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Calabria, Tarentum



Silver nomos, 21 mm, 6.30 gm.
Obv. Youth on horseback right, crowning horse with wreath.
Rev. Phalanthos riding dolphin left, holding Phrygian helmet; two stars flanking

Ca. 280-272 BC.

Tarentum (Taras) was founded in 706 BC by Dorian immigrants from Sparta. It became a commercial power and a sovereign city of Magna Graecia, ruling over the Greek colonies in southern Italy. The coinage features images of Taras (Phalanthos), the mythical founder of the city being saved from a shipwreck by a dolphin.

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