

SIDE GALLERY

FRENCH DESIGN



Set of Gondola Armchairs

Artisanal production
France, 1960s
Woven rattan and wicker

Measurements

81 x 61 x 66h cm
31,9 x 24 x 26h in

Provenance

Private collection, France

About

This rare suite of four gondola-style armchairs exemplifies mid-century French craftsmanship in rattan and wicker. Likely produced in the 1960s by an artisanal atelier, the chairs combine an open, geometric backrest grid with a tight basket-woven cuvette seat. The flared base, adorned with a frieze of looping rattan petals, adds a sculptural and decorative quality typical of the era's organic modernism.

Elegant yet expressive, these chairs reflect the broader postwar interest in natural materials and tropical aesthetics, popularized by French Riviera interiors and colonial-inspired leisure design. Their open construction and tactile texture offer both visual lightness and handcrafted integrity, making them ideal for indoor or semi-covered environments.

Though unattributed, the armchairs share affinities with the works of mid-century French rattan designers and workshops such as Rohe, Angraves, and others active in the south of France, where the interplay of craft and modernity thrived.