

# DESIGN



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## PETROLEUM CLUB OF HOUSTON chandelier

USA, c. 1963 | hand-hammered aluminum, Venini wheel-carved glass  
32 h x 64 dia in (81 x 163 cm)

The Petroleum Club of Houston was designed by architect George Pierce and interior designer William Parker McFadden. Inspired by the geography and history of oil fields, the color of the glass shades reflects the opalescence of petroleum while the silver frames are reminiscent of early oil-burning lamps. Made with high-quality materials, McFadden commissioned Venini to create the wheel-carved shades for the chandeliers.

Sold with smaller tier (not shown) measuring: 43 dia x 30 h inches.

**Provenance:** Petroleum Club of Houston | Private collection

**Literature:** *The Finest in the Land: The Story of the Petroleum Club of Houston*, Donahue, pg. 161

**Estimate:** \$15,000–20,000

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