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### Europa delineata et recens edita per Nicolaum Visscher

**Stock#:** 94137  
**Map Maker:** Visscher I  
**Date:** 1660 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21.5 x 17 inches  
**Price:** \$ 975.00



#### Description:

Fine old color example of Nicolas Visscher's map of Europe.

Among the many great Dutch map publishers active in the 17th Century were the Visscher family, begun by Claes Jansz Visscher (1587-1652) and continued by his son Nicolaas (1618-1679), grandson Nicolaas II (1649-1702) and then by his grandson's widow, Elizabeth until her death in 1726. Although mainly art dealers, the Visschers were prolific publishers, producing individual maps and also atlases made up to their customers' specifications.

This map of Europe is particularly attractive; finely engraved with discreet decorative sailing ships, monsters and compass roses adorning the seas.

In the lower right hand corner of the map a dedication to Simoni Van Hoorn of Amsterdam is shown complete with family arms.

Title: Simon Van Hoorn: A Leader and Diplomat of 17th Century Amsterdam

Simon Van Hoorn (1618-1667) was an eminent figure in the Dutch Golden Age. His multifaceted career as a mayor, governor, militia captain, curator, and envoy made him a central figure in Amsterdam's political and cultural landscape, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to be celebrated.

Elevated to the position of mayor of Amsterdam in 1659, Van Hoorn's leadership coincided with the city's economic zenith. In addition to his mayoral duties, Van Hoorn served as the governor of the Dutch East



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India Company (VOC). Van Hoorn was a curator of the Athenaeum Illustre, the predecessor of the University of Amsterdam.

Van Hoorn's diplomatic acumen was put to the test in 1660 when he was appointed as an envoy to Charles II of England. Along with Johannes Klencke, he represented Dutch interests at the English court, further underscoring his pivotal role in shaping Amsterdam's international relations.

**Detailed Condition:**