

SIDE GALLERY

GIANFRANCO FRATTINI



Side Table

Manufactured by Cassina
Italy, 1960s
Rosewood, Glass, Brass

Measurements

114,3 x 38,1h cm
45 x 15h in

Biography

Gianfranco Frattini was born in Italy on May 15, 1926. He graduated in architecture from the prestigious Politecnico di Milano in 1953. Shortly after, he established his own professional practice in Milan, following a formative experience working under his teacher and mentor, the legendary Giò Ponti.

Frattini's journey into industrial design began out of necessity—he lacked suitable lighting and furniture for his interior projects. This led him to create custom pieces, ultimately becoming a celebrated industrial designer. In 1954, he began a long-standing collaboration with Cesare Cassina for his namesake company, which paved the way for partnerships with many iconic manufacturers, including Bernini, Arteluce, Acerbis, Fantoni, Artemide, Luci, Knoll, Lema, and others.

In 1956, Frattini co-founded the Associazione per il Disegno Industriale (Association for Industrial Design), an organization dedicated to advancing the discipline of industrial design in Italy. Throughout his career, he practiced both industrial design and architecture, with a particular focus on interior design. His dedication to the craft earned him a position as a board member of the Triennale di Milano, further solidifying his influence in the world of design.