SIDE GALLERY

TOGO MURANO



High Table
Manufactured by Yamagiwa
Japan, 1950s
Beech plywood, solid beechwood, clear lacquer finish

Measurements
45 × 32 × 70h cm
17,7 × 12,6 × 27,6h in

Provenance
Miyako Hotel, Kyoto, designed by Togo Murano

Literature
Kyoto Institute of Technology Museum and Archives, ed. Togo Murano and His Clients: The Architecture and Drawings of Kintetsu Tokyo: Kokusho Kankokai, 2017. Includes a section on the Miyako Hotel.
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About
This high table, attributed to Japanese architect Togo Murano and associated with the Miyako Hotel in Kyoto, reflects his integration of traditional craftsmanship and modern architectural principles. Its asymmetrical curved tabletop, slender wooden legs and clear lacquer finish highlight the natural warmth of beechwood. The restrained yet sculptural design demonstrates Murano's attention to proportion, material and the relationship between furniture and interior space.

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.

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