

SA1232155

Chinese Export Porcelain JM Monogrammed Service, c.1785–1795



Price

GBP 1,700

| USD \$2,318 | EUR 1,984

Item Reference: SA1232155**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A fine late 18th-century Chinese export porcelain part service from the Qianlong period, circa 1785–1795, comprising two tall cylindrical jugs, two deep plates and a lobed oval footed serving dish. Made at Jingdezhen for the Western market, the service is decorated in cobalt blue and gold with star-filled bands, loop ornament and geometric borders. The design belongs to the highly developed tradition of personalised export porcelain ordered by European and American clients through the Canton trade. Each piece carries the same pseudo-armorial cartouche with a white shield enclosing the gilt initials "JM", framed by an ermine mantle, cobalt ribbon, scrolling drapery and pendant tassels. The monogrammed cartouche is repeated on both sides of each jug. The border decoration is associated in reference literature with the "Blue Canton Star and Band" and "Exeter pattern" groups. A late 18th-century Jingdezhen pattern plate in the Victoria and Albert Museum illustrates the system by which Western customers selected border and armorial designs for commissioned services. The pieces show natural variation in body colour and thickness. The oval dish is heavier and slightly greyer...

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