

SIDE GALLERY

FRANCO ALBINI (1905-1977)



Set of six dining chairs with arms

Manufactured by Forma Brasil
Brasil, 1950s
Solid jacaranda wood and fabric

Measurements

58 cm x 55 cm x 77h cm
22,83 in x 21,65 in x 30,31h in

Edition

This model is a variant of model produced by Knoll. Carlos Hauner and Martin Eisler, owners of Forma Brasil at the time, bought the rights to produce some of the pieces from the catalogue of Knoll, among others these chairs by Franco Albini.

Biography

Franco Albini was an Italian NeoRationalist architect and designer, he obtained his degree in architecture at Politecnico di Milano University and began his professional career working for Gio Ponti. In 1930 he opened his own practice.

In his creations, he used raw, inexpensive materials. He exploited the very skilled Italian craftsmanship. This also meant an elegant design based on a minimalist aesthetic.

In 1950 he designed the famous "Margherita" and "Gala" chairs, made of woven cane. Also in 1952 he created the « Fiorenza », in 1955 the "Luisa" chair and in 1956 the "Rocking chaise" for Poggi. Franco Albini works for many companies like: Brionvega, Cassina, Arflex, Arteluce and Poggi.

As writer and editor, from 1945 to 1946 he worked for the Italian magazine Casabella.