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GIO PONTI

coffee table from Villa Arreaza, Caracas, Venezuela

Giordano Chiesa | Italy, 1954 | enameled steel, brass, glass
15 h x 35½ w in (38 x 90 cm)

Following the completion of the Arreaza residence, the commission was coined the Diamond House. The diamond motif appears throughout Ponti's work, and manifests here in the lattice construction of the table base. The panels of the table exhibit a different color scheme on each side, echoing the colorful palette of the Villa, one of Ponti's most important, comprehensive commissions. Sold with certificate of authentication from the Gio Ponti Archives.

Provenance: Arreaza Family, Caracas, Venezuela Private collection

Literature: *Tre Ville Inventate*, Porcu and Stocchi, ppg. 70-99 illustrate and discuss commission *Gio Ponti: The Complete Work 1923-1978*, Ponti, ppg. 180-181

Estimate: \$50,000–70,000

Result: \$156,000

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