

# SIDE GALLERY

TENDO MOKKO



## Modular Seating Bench with Integrated Table

Manufactured by Tendo Mokko  
Japan, 1965  
Teak, steel, upholstered fabric

### Measurements

215 × 60 × 63h cm  
84,6 × 23,6 × 24,8h in

### Provenance

Private collection, Japan

### Literature

Charlotte & Peter Fiell, 1000 Chairs, Taschen, Cologne,  
2017

Penny Sparke, Japanese Design, Museum of Modern Art,  
New York, 2000

## About Tendo Mokko

Located in Yamagata Prefecture in northern Japan, Tendo Mokko was founded in 1942 as a cooperative of highly skilled carpenters and woodworkers. Initially established to produce wooden components and industrial goods, the company soon became a pioneer of modern furniture manufacturing in Japan through its early adoption of molded plywood technology.

Following the Second World War, Tendo Mokko played a decisive role in shaping the identity of Japanese modern design. By collaborating with architects and designers such as Kenzo Tange, Sori Yanagi, Isamu Kenmochi, and Riki Watanabe, the company bridged traditional Japanese craftsmanship with industrial precision. Their landmark production of Sori Yanagi's Butterfly Stool in 1956 established Tendo internationally and demonstrated the expressive and structural potential of molded plywood.

Throughout the 1960s, the company developed a refined vocabulary characterized by architectural clarity, honest expression of materials, and meticulous construction. Today, Tendo Mokko remains one of the world's most respected furniture manufacturers, celebrated for its innovation, craftsmanship, and enduring contribution to modern design history.