

# SIDE GALLERY

ITALIAN MANUFACTURE (1950)



**Pair of Armchairs**  
Italian manufacture  
Italy, 1950s  
Wood

**Measurements**  
54 cm x 84 cm x 60cm  
21,2 in x 33 in x 23,6 in

## History

There are districts of Italy where furniture manufacturers have been focusing for many decades on the production of high quality chairs. The largest chairs industries have been mostly developing models suitable for mass production ideal to be used as hotel and restaurant chairs. They are mainly based on the north-east of Italy. Brianza (Lombardy), Manzano (Friuli Venezia Giulia), Bassano del Grappa, Cerea and Bovolone (Veneto) are some of the world famous areas for the production of Italian furniture.

The production of the first chairs in these areas dates back to the medieval time but the step into mass production can be placed right at the beginning of the 20th centuries.

Italian furniture manufacturers are well known for their exquisite design and style; many Italian producers have developed design chairs, which are part of some exclusive luxury furniture collection. These are unique and often designed by famous Italian architects and designers, as Carlo Mollino, Scarpa Afra e Tobia, Gio Ponti, Giuseppe Gaetano Descalzi and Harry Bertoia.