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AFRA AND TOBIA SCARPA set of ten Africa chairs from the Artona series

Maxalto | Italy, 1975 | walnut, ebony, leather, brass
31 h × 22 w × 18 d in (79 × 56 × 46 cm)

The *Artona* series was the first line produced by Maxalto, the specialist division of B&B Italia set up in 1975 to concentrate exclusively on the production of high-end, artisanal wood furniture. The series, which included The *Africa* chair, was a rebellion against the prevailing use of plastics in design during the preceding period.

Signed with impressed manufacturer's mark to each example.

Literature: *Repertorio 1950-1980*, Gramigna, pg. 415 *Afra e Tobia Scarpa: Architetti e Designers*, Piva, pg. 146 *Casa Vogue*, December 1975, pg. 95

Estimate: \$20,000–30,000

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