

SA1221241

Edmé Samson & Cie Pair of Armorial Porcelain Plates, Paris, c.1890



Price

GBP 500

| USD \$675 | EUR 585

Item Reference: SA1221241**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 2.7 cm (1.1")

Width = 23.1 cm (9.1")

Depth = 23.1 cm (9.1")

Description

Produced by Edmé Samson & Cie, Paris, around 1890, this fine pair of armorial porcelain plates belongs to the firm's highly regarded series inspired by eighteenth-century Chinese Export porcelain. Each plate is moulded with shaped cartouches and enriched with raised bianco-sopra-bianco ornament, finely painted famille rose enamels and delicate gilding. The decoration combines Chinese Export taste with the refined Historicist style favoured by European collectors during the late nineteenth century. The central armorial achievement comprises an azure shield bearing a golden lion, supported by a wolf and lion, surmounted by a crest with an arm holding an arrow. The motto FORTIS IN BELLO appears on a pink scroll beneath. The heraldry is most likely associated with the Irish-Norman Cantillon family of Ballyheigue. The reverse carries Samson's characteristic iron-red pseudo-Chinese mark. Internationally renowned for museum-quality reproductions, the Paris manufactory developed a distinctive hard-paste porcelain body closely imitating antique Chinese Export wares. Originally intended to replace damaged pieces in historic services, Samson porcelains have become highly collecta...

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