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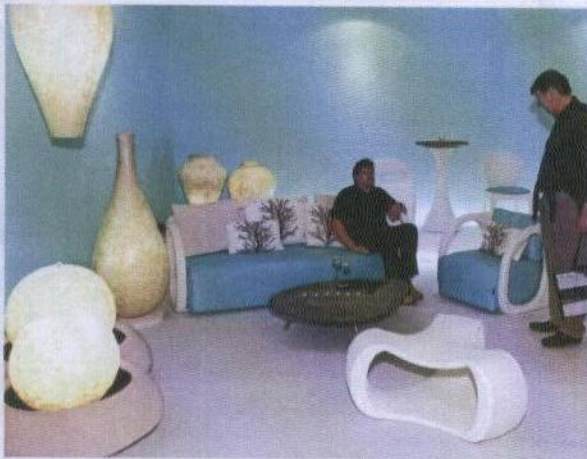
WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED, IN YOUR HASTE TO SNAP UP FAIR FINDS, WERE THESE THINGS THAT URGED US TO LINGER AND SOAK IN THEIR GOOD DESIGN



**FROM FDA SOUTH KOREA'S**  
Hye Jin Kim designed the Customizing Shoe Rack. It lets you slot in the dividers, so you can adjust the size of each compartment based on the type and size of your shoes.



**FROM FLIP NANYANG POLYTECHNIC'S**  
Roy Soon and Kwan Ken Yong created Shair, a stool that converts into a bench so you can share your seat with a friend.



**FROM PLATFORM, THE SFIC'S SHOWCASE OF LOCAL DESIGNERS**  
(above) Think's simple but lush outdoor furniture collection, displayed in a cool turquoise-and-white booth that evoked Ibiza holidays.

To find out more about the FDA and FLIP challenge entries, visit [www.singaporefurniture.com](http://www.singaporefurniture.com). ☉

### FAIR HIGHLIGHT

#### KARIM RASHID AT THE FURNITURE DESIGN FORUM

Superstar designer Karim Rashid flew in to launch Pinker, his new line of furniture with local firm Office Planner, and speak about how design shapes the landscape.

#### WHAT HE SAW AT THE IFPS/AFS

"This is my 10th visit to Singapore, and every time I come, I find that the amount of energy focused on design has risen exponentially."

#### THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

"How can design suffer when everything in the entire built community is designed?"

#### DESIGNING GREEN

"Use polypropylene – it's totally recyclable."

#### YOUNG DESIGNERS

"It is up to each generation to come up with its view of what the world should look like. Be free from the influences of tradition – there is no need to emulate anyone. Dare to innovate!"

#### REJECTION AND DISAPPOINTMENT

"We have few projects rejected outright due to our collaborative work process – the client is involved from the beginning. What I lament the most is the shelving of projects. I have often been too advanced with my ideas. The client accepts the design, but somehow it is not put into production."



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## designBUZZ

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The "Best of Platform" display  
curated by Indonesian designer  
Jared Lim, showcased locally  
designed furniture.

Design superstar Karim Rashid came to inspire visitors at the recent International Furniture Fair Singapore (IFFS) and Asean Furniture Show (AFS), and like us, he left impressed by what he saw.

Organised by the Singapore Furniture Industries Council, The IFFS/AFS is where new furniture concepts are launched and where Asian designers are honoured at the Furniture Design Showcase. Here, entries to the Furniture Design Award (FDA) and FLIP (which stands for Furniture, Lifestyle, Innovations, Perspectives) Challenge, are on exhibit for design aficionados and potential manufacturers. Leading Japanese industrial designer Naoto Fukusawa, who came to judge FDA, commented: "Right design is intended for living. The winners demonstrated harmony between product and user, which was the main goal."

It may take a couple of years before we see these winning furniture designs in shops – some stay prototypes if they don't get picked up by a manufacturer – but we're happy to report that the entries have gotten more impressive and inspiring this year.

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PLENTY OF GOOD DESIGNS WERE ON DISPLAY  
AT THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE  
FAIR SINGAPORE AND ASEAN FURNITURE SHOW.