

CLOISONNÉ ENAMEL VASE

In turquoise=blue, lapis=lazuli blue, red, yellow, and white. Decorated in the upper part with four dragons, each pair surrounding the character for long life (*shou*), and in the lower part with four heads of a mythical monster whose eyes and nose are clearly outlined—derived from archaic bronzes. On the base are represented rocky isles emerging from ocean waves, and winged horses. Movable brass rings are inserted in the loop handles.

MING PERIOD

Middle of Fifteenth Century