PANTHER WERKSTATTE HAGENAUER CA. 1950

Panther on a tree, Werkstatte Hagenauer Vienna,
ca. 1950, carved wood and brass, marked

With its exotic motif and remarkable size, the large wildcat represents an exception among Hagenauer’s animal figures. Relaxed yet alert, the panther sits on a big branch as it would be seen in its natural habitat. As usual, the depiction is strongly stylized. Nevertheless, some details are carefully worked out, for example the finely carved ears, large paws, or the dangling tail. Combining the dark animal’s body with the lighter wood of the branch makes it very special. The slight reflection of the panther in the polished brass base creates an additional, unexpected effect, as if the panther is sitting on a branch that reaches out above the water.
This wildcat, an outstanding object from the 1950s, stands for an elegant design in combination with superb craftsmanship.

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