Tokyo by Joao Teixeira Wins Gold in A' Furniture Design Awards

Multifunctional Bench Tokyo Recognized for Space-Saving Innovation and Refined Craftsmanship



Tokyo

COMO, CO, ITALY, September 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' Design Award has announced Tokyo, a multifunctional bench designed by Joao Teixeira, as a Gold winner in the Furniture Design category. The A' Design Award is one of the world's most prestigious and highly respected design recognitions, drawing entries from designers, manufacturers, and brands across numerous countries. Within the furniture industry, this honor signifies that a design has met rigorous criteria established by an international panel of experts. The selection of Tokyo highlights the growing importance of multifunctional furniture that responds to evolving lifestyles. This recognition positions Tokyo as a notable example of thoughtful, purpose-driven design.

The A' Furniture Design Award holds relevance not only for Joao Teixeira but also for the broader furniture sector and the people who live with these products every day. As living costs rise and homes shrink, footprint optimization has become essential, and Tokyo addresses this shift directly by combining a bench with a shoe rack. The design aligns with current trends toward compact, multifunctional pieces suited to fast-paced urban living. For users, Tokyo offers organized, stress-free entryways that support calm arrivals and unhurried exits. This approach reflects an industry movement toward solutions that maximize utility within smaller spaces.

Tokyo distinguishes itself through the contrast between its visual lightness and functional versatility. The design features curves engineered at the absolute radius limit, creating a singular,

flowing silhouette that is difficult to replicate. Inspired by the Japanese custom of removing shoes before entering homes and visually influenced by Japanese Torii gates, the bench expresses a balanced asymmetry where each component flows with both aesthetic and functional purpose. An integrated top tray curves to embrace the cushion, creating a dedicated spot for daily items. Manufactured from pressed FSC Birch Plywood with natural Oak veneer, CNC milled for precision and finished with non-toxic oils, the cushion is upholstered in one hundred percent recycled polyester.

This recognition by the A' Design Award offers Joao Teixeira and the studio momentum to continue exploring multifunctional, behavior-driven design. The project demonstrated that cross-border collaboration, in this case bridging manufacturers in Greece and Portugal, can yield refined, cost-effective results without compromising durability. The award serves as encouragement to further pursue affordable premium products that respect both users and the environment. It may also inspire future directions that address the challenges of compact living through honest, considered solutions.

Interested parties may learn more about Tokyo, view its features, and explore the work of its designer at the dedicated page provided by the A' Design Award.
https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=181115

About Joao Teixeira
Teixeira Design Studio specializes in creating unique and multifunctional pieces of furniture that are both thoughtful and self-explanatory. The studio believes that good design should not only look great but also improve the user experience. Every product begins by understanding human behavior patterns and creating solutions that are convenient and easy to use. The studio approaches ordinary objects with new perspectives, adding interesting ways of use that enhance productivity for the working-from-home scenario. Joao Teixeira is based in Portugal.

About Oftwise
At Oftwise, minimalism is defined by performance rather than aesthetics alone. The studio aims to maximize utility while minimizing visual noise, ensuring each design adapts seamlessly to diverse interiors and lifestyles. By rethinking daily objects through a multifunctional lens, Oftwise enables users to do more with less. The firm is driven by a mission to fundamentally improve daily life, addressing everyday challenges with unique solutions rooted in effortless, honest utility.

About the Gold A' Design Award Recognition
The Gold A' Design Award is granted to designs that demonstrate a high level of innovation and a meaningful impact on their intended audience. Within the Furniture Design category, entries are evaluated against criteria including innovative use of material, ergonomic comfort, aesthetic appeal, functionality and usability, durability and longevity, environmental sustainability, originality, space optimization, adaptive design, cultural relevance, and craftsmanship excellence. Recognized as a notable achievement by the A' Design Awards, Gold-winning designs reflect the

skill and considered approach of their creators. These designs serve as benchmarks that encourage further innovation and inform future practice. The recognition highlights work that advances the boundaries of design while delivering practical value to users.

About A' Design Award
The A' Furniture Design Award is a well-regarded competition that welcomes furniture designers, design agencies, companies, manufacturers, and brands within the furniture and interior design industries. Entries are blind peer-reviewed and evaluated against pre-established criteria by an international jury panel of design professionals, industry experts, academics, and journalists. Organized since 2008 and now in its 18th year, the A' Design Award is an international and juried competition held across all industries and open to entries from all countries. The ultimate aim of the A' Design Award is to recognize and promote superior products and projects that advance and benefit society, driven by a philanthropic mission to make the world a better place through the power of good design. Interested parties may learn more about the A' Design Awards, explore jury members, view past laureates, and take part with their projects at the following url: https://furniture-award.com

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