TOGO MURANO



Side Table Model B
Manufactured by Yamagiwa
Japan, 1950s
Beech plywood, solid beechwood, clear lacquer finish

Measurements
60 × 60 × 45h cm
23,6 × 23,6 × 17,7h in

Provenance
Miyako Hotel, Kyoto,
designed by Togo Murano

Literature
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About
The Side Table Model B, attributed to Japanese architect **Togo Murano** and dating from the 1950s, reflects his approach to furniture design through organic forms, refined proportions and material sensitivity. Associated with the Miyako Hotel in Kyoto, it features a softly rounded beech plywood tabletop with solid beechwood edging, supported by four slender tapered legs. Its natural finish highlights the warmth of the wood, while its restrained construction and sculptural silhouette demonstrate Murano's integration of functional design and architectural harmony.

Biography
Togo Murano (1891–1984) was one of Japan's leading twentieth-century architects. After graduating from Waseda University in 1918, he established his own practice in Osaka in 1929. His work combined European modernist influences with traditional Japanese craftsmanship, emphasizing refined materials, spatial harmony and meticulous detail. Working across architecture, interiors and furniture, Murano developed a distinctive approach in which every element contributed to the overall identity of a space.