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TAICHIRO NAKAI rare and important sofa

Esposizione Permanente Mobili | Japan, 1954 | upholstery, enameled steel
28½ h × 93 w × 51 d in (72 × 236 × 130 cm)

This rare sofa successfully combines the dynamic formal qualities of postwar design with the restraint and elegance of Japanese aesthetics. The design was an award-winning entry for the 1955 *Concorso internazionale del Mobile*, Cantu. The jury for the competition included Alvar Aalto, Finn Juhl, Gio Ponti and Carlo de Carli.

Provenance: Private European collection

Literature: *Mobili Tipo*, Aloï, pg. 108

Estimate: \$30,000–40,000

Result: \$38,100

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