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Art Deco Display Cabinet In Burr Walnut Veneer, Circa 1925



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wallnut

Width : 82 cm

Height : 160 cm

Depth : 41 cm

Description

Historical and stylistic context
This display cabinet is a characteristic example of Art Deco furniture from the 1920s, a period marked by the pursuit of refined geometry, luxurious veneers, and the integration of noble materials with subtle metallic accents. It reflects the aesthetic principles that emerged in European decorative arts following the 1925 Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, which defined the stylistic language of the Art Deco movement.
The cabinet's architectural base, balanced vertical proportions, and restrained decorative vocabulary embody the synthesis of elegance and structural clarity that defines high-quality Art Deco cabinetry.
Materials and veneer work

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The cabinet is veneered in burr walnut (walnut burl veneer), a prized material widely used in luxury furniture of the period for its complex and richly figured grain.

The veneer panels are arranged in symmetrical bookmatched compositions, creating dramatic natural patterns across the lower façade and side panels. This technique, widely employed by Art Deco cabinetmakers, transforms the wood grain itself into the principal decorative motif.

The warm tones of the walnut and the carefully polished surface emphasize the contrast between the swirling grain patterns and the deeper tonal variations typical of burl wood.

Construction and decorative elements

The cabinet stands on an architectural base supported by four spherical feet, a distinctive feature frequently encountered in refined Art Deco furniture.

The base is further accentuated by a brass banding, providing a refined visual transition between the wooden structure and the floor. This combination of noble wood and metal detailing is characteristic of the decorative vocabulary of the period.

The door features a metal handle and escutcheon in a streamlined Art Deco design, while the continuous brass hinges underline the quality and durability of the cabinet's construction.

Interior arrangement

The interior is fitted with two adjustable glass shelves, supported by metal brackets. The cabinet also features original beveled glass panels, including the door and side glazing, allowing for optimal visibility of displayed objects.

The presence of lateral glazing enhances the luminosity of the interior and reflects the cabinet's intended function as a display piece for decorative objects such as ceramics, glassware, or small sculptures.

Condition

The cabinet is presented in excellent condition following professional restoration. The veneers have been carefully preserved and revived, and

the metal fittings cleaned while maintaining their period character.
Overall, the piece retains the elegance and craftsmanship typical of high-quality Art Deco cabinetry.
Function and placement
With its refined proportions and striking veneer patterns, this cabinet is ideally suited as a display piece in an Art Deco, modern classic, or eclectic interior, where it can elegantly present collections of decorative objects, porcelain, or art pieces.

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