

DESIGN



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LUDWIG MIES VAN DER ROHE

pair of Tugendhat chairs from 860 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Germany, 1928/1983 | chrome-plated brass, leather
31 h × 33 w × 30½ d in (79 × 84 × 77 cm)

In 1928-1930, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe designed the Tugendhat Villa and specified all the furnishings for this modern home; his Tugendhat and Brno chairs were first introduced with this renowned commission. Donald Powell and Robert Kleinschmidt worked with a Toronto-based manufacturer to develop a special alloy for the production of this pair of chairs. Following the original plans, this pair of chairs uses this alloy for increased tensile strength and durability.

Provenance: Collection of Don Powell, Chicago

Literature: *Interior Design*, September 1985, ppg. 232-233, 235 illustrate in situ *Mies van der Rohe Furniture and Interiors*, Blaser, pg. 69 *Mies van der Rohe: Less Is More*, Blaser, ppg. 58-59 *Ludwig Mies van der Rohe: Furniture and Furniture Drawings from the Design Collection and the Mies van der Rohe Archive*, Glaeser, ppg. 54-57

Estimate: \$7,000–9,000

Result: \$36,250

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