolnay / Pécs / 777,  
 vörös alapon fehérrel: öttorony ábrája / ZSOLNAY  
 PÉCS felirat

**Materials:** porcelain-faïence

**Techniques:** cast; painted with polychrome eosin glazes

**Dimensions:** height: 29,5 cm  
 opening diameter: 3,7 cm  
 base diameter: 7,1 cm

>The oriental decor – included griffins, dragons, qilin and palmette-leaves – adorning the Zsolnay vase, imitates the pattern of a 13th-century North African “Saracen” (Arabic) silk fabric preserved in the Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna. The ornamentation was published in Pattern Book of Friedrich Fischbach, titled *Ornamente der Gewebe* (Hanau 1874). (Fig. 15/B – see [here](#) and [here](#))

