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## GIO PONTI coffee table

Italy, c. 1950 | bleached mahogany, lacquered wood, glass  
18½ h × 45 w × 18 d in (47 × 114 × 46 cm)

During the early 1950s, Gio Ponti created sketches and maquettes featuring an ovoid table with a sculptural void. (See Gio Ponti Archives, Item No. 07045.) Due to the complex nature of the design, the table was not profitable for mass production and only a few related artisan-crafted examples were produced as Ponti refined his design.

Sold with certificate of authenticity from Gio Ponti Archives.

**Provenance:** Denis Bousselet, Paris | Private collection, New York

**Literature:** *Gio Ponti: The Complete Work 1923-1978*, Ponti, pg. 166 illustrates similar example  
*Italianisches Mobeldesign, Klassiker von 1945 bis 1985*, Bangert, pg. 129

**Estimate:** \$100,000–125,000

**Result:** \$132,000

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