

Lobed terminal of a roof-tile decorated with dragon motif from Ming tombs near Beijing

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	838 
Type:	ceramics; architectural fragment
Date of production:	17th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	earthenware
Techniques:	glazed; stamped
Dimensions:	height: 2 cm length: 21.7 cm
Acquisition:	bequest of Zoltán Felvinczi Takács

On Chinese roofs, terminals of roof tiles were either circular (Chinese gotou) or semicircular, lobed tiles with a curved rim (Chinese dishui). Cloud-shaped, glazed terminals are characteristic examples of the latter type. The ornamental panel, framed with a broad, protuberant rim, depicts the figure of a dragon flying among clouds.

