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An elongated storage jar with a lid, which became known later in Italian as the apothecary albarellò, was widely produced in the western Muslim world.

This Ilkhanid example was clearly inspired by such western Islamic models.



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The nature of creativity

If art lacked technical expertise then intricate geometric patterns would not be possible – symmetrical shape and timeless excellence would never be achieved and fundamental simplicity would only be a secondary concern. Thus the nature of creativity is much more than purely artistic, practical know-how and systematic methodology are crucial. In the creation of new and innovative products and services, no less applies. Creativity in the world of Islamic banking is the product of expertise, knowing how to best serve the needs of your customer and applying ageless fundamentals.

The artwork of many Islamic cultures, spanning three continents and 1500 years, uses simple geometry to create objects of complex beauty that are timeless in its appeal. Islamic banking abides by the Shari'ah, a set of principles, that like the principles of geometry are fixed and unwavering, yet like geometry in art, when applied in the world of financing, provides protection, comfort, security, pleasure and above all, an unmatched service to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

This financial year is one of change for Albaraka Bank. Restructuring from the top, we look to our past for the firm footing and sound foundations on which to build our future success. Although our fundamental principles remain the same, we now look to streamlining our infrastructure so that our customers have clear and trouble-free access to our consultants and services. We look forward to integrating and upgrading our technologies to provide creative products to fulfil our customers' diverse financial needs.



Spherical incense burners, few of which have survived, were hung from the ceiling or from the vault of an arch, and the ingenious system of gimbals (also called cardan joints) inside the sphere stabilised the burning incense in the swinging container.