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GIO PONTI AND PIERO FORNASETTI

armchair from Vembi-Burroughs, Genoa

Cassina | Italy, 1950 | lithographic transfer-printed skai, ash, brass
33 h × 22¼ w × 20½ d in (84 × 57 × 52 cm)

Ponti designed the interior of the offices for Vembi-Burroughs, a calculator manufacturing company with locations in Turin and Genoa. Using a yellow palette in Genoa and a blue palette in Turin, each space reflected a sense of luminosity and openness typical of Ponti's masterful architecture. The designs incorporate a gracefulness within their functionalist aesthetic. Works produced in collaboration with Piero Fornasetti appeared in both locations.

Provenance: Vembi-Burroughs, Genoa, Italy | Private collection

Literature: *Gio Ponti: L'Arte Si Innamora Dell'Industria*, La Pietra, pg. 194 illustrates in situ *Gio Ponti: Interni Oggetti Disegni 1920-1976*, Falconi, pg. 243 *Domus 1950-1954*, Volume III, Fiell, ppg. 270-275 illustrate in situ

Estimate: \$15,000–20,000

Result: \$18,000

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