

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

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.: 20914 

Manufacturer: Zsolnay factory (Pécs)

Date of production: ca. 1910

Place of production: Pécs

Inscription: alján masszába nyomva: Zsolnay / Pécs / 8195 (?);
 platinával pecsételve: öttornyos gyári jegy / ZSOLNAY
 PÉCS felirat / MADE IN / HUNGARY felirat

Materials: porcelain-faience

Techniques: cast; painted with polychrome eosin glazes

Dimensions: height: 25 cm
 opening diameter: 3,3 cm
 base diameter: 7,7 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](#))

