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**ANTIQUE 'BENLIAN' TABRIZ
CARPET, WONDERFUL SOFT
PASTEL COLOURS, CIRCA
1920.**

Price

GBP 15,000

| USD \$20,298 | EUR 17,552

Item Reference: SA1202324

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 370 cm (145.7")

Width = 302 cm (118.9")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Size: 12ft 2in x 9ft 11in (370 x 302cm). Antique Tabriz carpet from the famous workshops of 'Benlian'; note his well-known star signature in the corner. Circa 1900/20. The renowned dealer Franes, writes as follows: The Benlian workshops manufactured carpets for the European market in the city of Tabriz during the first half of the 20th century. Edward E Benlian was a London carpet dealer of Armenian descent who maximized his ties to the thriving Armenian community of Tabriz at the beginning of the last century to produce some of the best quality and most sought after Persian carpets of the era. His master weavers included Javan Amirkizi and Mahmud Ghalicheh. The Benlian designers successfully reinterpreted the classical carpet designs of 16th and 17th century Safavid Persia, simplifying and unifying the iconic patterns and using a lighter, more European-style palette and strong graphic quality that continues to appeal to modern taste. This outstanding example is of a Safavid floral design on a cream coloured ground, framed by a classical floral border. The carpet has an overall light feel with very soft pastel colours and would grace the finest of rooms. The famous B...

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