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Winning young designers from the Furniture Design Awards 2004 share their thoughts on injecting Asian style into the modern home

How can a homeowner in Singapore achieve the urban look while still maintaining a sense of Asian-ness in the home?

The feeling or sense of Asian-ness encompasses many different aspects. In a highly urbanised and populated country like Singapore, people yearn to make their homes restful retreats. Homeowners can accomplish a modern look with an Asian feel by introducing compatible furnishing elements that boast an Oriental flavour into their homes' interior design. Some examples include:

- Using teak wood planks/strips with stainless steel inlays for floor surfaces.
- Introducing tropical Asian plants arranged in a modern glass vase/ ceramic pot into the home interior
- Using Asian fabrics such as Thai silk for curtains and other soft furnishings in combination with modern furniture.
- Introducing water features into the interior to recreate the natural Asian environment.



Jeremy Ong

First prize winner, Young Designers Category

Entry : **Orifold**

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Singapore is a cosmopolitan city boasting an array of colourful cultures and architectural styles. While our senses are assailed and influenced by such a kaleidoscope of colours, homeowners will have to look to their individual needs and lifestyle when decorating their homes. I believe that homeowners will be able to steer their home to retain a sense of Asian-ness while achieving an urban look if they were to combine their own individual style with functionality while adhering to modern forms and trends in their interior spaces.



Pierre Koh

Second prize winner,
Young Designers Category
Entry: **Threshold**

Asians are constantly on the move, in search of personal aspirations and goals. With these interpretations of the urban fabric, people begin to associate themselves with objects that reflect these qualities. Why have a built-in wardrobe or kitchen cabinet? Why have decorative objects with no functional objective? Why do we need beautiful marbles on our floors that we can't take with us? What we need in our homes are not only furnishings that reflect our personality and style but also boast real functionality and necessity. In actuality, no one else but the home's occupant will complete the sense of Asian-ness.



Choo Keng Hui

Third prize winner, Young Designers Category
Entry: **Generic Chairs**