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CERTIFICATE

IRIDESCENT GLASS CUP
EGYPT - ISLAMIC PÉRIOD
EX JEAN DAVID WEILL COLLECTION

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: Cup in translucent iridescent glass decorated in relief with circles with a central point. The piece was blown in a mould.

ORIGIN: The technique of glassblowing was discovered in the 1st century BC in Sidon in Phoenicia. The practice of blowing into a mould was invented in Northern Italy in the 1st century AD. With the fall of the Roman Empire, the glassmakers of the eastern Mediterranean further developed their techniques, thus making the Middle East the premier producer of deluxe glass up until the 15th century. The raw materials came for the most part from the region of the Belus River (Syria, Lebanon) or Egypt.

PROVENANCE: Jean David-Weill was an eminent epigraphist specializing in Islam. He was an independent attaché then member of the Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale in Cairo from 1927 to 1936, before holding a chair in Muslim art at the School of the Louvre and becoming curator of the department of Middle Eastern Antiquities at the Museum of the Louvre in 1945.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 2.4 cm - Diameter: 5,2 cm

MUSEOGRAPHY: A bowl of the same type can be found at the British Museum, reference 1893,1111.98.

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