Vase - With decoration imitating so-called Saracen (Arabic) silk fabric

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.:	20912
Manufacturer:	Zsolnay factory (Pécs)
Date of production:	ca. 1895
Place of production:	Pécs
Inscription:	alján platinával pecsételve: öttornyos gyári jegy / Zsolnay / Pécs felirat
Materials:	porcelain-faience
Techniques:	cast; painted with polychrome eosin glazes
Dimensions:	height: 20,5 cm opening diameter: 8,5 cm base diameter: 8,2 cm

The oriental decor – included griffins, dragons, qilin and palmette-leafs – 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)





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