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ETHIOPIAN COFFEE TRAY

$980

c. 1950 • Ethiopia • Wood • Collection #CAA1295

W: 24.75″ D: 8.5″ H: 5.75″

This simple, rectangular tray is raised by four legs and was likely used as a part of the Ethiopian ritual of serving coffee to visitors or family. After cleansing the area with incense, coffee beans are roasted, hand-ground, and brewed, with special care taken to disperse the aromatics. The prepared coffee if then poured from a high height into cups set on a raised table such as this one. Reminiscent of African animal-form stools, this animated tray is carved with clean lines and a minimal form.

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