

# SIDE GALLERY

GIANFRANCO FRATTINI



## Armchair Model 849

Manufactured by Cassina  
Italy, 1956  
Wood, Leather

## Measurements

73 x 70 x 82h cm  
28,7 x 27,6 x 32,3h in

## Provenance

Private collection, Milano

## Literature

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206, Allemandi, 1999; G. Bosoni, *Made in Cassina*,  
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## Biography

**Gianfranco Frattini** was born in Italy on May 15, 1926. He graduated with a degree in architecture from the Politecnico di Milano in 1953. Frattini opened his own professional practice in Milan, after having worked in the office of his teacher and mentor Gi Pont, Frattini became an industrial designer by default when he lacked appropriate lighting and furniture for his interiors. His collaboration with Cesare Cassina for his namesake company started in 1954, followed by collaborations with many other manufacturers, such as Bernini, Arteluce, Acerbis, Fantoni, Artemide, Luci, Knoll, Lema and many others. In 1956 he co-founded Associazione per il Disegno Industriale and throughout his career he practiced both industrial design and architecture, focusing mostly on interiors. He was a board member of the Triennale. Great connoisseur of wood craftsmanship, he forged a long and fruitful professional partnership with the master craftsman from Bovisio Masciago (Milan), Pierluigi Ghianda.