

SIDE GALLERY

JOAQUIM TENREIRO



Office Chair

Manufactured by Tenreiro Moveis e Decorações
Brazil, 1950s
Wood and cane

Measurements

56,5 × 50 × 86h cm
22,2 × 19,7 × 33,9h in

Provenance

Private collection

Literature

Comparable examples illustrated in: Aracy Amaral,
Joaquim Tenreiro: Pioneer of Modern Brazilian
Furniture, São Paulo, 1998.

Biography

Joaquim Tenreiro (1906–1992) was a Portuguese-born Brazilian artist, sculptor, and designer, recognized as a key figure in the development of modern furniture in Brazil. Trained in both fine arts and traditional woodworking, he brought a unique sensibility to his designs—merging craftsmanship with a distinctly modern aesthetic rooted in simplicity, proportion, and material integrity.

After working for several furniture manufacturers in the 1930s and 1940s, he co-founded his own workshop and helped define the language of Brazilian modernism. His pieces, often made from native woods and characterized by lightness and geometric clarity, influenced a generation of architects and designers, and remain icons of 20th-century design.