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JOE COLOMBO (1930-1971)

Pair of armchairs

From the series "Additional System"

Manufactured by Sormani

Italy, 1968

Aluminium, Polyurethane, upholstery

Measurements

78,74 cm x 80 cm x 68,58h cm

30 in x 31,49 in x 27 in

Literature

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Biography

Joe Colombo was born in Milan in 1930. Essentially self-taught, he attended the Academy in Brera and then the faculty of Architecture at the Politecnico in Milan for a few years. Before becoming a designer he worked as a painter, builder, car salesman and entrepreneur in the electrics field. The technological utopia of Joe Colombo's designs encompasses many of the hopes of the Sixties in Italy and Europe without becoming imprisoned by ideological restraints.