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## [Hangchow] Xuntien alias Quinzay

**Stock#:** 69890  
**Map Maker:** Merian  
**Date:** 1640 circa  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10.25 x 7.25 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Scarce early and unusual plan of the Chinese city of Quinzay [Hangchow], based upon the magnificent account given by Venetian Marco Polo in the late 12th Century of the great city of Quinzay.

Quinzay is derived from the Chinese name King-sze meaning "Capital" or great city. The actual name for Quinzay in this period was Lin-ngan, now Hangchow on China's East coast which was in the 12th Century the capital of the ruling Sung Dynasty. Marco Polo recounted perhaps with his typical tendency for over-exaggeration its 12000 bridges, its massive network of canals, its paved roads and its large Lake [Si-hu or Western Lake] some 30 miles in diameter with island pavilions and palaces upon it. Jansson reproduces this information with fanciful embellishment.

### Detailed Condition: