ARAB-SASANIAN



1 Anonymous, Yazdigerd type, SK (Sijistan) 20ye, 3.60g (Walker 3-10; SICA I:353-357). Good very fine and scarce, the earliest dated Islamic coin. £100-120



2 Anonymous, Khusraw II type, Drachm, BYW (unidentified mint) 25ye, 3.55g (Walker -; SICA -). Very fine and very rare. £200-250



3 Anonymous, Khusraw II type, Drachm, NY (Nihawand?) 30ye, *lillah* in *obv* margin, 3.84g (Walker -; SICA -). *Minor corrosion otherwise extremely fine, extremely rare.* £200-250



4 Anonymous, Khusraw II type, Drachm, PR (unidentified mint) 35ye, 4.05g (Walker -; SICA -). *Good very fine, very rare.* £200-250



5 Anonymous, Khusraw II type, Drachm, SK (Sijistan), blundered date, Pahlavi letters DWM in second quarter of *obv* margin, 3.76g (Walker Th.2 var; SICA -; A 75). *Good very fine, rare.* £120-140



6 Anonymous, Khusraw II type, Drachm, SK (Sijistan), blundered date, *allah walla 'awn* in second quarter of *obv* margin, 3.85g (Walker Th.3 var; SICA -; A 76). *Bust re-tooled, otherwise very fine, rare.* £100-120



7 **'Abd Allah b. 'Amir (c.41-45h),** Drachm, DP (Fasa) 43h (frozen date), 4.10g (Walker 70-71; SICA -). *About very fine, rare.* £100-120



8 'Abd Allah b. 'Amir, Drachm, ST (Istakhr) 44h, 4.01g (Walker -; SICA -). Some corrosion in margins, very fine and very rare. £200-250



9 Samura b. Jundab (c.52-53h), Drachm, DAP (Fasa) 43h (frozen date), 4.09g (Walker Sch.2; SICA -; Gaube 78 var). Very fine and very rare. £300-400



10al-Hakam b. Abi'l-'As (c.54-58h), Drachm,
NAR (Narmashir) 56h, 2.38g (Walker ETN.17;
SICA I:343). Edge chipped, only fine but very
rare. £200-250



11 Salm b. Ziyad (c.61-65h), Drachm, MRW-RWT (Marw al-Rudh) 64h, 3.54g (Walker B.26; SICA I:340). Two Hephthalite countermarks in obverse margin, good very fine and very rare. £800-1,000



12 'Umar b. 'Ubayd Allah (67-70h), Drachm, KRMAN (Kirman) 65h, 3.94g (Walker 202; SICA I:311). Countermarked 'lillah' in second quarter of obverse margin, some corrosion otherwise good very fine, rare. £150-200



13 Mus'ab b. al-Zubayr (c.67-71h), Drachm, KRMAN-SR (unidentified mint) 69h, 4.11g (Walker -; SICA I:329 [same rev die]). About extremely fine, very rare. £250-300



 14
 al-Qatari b. al-Fuja'a (c.69-79h), Drachm, BYSh

 (Bishapur) 75h, 4.06g (Walker 219; SICA I:193

 198). Good very fine, scarce.
 £200-250



15 al-Qatari b. al-Fuja'a, Drachm, TART (Tawwaj) 75h, 3.11g (Walker -; SICA -; Gaube 70). *Slightly clipped, very fine and rare.* £300-400



16 'Atiya b. al-Aswad (c.71-76h), Drachm, KRMAN-GY (Jiruft) 74h, 3.80g (Walker -; SICA -). *Good fine, very rare.* £300-400



17 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad (c.81-84h), Drachm, SK (Sijistan) 81h, governor's name in Pahlavi, 3.72g (Walker -, SICA -). *Harshly cleaned, fine and rare.* £200-250



18'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad, Drachm,
ST (Istakhr) 82h, governor's name in Arabic,
3.65g (Walker -; SICA -; Gaube 42). Very fine
and extremely rare.£2,000-2,500



19 'Amr b. Laqit (c.83h), Drachm, KRMAN-NAR (Narmashir) 83h, 4.11g (Walker -; SICA -). *About extremely fine, very rare.* £500-700

ABBASID TABARISTAN



20 'Umar (c.154-163h), Fals, TPURSTAN (Tabaristan) 129pye, 2.00g (Malek 211.1-8; Gyselen p186, type b [date read as 123]). *Very fine and rare.* £100-120

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21 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik (65-86h), Dinar, 78h, 4.24g (Walker 187). *Good very fine.* £200-250



22 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik, Dinar, 79h, 4.27g (Walker 189). *A few minor marks, very fine.* £150-200



23 temp 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Abarqubadh 81h, 2.68g (Klat 17). Good very fine and very rare. £1,200-1,500



24 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Dasht Maysan 79h, 3.89g (Klat 318 [same dies]). *Good very fine and very rare.* £1,400-1,600

> Maysan was an area on the eastern banks of the Tigris in southern Iraq; it was divided into several districts, one of which was known as Dasht Maysan. *Dasht* or *desht* is a Persian word meaning wilderness, steppe, or desert, while *dast* is an Arabic word meaning seat of honour or office. It is difficult to determine whether the unpointed mint name refers to the plain of Maysan or the capital of Maysan, because the early historians and geographers themselves were not consistent in their writings. For further discussion on the subject see EI2, *Maysan*, vol VI, pp 918-921.



25 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Dimashq 79h, 2.77g (Klat 323.b). Very fine. £100-120



26 temp 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, al-Rayy 84h, 2.79g (Klat 398). Obverse slightly double-struck, very fine and extremely rare. £3,000-3,500



27 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Suq al-Ahwaz 83h, 2.63g (Klat 486). *Bent and slightly cracked at one edge, otherwise about very fine, extremely rare.* £600-800



28 *temp* 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Mah al-Basra 80h, 2.48g (Klat 551). Obverse very fine, reverse scratched and slightly double-struck otherwise fine, very rare. £250-300



29 temp 'Abd al-Malik, Dirham, Marw 81h, mintname in Pahlavi below *obv* legend, 2.57g (Klat 583.a). Very fine and rare. £250-300



30 *temp* **al-Walid I** (86-96h), Dinar, 87h, 4.20g (Walker 198). *Extremely fine.* £150-200



31 *temp* **al-Walid I,** Dirham, Janza 94h, 2.07g (Klat 250). *Irregular flan, edge slightly chipped, very fine and very rare.* £1,000-1,200



32 *temp* al-Walid I, Dirham, Sijistan 94h, 2.82g (Klat 436). *Minor discolouration, very fine and rare.* £100-120



33 *temp* **al-Walid I**, Dirham, Sijistan 95h, 2.90g (Klat 437). *Extremely fine, rare.* £300-400



34 *temp* al-Walid I, Dirham, Mihrjanqudhaq 90h, 2.70g (Klat 624). *About very fine and very rare.* £2,500-3,000



35 *temp* **al-Walid I**, Dirham, Nahr Tira 92h, 2.88g (Klat 643.b). *Good very fine, rare.* £100-120



36 *temp* **al-Walid I,** Dirham, Nahr Tira 94h, 2.87g (Klat 645). *Good very fine, scarce.* £60-80



37 *temp* al-Walid I / Sulayman, Dirham, Abarshahr 96h, 2.69g (Klat 10.a). *About very fine, very rare.* £500-700



38 *temp* **al-Walid I** / **Sulayman**, Dirham, Maysan 96h, 2.99g (Klat 634). *Extremely fine*, *rare*. £250-300



39 *temp* **Sulayman (96-99h)**, Dinar, 98h, 4.25g (Walker 213). *Extremely fine*. £150-200



40 *temp* 'Umar II (99-101h), ¹/₃-Dinar, 100h, 1.42g (Walker 217). *Good very fine, scarce.* £300-350



41 *temp* **Yazid II (101-105h)**, Dirham, al-Andalus 104h, 2.83g (Klat 117). *Very fine, rare.* £400-500



42 *temp* Hisham II (105-125h), Dirham, Dimashq 110h, 2.78g (Klat 354). *Edge very slightly chipped*, *otherwise very fine, scarce*. £100-120



43 *temp* **Hisham II**, Dirham, Dimashq 112h, 2.60g (Klat 356). *Very fine, rare.* £200-250



44 *temp* Hisham II, Dirham, Dimashq 122h, 2.70g (Klat 366). *Very fine, scarce.* £100-120



45 *temp* Hisham II, Dirham, al-Mubaraka 108h, *obv* chain border, *rev* dotted border, 2.87g (Klat 571.a). *Good very fine and excessively rare*, *the second recorded example*. £6,000-8,000



46 *temp* **Hisham II**, Dirham, al-Mubaraka 109h, 2.91g (Klat 572). *Some deposit on reverse, very fine and rare.* £80-100



47 *temp* Hisham II, Fals, al-Mubaraka 117h, *rev* lion, 1.75g. *Good very fine and extremely rare, apparently unpublished.* £200-250



48 *temp* **Hisham II** / **al-Walid II**, Dinar, 125h, 4.17g (Walker 245). *Good very fine.* £200-250



49 *temp* **Ibrahim / Marwan II,** Dinar, 127h, 4.24g (Walker 247). Extremely fine, the rarest date of the series apart from the legendary year 77h. £6,000-8,000



50 *temp* **Marwan II (127-132h),** Dinar, 128h, 4.24g (Walker 248). *Extremely fine, scarce.* £250-300



51 *temp* **Marwan II,** Dinar, 131h, 4.26g (Walker 251). *Extremely fine.* £200-250



52 *temp* Marwan II, Dirham, Dimashq 128h, 2.66g (Klat 372). *Very fine and very rare.* £600-800



53 *temp* **Marwan II**, Dirham, Dimashq 129h, 2.79g (Klat 373). *Very fine and extremely rare, only three examples recorded by Klat.* £3,500-4,000

UMAYYAD REVOLUTIONARY



- 54 Anonymous, Dirham, al-Taymara 128h, struck by partisans of 'Abd Allah b. Mu'awiya, 2.81g (Klat 215; Wurtzel 4). *Very fine, rare.* £300-400
- 55 Anonymous, Dirham, Ramhurmuz 128h, struck by partisans of 'Abd Allah b. Mu'awiya, 2.78g (Klat 391; Wurtzel 7). *Some surface deposit, very fine and rare.* £250-300



Anonymous, Dirham, Gharshistan 137h, struck by partisans of Abu Muslim, 2.57g (Klat -; Codrington, NC 1894 p88, & NC 1902 p269; recorded in Zambaur as 'unique'). Cleaned, very fine and of the highest rarity.

This is the only recorded issue from the mint of Gharshistan, a district in northwestern Afghanistan around the headwaters of the Murghab river in the Harat division of Khurasan. It is of the style of an Umayyad dirham, and is similar to the post-revolutionary issues struck at Marw in 131h, 132h, and 133h; Wurtzel attributes these issues to Abu Muslim, who ruled over Khurasan from 130h until his death in late 137h. Although the success of the Abbasid revolt can largely be attributed to the leadership of Abu Muslim, his elimination was seen by al-Mansur as a necessary step in order to establish full political and military power in the east. Against his better judgement, Abu Muslim allowed himself to be lured to the court of al-Mansur who then promptly had him put to death. Perhaps this coinage was struck to pay troops loyal to Abu Muslim while he was on his way to meet his doom.

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57 **al-Saffah (132-136h),** Dirham, Dimashq 132h, 2.88g (Lowick 587). *Slightly irregular flan, good very fine and very rare.* £600-800

ex Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 3, 10 October 2001, lot 120



58 al-Saffah, Dirham, Dimashq 133h, 2.88g (Lowick 588 var). Brightly cleaned otherwise very fine, extremely rare. £1,000-1,200



59 al-Saffah, Dirham, Dimashq 134h, 2.76g (Lowick 589). *Cleaned and slightly clipped otherwise very fine, very rare.* £400-500



60 al-Saffah, Dirham, Suq al-Ahwaz 134h, 2.78g (Lowick 2021). Some surface deposit, very fine and very rare. £100-120



61 temp al-Saffah / al-Mansur, Dinar, 136h, 4.25g (Lowick 186). Fine style, good very fine and scarce. £250-300



62 al-Mansur (136-158h), Dirham, Arminiya 144h, 2.78g (Lowick 658). *Small dent on obverse* otherwise very fine, scarce. £80-100



63 al-Mansur, Dirham, Arminiya 151h, 2.48g (Lowick 668). *Very fine, rare.* £80-100



64 **al-Mansur**, Dirham, al-'Abbasiya 149h, *ghalab* below *rev* legend, 2.75g (Lowick 4 var). *Some deposit on reverse, good fine, very rare.* £100-120



65 **al-Mansur**, Dirham, Madinat al-Salam 146h, 2.82g (Lowick 1162). *Very fine and very rare, the first date of issue for the mint.* £800-1,000



66 al-Mahdi (158-169h), Fals, Istakhr 167h, *rabi'* below *rev* legend, 2.96g (BMC I:206). *Good fine*, *rare*. £80-100



67 al-Hadi (169-170h), Dirham, Madinat Jayy 170h, four double annulets in *obv* margin, 2.80g (Tornberg 127; Lowick 1574 var). *Very fine and very rare.* £200-250



68 al-Hadi, Dirham, al-Muhammadiya 170h, 2.82g (Miles *Rayy* 70A; Lowick 1666). *Very fine, rare.* £100-120



69 al-Hadi, Dirham, Madinat al-Salam 169h, 2.79g (Lowick 1260). Surfaces scraped, some light corrosion, very fine and rare. £100-120



70 al-Rashid (170-193h), Dirham, Madinat Abarshahr 192h, citing the governor Nasr b. Sa'd, *nishapur* above *rev* legend, 2.93g (Lowick 2080). *Very fine, rare.* £100-120



71 **al-Rashid**, Dirham, Madinat Abarshahr 193h, citing the governor Nasr b. Sa'd, *nishapur* above *rev* legend, 2.91g (Lowick 2082). *Good very fine, very rare.* £200-250



72 **al-Rashid**, Dirham, Madinat Bukhara 193h, five annulets on *obv*, with the name of the governor Hamuya below *rev* legend, 2.71g (Lowick 2534 var). *Very fine, rare.* £100-120



73 Zubayda, wife of al-Rashid, Dirham, Jazirat al-Raghistan 183h, *rev* field: *amr al-sayyida / umm wali al-'ahd / abaqa allah / ghaya* ('by command of the lady, mother of the heir apparent, may God preserve her, so be it!'), 2.91g. *About extremely fine, unrecorded and of the highest rarity.* £5,000-6,000

This dirham was struck by order of Zubayda bint Abi Ja'far b. al-Mansur, wife of Harun al-Rashid and mother of Muhammad al-Amin, at a palace compound probably on an island near Baghdad. It is, in all likelihood, the earliest coin struck by authority of a woman in the history of Islam. The issuance of this coin is directly connected to the matter of the caliphal succession. In 175h al-Rashid designated his second, but purely Hashimid, son Muhammad al-Amin as his heir. In the succeeding years it became clear that his eldest, but slave-born son, 'Abdallah al-Ma'mun, was better suited to rule than his younger brother. In 183h al-Rashid therefore designated al-Ma'mun as the second heir to the throne. While Zubayda had been a kindly stepmother to al-Ma'mun, her over-arching ambition was to see that al-Amin, the only heir to her body, became caliph after al-Rashid's death. One can easily imagine that this imperious and powerful lady determined to make her position unmistakably clear by issuing this coin as a sharp reminder that she was the mother of the heir.



74 al-Rashid, Dirham, Dimashq 186h, in the name of the heir al-Ma'mun, *ja'far* below *rev* legend, 2.79g (Lowick 597). *Reverse field lightly tooled, otherwise very fine, extremely rare.* £400-500



75 **al-Rashid**, Dirham, al-Rayy 179h, in the name of the heir al-Amin, with the name of the governor Muhammad b. Yahya between mint and date in *obv* margin, *ja'far* below *rev* legend, 2.91g (Miles *Rayy* 80E; Lowick 2009). *Good very fine, very rare.* £200-250



76 al-Rashid, mule Dirham, al-Muhammadiya 182h, rev field: muhammad / rasul / allah, 2.97g (Miles Rayy -; Lowick 1791). Good very fine and rare. £150-200

This anonymous reverse type was not introduced at al-Muhammadiya until 187h; this coin must therefore be a mule struck after that date using an old obverse die.



77 **al-Amin (193-198h),** Dirham, Ma'dan Bajunays 193h, 2.83g (Lowick 914). *Very fine and rare.* £100-120



78 al-Amin, double-weight Dirham, al-Khayzuraniya 194h, *obv* margin: *muhammad rasul allah arsalahu* (to *kullihi*), *rev* field: *li'l-khalifa / al-amin abaqa / allah*, mint and date formula in margin, 5.85g (Lowick 1087; cf Ilisch, *Munsterische Numismatische Zeitung XIV* 3, 1994, no. 1). *Traces of mounting at top otherwise good very fine, extremely rare, the second known example*. £5,000-6,000

al-Khayzuran was the wife of al-Mahdi, the mother of al-Hadi and al-Rashid, and the grandmother of Muhammad al-Amin, the caliph for whom this commemorative dirham was struck; she was also the maternal aunt of Zubayda, the mother of al-Amin. The mintname al-Khayzuraniya probably refers to a palace complex built by and named after her, probably near Baghdad. This location was the site of an important ceremony which took place in 194h, when this special coin was distributed to those in attendance. The ceremony may have marked the moment when al-Amin modified the wording of the *khutba* to add the name of his own son al-Natiq bi'l-Haqq Musa after that of al-Ma'mun, the official heir to the caliphate. This act widened the rift between the two brothers and set the stage for the full break which took place early in 195h, when al-Amin set aside the Makkan settlement and made al-Natiq Musa his direct heir. It may be noted that the interjection *abaqa allah*, which appears on both this coin and on lot 73, is found nowhere else in the coinage record; perhaps it was a favourite one in Zubayda's household.



79 al-Amin, Dirham, Madinat Zaranj 194h, citing al-Ma'mun as heir, with the name of the governor Zuhayr, *obv* two inner circles, *rev* three inner circles, 2.99g (Lowick 2475 var). *Good very fine, rare.* £100-120



80temp al-Amin / al-Ma'mun, Dirham, Tabaristan194h, 2.90g (obv as Lowick 2072, rev as Lowick2071). Good very fine, very rare.£200-250



81 **al-Ma'mun (194-218h),** Dirham, Ma'dan Bajunays 203h, with the name of the governor Ibrahim b. Raddad, 3.14g (Lowick 932). *Obverse good very fine, reverse fine, very rare.* £150-200



82 **al-Ma'mun**, Dirham, Dabil 201h, with the name of Hatim b. Harthama, the governor of Arminiya, 2.98g (Lowick -). *Good very fine and extremely rare.* £1,200-1,500

Lowick does not record any first period Abbasid dirhams from Dabil, the capital town of the province of Armenia.



83 al-Ma'mun, Dirham, Dimashq 214h, 2.90g (Lowick 625). *Lightly cleaned, very fine and rare.* £300-400



84 al-Ma'mun, Dirham, Dimashq 215h, 2.81g (Lowick -). *Minor peripheral corrosion, very fine and extremely rare.* £500-700

ex Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 6, 7 May 2003, lot 94



85 **al-Ma'mun**, Dirham, Samarqand 202h, with the name of the heir al-Rida, also citing Dhu'l-Riyasatayn, 3.29g (Lowick 2678). *Good very fine, scarce.* £200-250



86 **al-Ma'mun**, ¼-Dirham, San'a 210h, *rub'a* below *rev* legend, 0.61g (cf Lowick 570 [*thulth*, 'third']; cf Miles *RIC* 265 [*thulth*]). *About very fine and extremely rare.* £500-600



87 **al-Ma'mun**, Dirham, al-Muhammadiya 204h, with the name of the heir al-Rida, also citing Dhu'l-Riyasatayn, 2.88g (Lowick 1969; Miles *Rayy* 105B). *Harshly cleaned otherwise very fine*, *extremely rare*. £300-400



al-Ma'mun, ½-Dirham, al-Muhammadiya 209h,
 1.52g (Miles Rayy -; Lowick 1992). Mounted with original suspension loop, very fine and extremely rare. £500-600



89 **al-Ma'mun**, Dirham, Madinat Herat 200h, *al-mashriq* below *obv* legend, citing Dhu'l-Riyasatayn on *rev*, 2.83g (Lowick 2240). *About extremely fine, very rare.* £300-400



90 al-Ma'mun, Fals, Ghazza 217h, 3.23g (Lowick 171). *Excess metal in centre of reverse, about very fine, rare.* £150-200



91 al-Ma'mun, Fals, al-Quds (Jerusalem), date (217/219h) not visible, 2.56g (Lowick 239-240). *Weakly struck in parts, otherwise good very fine, rare.* £350-400



92 al-Mu'tasim (218-227h), Dirham, Dimashq 222h, 2.96g (Artuk 318; KLC 584-585). *Slightly creased, very fine and rare.* £200-250



93 al-Wathiq (227-232h), Dinar, Marw 229h, 4.18g (Qatar 1188). *Very fine and very rare.* £250-300



 94
 al-Mutawakkil (232-247h), Dinar, Marw 234h,

 4.22g (Qatar 1206).
 Good very fine and very

 rare.
 £250-300



95 al-Mutawakkil, Dirham, al-Shash 234h, 2.87g (SNAT XVb:195 [same obv die]. Fine, very rare. £100-120



96 al-Mutawakkil, Dirham, Marw 240h, with the name of the heir Abu 'Abd Allah, 2.97g. *Creased and slightly cracked at one edge, very fine and very rare.* £100-120



97 al-Mu'tazz (251-255h), Dinar, al-Basra 252h, 3.83g. *Traces of mounting, weak in parts otherwise very fine, very rare.* £300-400



98 al-Mu'tazz, Dirham, Arminiya 252h, 2.95g (BMC I:346; BN 983). Some weakness in legends, very fine and rare. £200-250



99al-Mu'tamid (256-279h), Dinar, San'a 278h,
2.90g (A 1055). Extremely fine.£200-250



100 al-Mu'tamid, Dinar, Madinat al-Salam 275h, with the names of the heir al-Muwaffaq and the second heir Ahmad b. al-Muwaffaq, 4.21g (BMC I:363). *Some light scratches, very fine and very rare.* £300-400



101 al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Arminiya 277h, with the name of the heir al-Muwaffaq, *barda'a* below *rev* legend, 3.11g. *Some weakness in margins, good very fine and rare.* £100-120



102al-Mu'tamid, posthumous Dirham, Andaraba
280h, 4.23g (SNAT XIVc:49). Struck slightly off
centre, marginal legends weak, very fine and
extremely rare.£200-250

Andaraba was a Banijurid mint at this time; coins without the name of the Banijurid ruler are very rare.



103 al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, al-Ahwaz 274h, with the names of the heir al-Muwaffaq and the second heir Ahmad b. al-Muwaffaq, 3.44g (BMC IX:370h). *About very fine, rare.* £80-100



104 al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Jannaba 275h, with the names of the heir al-Muwaffaq and the second heir Ahmad b. al-Muwaffaq, 3.51g (cf Spink-Taisei Zürich Auction 27, lot 439). *About very fine, very rare.* £100-120



105 al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Samarqand 279h, with the name of the heir al-Mu'tadid, 2.73g (BMC IX:372t). *Good very fine, scarce.* £100-120



106al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Fars 274h, with the
names of the heir al-Muwaffaq and the second
heir Ahmad b. al-Muwaffaq, 2.92g (Miles RIC
295). Centres slightly weak, otherwise very fine,
rare.£80-100



107 al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Wasit 263h, with the name of the heir al-Muwaffaq, 3.18g. *Good fine, rare.* £80-100



108al-Mu'tamid, Dirham, Wasit 273h, with the
name of the heir al-Muwaffaq, 3.01g. About
very fine, very rare.£100-120



 109
 al-Mu'tadid
 (279-289h), Dinar, San'a
 285h,
 2.91g (Artuk 393; Cairo 1333). About extremely fine.
 £200-250



110al-Mu'tadid, Dirham, al-Ahwaz 280h, 3.01g.
Very fine, rare.£100-120



111al-Mu'tadid, Dirham, al-Shash 281h, single
marginal legend on obv, 2.96g. Very fine and
very rare.£100-120

The year 281h saw a transition from Abbasid to Samanid coinage at the mints of al-Shash and Samarqand. As part of this transition a new design of dirham, with a single marginal legend on the obverse, was introduced. The fact that this type is only recorded for this year suggests that it was not well-received; production soon reverted to traditional-style dirhams. The new-style dirhams normally have the name of the Samanid ruler Isma'il b. Ahmad on the reverse, so the present coin is presumably a mule of a new-style obverse and an older, purely Abbasid, reverse.



112al-Mu'tadid, Dirham, al-Shash282h, 2.99g.Centres weak, very fine, very rare.£150-200

Coins of 281h were previously believed to be the last purely Abbasid issues from the mint of al-Shash; the present coin is believed to be the first known example dated 282h. As with the previous lot, this coin is likely to be a mule, struck with an older, purely Abbasid, reverse die.



113al-Mu'tadid, Dirham, Mah al-Kufa 286h, 2.77g.Slightly bent, very fine and very rare.£100-120



114al-Mu'tadid, Dirham, al-Mawsil 282h, 3.11g.
Centres weak, about very fine, rare.£100-120



115al-Mu'tadid, fractional Donative Dirham, no
mintname, 287h, 0.48g (cf BMC I:381 [gold]).
Traces of mounting, otherwise very fine, extremely
rare.£250-300



 116
 al-Muktafi (289-295h), Dinar, Misr 292h, 3.58g
 (BN 1077; Qatar 1307). Brilliant surfaces, as struck.
 £120-140



117 al-Muktafi, Dirham, Makka 289h, 2.31g (cf Emirates Coin Auction 1, lot 344). *Some weak-ness, about very fine, very rare.* £2,500-3,000



118al-Muktafi, Dirham, Makka 293h, 2.94g
(SICA X:491 [same dies]). Creased, about very
fine and very rare.£2,500-3,000



119al-Muktafi, Dirham, Makka 295h, 3.11g.
Some weakness in margins, very fine and very
rare.£3,500-4,000



120 al-Muqtadir (295-320h), Dinar, Barda'a 318h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 4.35g (Miles *RIC* 191 ['believed unique']). *Very fine and extremely rare.* £2,500-3,000



121 **al-Muqtadir**, Dinar, Harran 301h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 3.03g. *Flan crack across centre, otherwise very fine, very rare.* £1,000-1,200



122al-Muqtadir, Dinar, Suq al-Ahwaz 317h, 5.02g.Very fine, rare.£120-140



123al-Muqtadir, Dinar, San'a 307h.Extremelyfine, rare.£250-300



124al-Muqtadir, Dinar, Qumm 313h, with the
name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas (BMC IX:415m
var). Some weakness in margins, very fine and
very rare.£600-800



125al-Muqtadir, Dinar, Qumm 318h, with the
name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas (Kazan 186 var).
Some weakness in margins, very fine and very
rare.£600-800



126 al-Muqtadir, Dinar, al-Karaj 317h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 4.55g. *Creased, otherwise very fine, very rare.* £500-700



127 al-Muqtadir, Dinar, al-Karaj 318h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 3.37g (Codrington, *NC* 1902, p272). *Slightly creased, very fine and very rare.* £600-800



128 al-Muqtadir, Dinar, al-Muhammadiya 312h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 3.34g (Miles *Rayy* 156E). *Small edge knock, very fine and scarce.* £300-400



129 al-Muqtadir, Dinar, Madinat al-Salam 300h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 4.24g. *Good very fine, a very rare date.* £300-400



130 al-Muqtadir, Dinar, Hamadan 317h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas. *Good very fine, very rare.* £400-500



131al-Muqtadir, Dirham, Antakya 312h, 2.75g.
Good very fine, very rare.£200-250



132 al-Muqtadir, Dirham, Dimashq 301h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 2.75g. *Good fine and very rare.* £200-250



133 al-Muqtadir, Dirham, Mah al-Kufa 317h, with the name of the heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 4.04g. *Very fine and rare.* £100-120



134al-Qahir (320-322h), heavy Dinar, Suq al-
Ahwaz 321h, 6.02g (cf Artuk 477). Minor flan
flaws, very fine and very rare.£600-800



135 al-Radi (322-329h), Dinar, Ardabil 327h, 4.47g. Small annulet countermark above reverse legend, very fine and extremely rare. £1,500-2,000



136 al-Radi, Dinar, Mah al-Basra 324h, 3.12g. *Some weakness, about very fine, very rare.* £400-500



137 al-Radi, Dinar, Mah al-Basra 326h (cf Spink-Taisei Zürich Auction 27, lot 402). *Slightly double-struck, very fine and very rare.* £400-500



138 al-Radi, Dinar, Mah al-Kufa 322h, 4.11g. *Three edge cracks, very fine and very rare.* £800-1,000



139 al-Radi, Dinar, al-Maragha 327h, without the
name of an heir, 4.00g. About very fine and
extremely rare.£2,500-3,000



140al-Radi, Dinar, Hamadan 326h, 3.76g.Goodvery fine and very rare.£500-700



141al-Radi, Dirham, al-Kufa 328h, with the name
of the heir Abu'l-Fadl, 3.32g. Good very fine,
very rare.very rare.£200-250



142al-Radi, double-weight Dirham, Madinat al-
Salam 326h, broad flan, 5.16g (cf BMC I:468).
Very fine and very rare.£200-250



143 al-Muttaqi (329-333h), Dirham, Surra man Ra'a 329h, citing the amir Abu'l-Hasan Bajkam, 3.57g (Qatar 2271). Very fine, very rare. £200-250



144 **al-Mustakfi (333-334h),** Dirham, al-Kufa 333h, with the name of the amir al-Muzaffar Abu'l-Wafa, 2.63g. *Some weakness otherwise good very fine, very rare.* £200-250 NASRID



145Yusuf b. Isma'il (734-755h), Dinar, no mint
(Gharnata), undated, 4.66g (Lorente pl.7).
Extremely fine and scarce.£800-1,000

AGHLABID



146 Ibrahim II (261-289h), Dinar, no mint, 279h, 4.21g (al-'Ush 126). *Good very fine.* £160-180

ZIRID



147 **al-Mu'izz b. Badis (406-454h)**, anonymous Dinar, Madinat al-Mahdiya (4)42h, *rev* field: *wa man yatba'u ghayr / al-islam din-a / fa-lan yuqbalu minhu*, 3.92g (Hazard -). *Wavy flan, very fine and extremely rare, believed unpublished.* £800-1,000

> al-Mu'izz repudiated Fatimid suzerainty in 441h and from 441-449h his coins omitted the name of the Fatimid caliph. Nearly all dinars of this type were struck at al-Qayrawan; Hazard records only two dinars struck at al-Mahdiya, dated 446h and 447h.

MURABITID

148 'Ali b. Yusuf (500-537h), Dinar, Madinat Fas 523h, with the name of the heir Sir b. 'Ali, 4.12g (Hazard -; Vives -). *Good very fine, very rare, this date believed unpublished.* £800-1,000



149 'Ali b. Yusuf, Dinar, Marrakesh 533h, without the name of an heir, 4.15g (Hazard -; Vives -). *Extremely fine and extremely rare.* £1,200-1,500

In 533h Sir b. 'Ali died and his brother Tashfin became heir. Coins of this date are known naming each heir, but this is believed to be the only known example without the name of either heir.

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151 Sidi Muhammad III (1171-1204h), White Metal uniface die trial of *rev* of Bunduqi, 1201h, struck at the Madrid mint, 2.12g (cf Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 5, lot 176). *Minor marks otherwise about uncirculated, extremely rare.* £200-250



152 Sidi Muhammad III, Proof Dirham, Marrakesh 1201h, struck at the Madrid mint, 2.71g (cf Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 5, lot 180). *About uncirculated, extremely rare.* £1,500-2,000



153 Sidi Muhammad III, Proof Mazuna, Marrakesh 1201h, struck at the Madrid mint, 0.69g (cf Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 5, lot 184). *Minor stains otherwise about uncirculated, extremely rare.* £800-1,000



154Sidi Muhammad III, Mazuna, Marrakesh
1201h, 0.68g (Eustache 341). Extremely fine,
rare.rare.£300-350

MUWAHHID



150Abu-Hafs 'Umar (646-665h), Dinar, without
mintname or date, 4.58g (Hazard 533). Good
very fine.£250-300

'ALAWI SHARIFS

IKHSHIDID



Muhammad al-Ikhshid (323-334h), Dinar, Misr 333h, 3.98g. *About uncirculated, rare.* £400-500



156Muhammad al-Ikhshid, Dirham, Dimashq
334h, with the name of the caliph al-Mustakfi,
3.69g. Good fine and very rare.£120-140



157 Abu'l-Qasim b. al-Ikhshid (334-349h), Dinar, Filastin 346h, 3.29g. Some edge damage due to mounting, very fine and scarce. £200-250



Abu'l-Qasim b. al-Ikhshid, Dinar, Misr 342h,
3.84g. Extremely fine.£140-160



Abu'l-Qasim b. al-Ikhshid, Dinar, Misr 344h.About extremely fine.£120-140



160Abu'l-Qasim b. al-Ikhshid, Dirham, Dimashq
341h, 3.14g. Some light scratches, good fine and
very rare.£100-120



161Ahmad b. 'Ali (357-358h), Dinar, Filastin 357h,
citing al-Husayn b. 'Ubayd Allah, the governor
of Tabariya, 3.81g. Good very fine.£200-250

QARMATID



162Anonymous, Dinar, Filastin 361h, in the
name of the Chief Sayyids, citing al-Hasan b.
Ahmad, 3.70g (A 684). Good very fine, very
rare.£3,000-4,000

see footnote to lot 164

FATIMID



163 al-Mansur (334-341h), Dinar, al-Mahdiya 337h Dhu'l-Hijja, 4.16g (Miles -; BMC -; Cairo -). Good very fine and very rare, this month and year combination believed unpublished. £800-1,000



164 al-Mu'izz (341-365h), Dinar, Filastin 359h, 4.12g (Miles 28; BN 98). *Graffiti in centre of obverse, otherwise extremely fine, very rare.* £3,000-4,000

> This coin is a witness to the Fatimid 'drive to the east' which began the previous year, 358h/969. The Fatimid advance was prompted by the challenge posed by the Qarmatids who occupied Syria and Palestine in the same year. After he founded Cairo, the Fatimid general, Jawhar, sent one of his commanders to invade Palestine and Syria. In 359h Fatimid forces took Ramla, Tabariya and laid siege to Damascus. It was during this campaign that this dinar was struck in Ramla, the chief town of Filastin. For the next ten years the Fatimids contested the province with the Qarmatids, with each side striking coins whenever they held one of these areas. These form a valuable historical record of the ebb and flow of the conflict.



165al-Mu'izz, ¼-Dinar, al-Mansuriya 352h, 1.03g
(Miles 52; BN 109). Full outer legends, very
fine and scarce.£160-180



166al-Mu'izz, Dirham, al-Mansuriya 355h, 1.38g
(cf Spink-Taisei Zürich Auction 18, lot 15).
Very fine, rare.Very fine, rare.£100-120



167al-Mu'izz, Dirham, al-Mansuriya 357h, 1.44g.
Good very fine.£120-140



168al-'Aziz (365-386h), ¼-Dinar, without mint or
date, 1.02g (Kazan 521). Slight creasing, otherwise
good very fine, rare.£140-160



169al-Hakim (386-411h), Dinar, Misr 387h, pellet
in centre of obv and rev, 4.16g (Miles 137).
Broad full flan, extremely fine.£160-180



170al-Hakim, Dinar, al-Mansuriya 388h, 4.02g
(Miles -; BMC -; Cairo -). Very fine, a very rare
date.£200-250



171 al-Hakim, Dinar, al-Mahdiya 405h, second type, 4.16g (Miles -; BMC IV:89). Very fine, rare. £200-250



172 al-Mustansir (427-487h), Dinar, al-Iskandariya 481h, 4.04g (Cairo 2008-2009). *Lightly scratched on reverse, good very fine, the date scarce.* £200-250



173al-Mustansir, Dinar, al-Iskandariya 486h, 4.36g
(Miles 275; KLC 1192). Brilliant surfaces, full
broad flan, extremely fine.£250-300



al-Mustansir, Dinar, Halab 442h, 3.98g (BMC IX:144t). *Good very fine, very rare.* £1,000-1,200



175al-Mustansir, Dinar, Halab 445h, 4.30g. Good
very fine, extremely rare.£1,000-1,200



176 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Dimashq 451h, 4.34g. *Extremely fine and extremely rare, believed to be an unpublished date for this mint.* £1,200-1,500



al-Mustansir, Dinar, Sur 439h, 4.05g (Miles 291;

 KLC 1125).
 Good very fine, scarce. £250-300



178al-Mustansir, Dinar, Sur 442h, 2.95g (BMC
IV:145; Miles 293). Traces of mounting, good very
fine, scarce.£200-250



179al-Mustansir, Dinar, Sur 451h, 4.45g (BMC -;
Miles -). Reverse slightly double-struck, good
very fine, a rare date.£250-300



180 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Tabariya 439h, 3.93g (Miles 300). *Very fine and extremely rare.* £1,500-2,000



181 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Trablus 436h, 4.09g (KLC 1112; Miles 303). *Very fine*. £160-180



 182
 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Trablus 439h, 4.51g (BMC IX:140c; Miles 304). Good very fine.
 £200-250



183 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Trablus 440h, 3.97g (BMC IX:140p; Miles 305). *Good very fine*. £200-250



184al-Mustansir, Dinar, Trablus 443h, 3.63g (KLC
1135-1136). Struck from slightly rusted dies, about
extremely fine, the date rare.£250-300



185al-Mustansir, Dinar, Trablus 449h, 4.07g (BMC
IV:159; Miles 308). Scratched on reverse, very fine
and scarce.£160-180



186al-Mustansir, Dinar, Filastin 438h, 4.21g (KLC
1122; Miles 312). Obverse slightly double-struck,
very fine and very rare.£800-1,000



187al-Mustansir, Dinar, Filastin 439h, 4.08g (BMC
IX:140f). Obverse slightly double-struck, very fine
and very rare.£800-1,000



al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 438h, 4.25g (BMC IV:137; Miles 331). Good very fine.



189al-Mustansir, ¼-Dinar, Misr 438h, 1.04g.
Superb calligraphy, full flan, about extremely fine
and very rare.£400-500

Quarter-dinars from Egypt are very rare, unlike those from the Maghrib and Sicily which formed the bulk of the stock of the gold coinage. Given their great rarity they may have been struck as largesse coins to be distributed at important weddings and other court ceremonies.



 190
 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr
 441h, 4.32g
 (BMC IV:144; Miles 336-337).
 Good extremely
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191 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 445h, 4.32g (BMC IV:150; Miles 344). *Extremely fine*. £140-160



 192
 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 448h, 4.28g (BN 368; Miles 349). Extremely fine.
 £140-160



193al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 453h, with pellet
above 3 of date, 4.34g (BMC IV:162 var; Miles
356). Extremely fine.£140-160



194 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 453h, without pellet above 3 of date, 4.31g (BMC IV:162 var; Miles 356 var). *Extremely fine.* £140-160



195 al-Mustansir, Dinar, Misr 462h, 4.30g (BMC IV:170; BN 375). *Extremely fine, scarce*. £200-250



196 al-Amir (495-524h), Dinar, al-Iskandariya 505h, 4.02g (Miles 411; KLC 1223). *Extremely fine and scarce.* £200-250



197 al-Amir, Dinar, al-Iskandariya 518h, 4.11g. Very fine and extremely rare, believed to be an unpublished date for this mint. £400-500



198 Glass Weights (7): al-'Aziz (1), al-Mustansir (4), unidentified (2). The first extremely fine and rare (illustrated), the others fine to good very fine. (7) £250-300

AYYUBID



199 al-'Adil Abu Bakr I (592-615h), Dinar, al-Iskandariya 606h, ornaments above and below *rev* legend, 4.98g (Balog 263 var). *Very fine.* £120-140



200 al-Kamil Muhammad (615-635h), Dinar, al-Iskandariya 626h, 3.98g (Balog 393). *About extremely fine, a rare date.* £300-350



201 al-Kamil Muhammad, Dinar, al-Qahira 627h, 6.28g (Balog 374). *Good very fine.* £100-120



202al-Kamil Muhammad, Dinar, al-Qahira 628h,
3.48g (Balog 375).Weakly struck in places,
therwise extremely fine.£120-140

BAHRI MAMLUK



203 al-Zahir Baybars I (658-676h), Dinar, al-Iskandariya 66xh, mint and date in *rev* margin, 6.02g (A 880). *A little weakly struck in parts, otherwise about extremely fine*. £300-350



204 al-Zahir Baybars I, Dinar, al-Qahira (65)9h, citing al-Mustansir, 5.08g (Balog 37). Good very fine. £300-350



205 Glass weights: Muhammad al-'Andy (2), pale rose-pink, 5.92g and rose-pink, 2.64g; together with other Mamluk period weights (6), comprising dark rose translucent, fleur-de-lis, 3.02g; green and brown translucent (2), both with cross-hatch pattern, 5.97g, 5.98g; dark blue opaque, six-petaled flower, 5.87g; dark blue opaque, four lines of formalized script, 2.97g; black and white marbled opaque, inscription illegible, 5.96g. *Fine to very fine*. (8) £300-400



 207
 al-Nasir Faraj, 1st reign (801-808h), Dinar, al-Qahira 808h, 7.06g (Balog 620). Unevenly struck, very fine.
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208al-Zahir Qansuh I (904-905h), Ashrafi, no
mintname or date, 3.35g (A 1035). Good very
fine and rare.£80-100



209 al-Ashraf Qansuh II (906-922h), Ashrafi, Halab 91xh, 3.37g (Balog 874). Good very fine and rare. £140-160



210al-Ashraf Qansuh II, Ashrafi, Dimashq 917h,
3.37g (Balog 883). Very fine.£120-140



211 al-Ashraf Qansuh II, Ashrafi, al-Qahira 913h, 3.39g (Balog 875). *About very fine.* £100-120



212al-Ashraf Qansuh II, Ashrafi, al-Qahira 914h,
3.27g (Balog 876). Very fine.£120-140

BURJI MAMLUK



206 al-Zahir Barquq, 2nd reign (792-801h), Dinar, al-Qahira 794h, 10.46g (Balog 567). *Flatly struck around part of border, otherwise extremely fine.* £200-250

GOVERNORS OF OMAN



213 Ahmad b. Hilal (c.290-313h), Dirham, 'Uman 299h, citing the caliph al-Muqtadir, 2.42g (*Oman* p129). Weakly struck, very fine and very rare. £1,200-1,500



214Ahmad b. Hilal, Dirham, 'Uman 310h, citing
the caliph al-Muqtadir, 2.95g (Oman -). Very
fine and extremely rare.£1,200-1,500



215 Ahmad b. Hilal, Dirham, 'Uman 312h, citing the caliph al-Muqtadir, 4.12g (*Oman -*). *Very fine and extremely rare.* £1,600-1,800

WAJIHID



216Muhammad b. Yusuf (c.332-341h), Dirham,
'Uman 332h, citing the caliph al-Muttaqi,
3.85g (Oman p131). Good very fine and very
rare.£1,000-1,200



217 Muhammad b. Yusuf, medallion Dirham, 'Uman 332h, citing the caliph al-Muttaqi, 2.89g (Oman -). Good very fine and extremely rare. £4,000-5,000

SULAYHID



218 'Ali b. Muhammad (439-473h), Dinar, Zabid 451h (frozen date), 2.47g (SICA X:148). *Very fine.* £100-120

ARTUQID OF MARDIN



219 Najm al-din Alpi (547-572h), Æ Dirham, no mintname, 558h, 12.67g (SS 29.1). *Good very fine.* £80-100

ZANGID OF SYRIA



220 al-Salih Isma'il (569-577h), Dirham, Halab 572h, 2.82g (A 1852). *Very fine and very rare*. £100-120

OTTOMAN



221 Mustafa II (1106-1115h), Zeri Mahbub, Edirne, date (1106h) unclear, 3.44g (Pere 481). *Pierced*, *otherwise very fine, rare*. £80-100



222 Osman III (1168-1171h), Zeri Mahbub, Misr 1168h, 2.60g (Pere 596). *Graffiti in obverse field* otherwise extremely fine, scarce. £120-140



223 Mustafa III (1171-1187h), Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171h, year 7, 2.63g (Pere 616). *Good extremely fine.* £120-140



224 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171h, year 8, 2.63g (Pere 616). *Good extremely fine*. £120-140



225 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171h, year 9, 2.63g (Pere 616). Very slightly creased, otherwise good extremely fine. £100-120



226 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171/86h, 2.64g (Pere 617). *About as struck*. £140-160



227 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171/87h, 2.64g (Pere 617). *Good extremely fine.* £120-140



228 Mustafa III, ½-Zeri Mahbub, Islambul 1171/82h, 1.32g (Pere 619). *Good extremely fine*. £100-120



229 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Misr 1171h, 2.60g (Pere 622). *About as struck.* £120-140



230 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Misr 1171/86h, 2.56g (Pere 625). *Extremely fine.* £100-120



231 Mustafa III, Zeri Mahbub, Misr 1171/87h, 2.59g (Pere 625). Good extremely fine, the date rare. £200-250

Egypt



232 Fu'ad I, as Sultan (1336-1341h), 10-Ghurush, 1338h/1920, 13.92g (KM 327). *Extremely fine and scarce.* £120-140



233 Fu'ad I, 2-Ghurush, 1338h/1920, 2.84g (KM 325). *Good extremely fine and rare.* £120-140

SUDAN

SOMALIA



234 'Abdallah b. Muhammad (1302-1316h), 5-Ghurush, Omdurman, 1310h, year 8, 5.21g (KM 11). Full silver, good very fine and very rare thus. £250-300

ZANZIBAR



236 Barghash b. Sa'id (1287-1305h), 5-Ryals, 1299h, 8.36g (KM 6). *Mint state, extremely rare.* £4,000-5,000

LEBANON

237 French Protectorate (1920-1941), a complete set of currency issues, all struck at the Paris mint: 50-Piastres (3), 1929, 1933, 1936, 25-Piastres (3), 1929, 1933, 1936, 10-Piastres 1929, 5-Piastres (7), 1924, 1925(2 vars), 1931, 1933, 1936, 1940, 2½-Piastres 1940, 2-Piastres (2), 1924, 1925, Piastre (5), 1925, 1931, 1933, 1936, 1941, ½-Piastre (3), 1934, 1936, 1941. The 1933 50-Piastres only very fine, otherwise the silver coins all extremely fine to uncirculated; the 1931 Piastre only fine, otherwise the solver coins all extremely fine or better, many uncirculated; a rare set in such overall high condition. (25)

SAUDI ARABIA



235 Mecca Pilgrimage, Brass Token, undated (c.1895-1914), •GOVERNO DELLA SOMALIA ITALIANA•, Italian arms, *rev* •PELLEGRI-NAGGIO ALLA MECCA•, stamped '565' in centre, 42mm. *Some light scratches, good very fine and very rare.* £600-800



238 Hejaz, al-Husayn b. 'Ali (1334-1342h), Hashimi Dinar, Makka al-Mukarrama 1334h, year 8, 7.25g (KM 31). *Extremely fine.* £350-400



239 Hejaz, al-Husayn b. 'Ali, Riyal, Makka al-Mukarrama 1334h, year 8, 24.15g (KM 30). *Good extremely fine.* £100-120



240 Hejaz, al-Husayn b. 'Ali, Riyal, Makka al-Mukarrama 1334h, year 9, 23.90g (KM 30). Usual crude strike, good very fine for issue and a rare date. £250-300



241Hejaz, al-Husayn b. 'Ali, ½-Riyal, Makka al-
Mukarrama 1334h, year 8, 11.90g (KM 29).
Extremely fine and very rare.£500-600



242Hejaz, al-Husayn b. 'Ali, ¼-Riyal, Makka al-
Mukarrama 1334h, year 8, 5.94g (KM 28).
Extremely fine.Extremely fine.£100-120



243 'Abd al-'Aziz b. Sa'ud (1343-1373h), Brass souvenir medal for the Pilgrimage to Makka, *obv* three-quarters mature portrait of the king to right wearing kafiyya and 'agal, *al-malik 'abd al-'aziz* to right and *al-su'ud* to left, *rev* in central circle *dhikrâ al-hajj* ('souvenir of the Hajj'), margin: Surah III verse 97 in part ('pilgrimage to the House is a duty men owe to God'), 40mm. Unrecorded, mounted for suspension, irregular patination but virtually as struck and very rare. £1,500-2,000

This is probably the earliest medallic portrait piece of King 'Abd al-'Aziz; it may have been struck shortly after his forces occupied the Holy City of Makka. The actual portrait, particularly in regard to the eyes, moustache and beard, bears little resemblance to that of the King, and thus was presumably based on an idealised conception of the Arab monarch. The calligraphy and fabric of the medal suggest that it was locally manufactured, possibly using workers from the Makka mint to cut the dies and strike the flans before the mint closed in 1344h/1925.

TAHIRID

IRAQ



 244
 Faisal II (1939-1958), Proof 100-Fils, 1953/ 1372h, 9.98g (KM 115, only 200 pieces struck). Brilliant mint state.

 £160-180



245 Faisal II, Proof 50-Fils, 1953/1372h, 8.95g (KM 114). *Brilliant mint state.* £200-250



246 Faisal II, Proof 10-Fils, 1953/1372h, 6.51g (KM 112). *Brilliant mint state*. £100-120



247 Faisal II, Proof 4-Fils, 1953/1372h, 3.84g (KM 111). *Brilliant mint state.* £100-120

KUWAIT



 248 'Abdullah al-Sabah (1866-1892), Æ Baisa, Kuwait 1304h (1887), 4.92g (KM 1). Weak in parts otherwise very fine, very rare. £500-700



249 Tahir b. al-Husayn (205-207h), Dirham, Madinat Herat 206h, with the name of the governor al-Shukr b. Ibrahim, Tahir cited as Dhu'l-Yaminayn, 2.86g (Lowick 2243). *Good very fine, rare.* £150-200



250Talha b. Tahir (207-213h), Dirham, Samarqand
209h, obv two solid inner circles, 2.98g (Lowick
2714 var). Very fine, scarce.£100-120



251 Talha b. Tahir, Dirham, Samarqand 210h, *talha* below *rev* legend, 3.12g (Lowick 2715 var). *Good very fine, very rare.* £400-500

DULAFID



252 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Aziz (280-284h), Dirham, Isbahan 281h, 3.07g. Very fine and very rare. £400-500



253 'Amr b. al-Layth (265-288h), Dirham, Arrajan 278h, with the names of the caliphal heirs al-Mu'tadid and al-Mufawwid, 2.97g. *Good fine*, *very rare*. £80-100



254 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Arrajan 279h, 3.17g. *Weakly struck, very fine and very rare.* £120-140



255 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Arrajan 282h, 2.88g. Some weakness in margins, very fine and very rare. £120-140



 256
 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Arrajan 284h, 3.37g.

 About very fine, rare.
 £100-120



257 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Jannaba 279h, ruler's name below *rev* legend, 3.14g. *Good fine and very rare.* £100-120



258 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Jannaba 282h, ruler's name below *obv* legend, 2.87g. *Very fine and very rare.* £150-200



259 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Jannaba 283h, ruler's name below obv legend, 2.94g. Obverse slightly double-struck, good fine and very rare.



260 'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Shiraz 283h, 2.95g (Artuk 960). Good very fine, scarce. £80-100



261'Amr b. al-Layth, Dirham, Fars 267h, 3.02g.
Good fine, scarce.£60-80



262 'Amr b. al-Layth, double-weight Dirham, Nishapur 284h, 5.77g (A 1402 var). Corrosion on reverse, small edge chip broken and re-attached, otherwise very fine, very rare. £200-250



 263
 Muhammad b. 'Amr, viceroy in Shiraz (272-274h), Dirham, Fars 273h, 2.89g (Artuk 959).

 Fine, very rare. £80-100



264 Tahir b. Muhammad (288-296h), Dirham, 'Uman 291h, citing the caliph al-Muktafi, 2.87g (*Oman -*). *About fine and extremely rare.* £1,600-1,800



265 al-Layth b. 'Ali (296-298h), Dirham, Fars 297h, bi al-nasr / wa'l-zufr / wa'l-yumn / wa'l-sa'ada in outer margins on both sides, 2.06g. Small edge chip otherwise very fine, very rare. £120-140

BANIJURID



266Muhammad b. Ahmad (260-286h), Dirham,
Balkh 284h, ruler's name on obv, 2.96g. Good
very fine, rare.£200-250



267 Muhammad b. Ahmad, Dirham, Balkh 284h, ruler's name on *rev*, 3.43g. *Some weakness*, *very fine and rare*. £150-200

SAMANID



268Isma'ilb.Ahmad(279-295h),Dirham,Samarqand 281h, obvsingle marginal legend,isma'ilbelowrevlegend,3.11g.Goodveryfine, rare.£100-120

Dirhams of this type minted at Samarqand are much rarer than those minted at al-Shash. See the footnote to lot 111.



269 Nasr II b. Ahmad (301-331h), Dinar, Jurjan 326h, 3.46g. Some weakness otherwise very fine, rare. £200-250



270 Nasr II b. Ahmad, Dinar, Qazvin 328h, 3.82g. Some weakness otherwise very fine, rare. £350-400



271 Nasr II b. Ahmad, Dinar, al-Muhammadiya 323h, 3.46g (Miles *Rayy* -). Some weakness otherwise very fine, rare. £300-400



272 Nasr II b. Ahmad, Dinar, al-Muhammadiya 325h, ornate lettering, additional words in outer margins on both sides, 3.99g. *Weak in parts, very fine and rare.* £300-400



273Nasr II b. Ahmad, Dinar, Nishapur 311h,
4.16g. Good very fine.£100-120



274Nasr II b. Ahmad, Dinar, Hamadan 330h,
4.26g (Artuk 970). Traces of mounting, very
fine and rare.£400-500



275 Nasr II b. Ahmad, double-weight Dirham, Samarqand 310h, 5.55g (cf BMC II:316). Weakly struck in parts otherwise good very fine, rare. £100-120

SU'LUKID



 276 Muhammad b. 'Ali, 2nd reign (c.314-316h), Dinar, al-Muhammadiya 315h, citing the Samanid overlord Nasr b. Ahmad, 4.04g (Miles Rayy 159 var). Flan cracks in centre, very fine and rare. £400-500

SAJID



277 Muflih al-Yusufi (c.317-323h), Dinar, Adharbayjan 323h, 5.07g. Very fine and very rare. £600-800



278 Muflih al-Yusufi, Dinar, Barda'a 320h, with the names of the caliph al-Muqtadir and the caliphal heir Abu'l-'Abbas, 3.06g. *Weak in places, very fine and very rare.* £800-1,000

KURDS OF ADHARBAYJAN



279 Daysam b. Ibrahim (c.326-341h), Dinar, Ardabil 326h, 4.23g. *Very fine and extremely rare.* £1,000-1,200



280 Daysam b. Ibrahim, Dinar, al-Maragha 329h, 4.51g. *Plugged, otherwise about very fine, extremely rare.* £200-250

ZIYARID



281 Mardawij b. Ziyar (315-323h), Dinar, al-Karaj 322h, with the names of the caliph al-Qahir and the caliphal heir Abu'l-Qasim, 4.27g (Miles *Ziyarid* pp122-123). *Small edge crack, centres weak, very fine and very rare.* £600-800



282 Mardawij b. Ziyar, Dinar, Hamadan 322h, with the names of the caliph al-Qahir and the caliphal heir Abu'l-Qasim, 3.98g. *Flan crack across centre of reverse, good fine and extremely rare.* £2,000-2,500



 283 Shams al-Ma'ali Qabus, 2nd reign (387-403h), Dirham, mintname unclear, 389h, 4.89g (A 1536). Struck off-centre, partly flat, otherwise very fine, rare. £100-120

ZIYARID REBEL



284 Bakran b. Khurshid, Dinar, uncertain mint (al-Karaj?), 323h, with the name of the caliph al-Radi, 3.02g. Edge slightly chipped, centre of reverse weakly struck, otherwise good very fine, unrecorded and excessively rare. £3,000-4,000

Bakran b. Khurshid was a general in the service of the Ziyarid ruler Mardawij b. Ziyar, and was involved in the conspiracy which plotted Mardawij's murder in 323h; this coin was presumably struck immediately after Mardawij's death. The mintname appears to begin *al-kar*, but the last letter does not appear to be a j unless it is written almost horizontally.

JULANDID



285 Ridwan b. Ja'far (c.338-349h), Dirham, Huza (Huzu) 346h, 3.39g (*Oman* p133). Some weakness in margins, very fine and very rare. £400-500

BUWAYHID



286 Rukn al-dawla (335-366h), Dirham, al-Muhammadiya 363h, without the name of the caliph, 2.41g (Treadwell Mu363a; Miles Rayy -). Small edge flaw, very fine and rare. £100-120



287 'Adud al-dawla (338-372h), Dinar, al-Basra 372h, 3.93g (Treadwell Ba372G). Extremely fine, scarce. £250-300



 288 Samsam al dawla al-Marzuban, as governor of Khuzistan (367-372h), Dirham, 'Uman 367h, citing 'Adud al-dawla and Rukn aldawla, 3.66g (Treadwell Um367b; Oman p135). Good fine and scarce. £160-180



289 Samsam al-dawla al-Marzuban, as ruler in Fars & Kirman (380-388h), Dirham, 'Uman 381h, citing Fakhr al-dawla as overlord, 4.99g (Treadwell Um381a; Oman p135). Good fine. £140-160



290 Samsam al-dawla al-Marzuban, as ruler in Fars & Kirman, Dirham, 'Uman 382h, citing Fakhr al-dawla as overlord, 5.87g (Treadwell Um382a; *Oman* p135). *Very fine*. £160-180



291 Samsam al-dawla al-Marzuban, as ruler in Fars & Kirman, Dirham, 'Uman 383h, citing Fakhr al-dawla as overlord, 4.97g (Treadwell Um383). *Very fine.* £140-160



292 Samsam al-dawla al-Marzuban, as ruler in Fars & Kirman, Dirham, 'Uman 386h, citing Fakhr al-dawla as overlord, 4.06g (Treadwell Um386). *Very fine*. £140-160



293 Samsam al-dawla al-Marzuban, as ruler in Fars & Kirman, Dirham, 'Uman 387h, citing Fakhr al-dawla as overlord, 5.50g (Treadwell Um387b). *About very fine*. £140-160



294Baha' al-dawla Abu Nasr (388-403h), Dirham,
Shiraz 391h, 4.26g (Treadwell Sh391b). Weak
in places, very fine and rare.£100-120



 295 Sultan al-dawla Abu Shuja' (403-412h), Dirham, Shiraz 415h, issued by Musharrif aldawla after the deposition of Sultan al-dawla, rev field: lillah / muhammad rasul allah / salla allah 'alihi wa salam / malik al-muluk al-'adil / 'imad aldin / abu shuja', 3.20g (Treadwell Sh415b var). Good very fine, very rare. £200-250



296 Abu Kalinjar (415-440h), Dirham, Shiraz 436h, *obv* legends arranged in ornate hexagonal design, 4.68g (Treadwell Sh436). *Very fine and very rare.* £400-500

HASANWAYHID



297 Badr b. Hasanwayh (369-405h), Dirham, al-Rur 396h or 397h, with the name of the Buwayhid overlord Baha' al-dawla Abu Nasr, hexagonal design on both sides, 5.72g. *Only fine but very rare.* £150-200



298 Badr b. Hasanwayh, Dirham, Saburkhwast 403h, with the name of the Buwayhid overlord Abu Shuja', 4.67g. *Some scratches, margins partly flat, fine and rare.* £100-120

KAKWAYHID



299 Muhammad b. Dushmanzar (398-433h), Dirham, mintname (Burujird) not visible, 418h, ruler cited as 'Ala al-dawla, 3.88g. Margins mostly flat, otherwise very fine, very rare. £100-120

GHAZNAVID



 300
 Ma'sud (421-432h), Dinar, Ghazna 431h, single

 obv margin, 4.14g (SNAT XIVd:305 var).
 Good

 very fine.
 £100-120



301 Mawdud (432-440h), Dinar, Ghazna 432h, 3.67g (SNAT XIVd:306 var). Good very fine, rare in this condition. £200-250

GREAT SELJUQ



302 Takash Beg (c.454-477h), Dinar, Balkh, date unclear, citing Malikshah as overlord and the caliph al-Muqtadi, 5.13g. *Some light scratches, very fine and rare.* £160-180



303Sanjar, as viceroy under Barkiyaruq (490-
492h), Dinar, Balkh 492h, rev throne verse,
4.48g (SNAT XIVc:769). Partly flat, otherwise
very fine, very rare.£200-250



304 Sanjar (511-552h), Dinar, Balkh 517h or 519h, *obv* throne verse, *rev* field: *sanjar bin malikshah* in small central circle, other legends arranged around, 2.38g (SNAT XIVc:782). *Reverse slightly double-struck, good fine and rare.* £140-160

SELJUQ OF WESTERN IRAN



305 Mahmud II (511-525h), Dinar, Isfahan 517h, citing the Great Seljuq ruler Sanjar as overlord, 3.51g. *Very fine.* £120-140

SELJUQ OF KIRMAN



306 Turanshah I (477-490h), Dinar, Bamm 482h, citing the Great Seljuq ruler Malikshah (as Mu'izz al-din) as overlord, 2.32g. *Peripheral weakness, otherwise very fine, rare.* £200-250

GHORID



307Mu'izz al-din Muhammad b. Sam (567-602h),
Dinar, posthumous issue, Ghazna 603h, 6.88g
(BMC Dehli 7). Slightly double-struck, otherwise
good very fine, rare.£300-400



308Taj al-din Yildiz (602-612h), Dinar, mintname
and date not visible, *rev* central legend within
small double circle, ruler's name in margin,
6.67g. Margins mostly flat, otherwise very fine,
very rare.£300-400



309 Taj al-din Yildiz, Dinar, mintname and most
of date not visible, *rev* central legend within
large single circle, ruler's name in margin,
8.46g. Some weakness otherwise good very fine,
very rare.£300-400

GHORID OF BAMIYAN



310 Jalal al-din 'Ali b. Sam (602-611h), Dinar, Walwalij 603h, 4.64g (SNAT XIVc:1299). Obverse struck off-centre, minor weakness otherwise very fine, very rare. £300-400



311 Jalal al-din 'Ali b. Sam, Dinar, mintname (Walwalij) and date (605h) not visible, citing the Khwarizmshah 'Ala al-din Muhammad as overlord, 4.75g (SNAT XIVc:1302-1303 [same dies]). *Margins mostly flat, otherwise very fine, very rare.* £200-250

QALHATI AMIRS OF HORMUZ



312 Sayf al-din Nusrat Shah (c.677-689h), Dinar, Hormuz 678h, citing the Ilkhanid ruler Abaqa as overlord, 7.41g (A 1941). *Slightly buckled*, *very fine and extremely rare*. £600-800

TIMURID



315 Timur (771-807h), silver Dinar Kebeki, Astarabad 788h, citing the Chaghatayid ruler Suyurghatmish as overlord, 8.56g (A 2372). *Some peripheral weakness otherwise good very fine, very rare.* £150-200



316 Timur, silver Tanka, Dimashq 803h, with the name of the Chaghatayid overlord Mahmud, 6.13g (cf A Z2386). *Slightly double-struck, good fine and extremely rare.* £400-500

Timur invaded Syria in 803h and captured Damascus, at which time these coins were struck. Album states that only double-tankas of this type were known to have survived.

Ilkhanid



313 Gaykhatu (690-694h), Dinar, Tabriz 691h, ruler's name given as Irenjin Turji, 4.29g. *Good very fine.* £100-120



314 Uljaytu (703-716h), silver Dinar, type B, Isfarayin 711h, 12.71g. *Edge filed, good very fine, rare.* £200-250

BUKHARA



317 Haidar Tora (1215-1242h), Tilla, Bukhara 1215h, with title *abu'l-ghazi, obv* legend within teardrop cartouche, *rev* legend within circle, 4.59g (BMC VII:172). *Extremely fine, rare.* £200-250



318 Haidar Tora, Tilla, Bukhara 1226/1225h, with title *amir al-mu'minin, obv* legend within tear-drop cartouche, *rev* legend within octagon, 4.59g (A 3029.2). *About extremely fine, scarce.* £150-200



319 Haidar Tora, Tilla, Bukhara 1235h, in the name of Amir Ma'sum, 4.57g (BMC VII:188). *Extremely fine, scarce.* £200-250



320 Muzaffar al-din (1277-1303h), Tilla, Bukhara 1284h, 4.56g (A 3038). *Very fine.* £80-100



321 'Abd al-Ahad (1303-1329h), Tilla, Bukhara 1324h, 4.54g (A 3041). *Slightly double-struck, good very fine.* £80-100

KHOQAND



322 Muhammad Malla Khan, 1st reign (1275-1278h), Tilla, Dar al-Sultanat Khoqand 1277h, 4.46g (A 3063). *Good very fine, scarce.* £200-250



323 Khudayar Khan, 3rd reign (1282-1292h), Tilla, Dar al-Sultanat Khoqand 1283h, 4.53g (A 3074). *Good very fine, scarce.* £200-250