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ISOKON FURNITURE COMPANY

Rare and Early stool/table with trays

Venesta for Isokon Furniture Company | United Kingdom/Estonia, c. 1933 | birch plywood, steel stool: $17\% \text{ h} \times 13 \text{ w} \times 13 \text{ d}$ in ($45 \times 33 \times 33 \text{ cm}$)

top tray: $\frac{3}{4}$ h × 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ dia in (2 × 44 cm)

bottom tray: $2 \text{ h} \times 15\% \text{ w} \times 10\% \text{ d in } (5 \times 40 \times 27 \text{ cm})$

In 1936 while working as a consultant for the Isokon company, Walter Gropius modified the original design by tightening the corners of the seat and cut-out sides. He would later use both versions in the Isobar restaurant and club at the Lawn Road Flats (Isokon Building) which opened in 1937. This rare and early example remains true to the original design.

This example features two removable trays and can be used as a stool or table. Branded manufacturer's mark to underside of each tray 'Venesta'.

Provenance: Private Collection, Scotland | Acquired from the previous by the present owner

Estimate: \$2,000-3,000

Result: \$8,750

