



**Chest by Josef Hoffmann
(1870-1956), painted by Franz
Von Zülow (1883-1963),
Vienna, 1945. Painted
wood, 70 x 60 x 41 cm. Bel
Etage, Wolfgang Bauer,
€50,000**

Two other comparable chests designed by Josef Hoffmann are known. This one, decorated with the theme of the fauna of the earth, was painted by the hardly less multi-talented Franz von Zülow, who decorated furniture for the

Wiener Werkstätte from 1908

onwards as well as producing graphic work and working as a professor of ceramics. The animal kingdom features regularly in his work; the images on this chest may have been inspired by his journeys to Africa.