



## Alvar Aalto Round Dining Table, 1935

Designer: **Alvar Aalto**

**£1,900**

### DESCRIPTION

**Round Table by Alvar Aalto**

**An original pre-war example of Aalto's iconic table series, imported by Finmar Ltd.**

Alvar Aalto is one of the masters of 20th century architecture. Designing both houses and public buildings, Aalto created his own brand of modernism, which adhered to the implementation of modern materials, open plan living and form following function, all with a connection to nature. This culminated in a distinct use of organic forms and locally abundant Finnish birch wood in his designs. His buildings connect to their surroundings and this tactile and organic approach carried through to his furniture designs for his company Artek.

In the late 1920's Aalto collaborated with the Finnish furniture manufacturer Korhonen to explore new production techniques. Aalto's L-Leg was borne out of experiments in bending plywood and solid wood to create modernist furniture. Aalto's revolutionary patented 'bent-knee' leg design was developed from 1933 providing a solution to a historical and practical structural problem of connecting the vertical and horizontal.

The use of wood was considered more humane, and softer than the sterile tubular steel advocated by Bauhaus designers. A harmonious and innovative resolution was achieved through inserting thin laminates into slots cut into the solid birch leg and provided the basis for an extensive range of table shapes and sizes as well as his classic range of stools chairs and storage furniture.

The example offered is c.1935-1938, evident from the Finmar importers label and early construction details. The top has been refinished to the original specification black 'piano' lacquer finish. The manufacturer Artek was founded in 1935 by Aalto, alongside Aino Aalto, Maire Gullichsen, and Nils-Gustav Hahl.

## DIMENSIONS

91.5dia x 69cmh

## MATERIALS

Pressed plywood and laminated birch.

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