

Re:Bench

Information on the design competition winners, bench designs and locations



'Re:Bench' is a design competition that breathes new life into the old timber seats of the former National Stadium by empowering designers to turn them into unique benches that enliven our public spaces.

The first set of benches from the inaugural 'bench' initiative in 2012 was completed after the demolition of the old stadium and before the completion of the new one. To mark the handing of the torch from the old to the new stadium, 'Re:Bench' invited young designers to provide fresh interpretations of public seating. A total of 94 design submissions were received, with 14 winners selected by a panel comprising design professionals and senior management from the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

The members of the selection panel are:

1. Ms Hwang Yu-Ning - (Chairperson), Chief Planner & Deputy CEO, Urban Redevelopment Authority
2. Ar Larry Ng Lye Hock – Group Director, Architecture & Urban Design Excellence, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and Registrar, Board of Architects
3. Ms Wendy Chua - Partner, Outofstock Design & Partner, Forest & Whale
4. Mr Peter Sim - Director, FARM
5. Mr Hans Tan - Deputy Head, Division of Industrial Design, National University of Singapore
6. Mr Mark Yong - President, Singapore Furniture Industries Council; and Director, Ewins Pte Ltd

7. Mr Nathan Yong - Founder, Nathan Yong Design Pte Ltd, Grafunkt

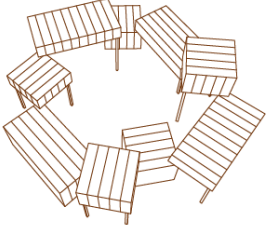
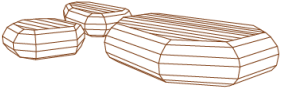
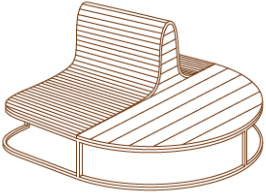
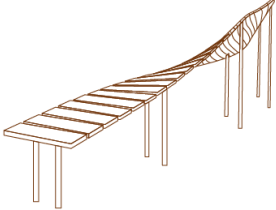
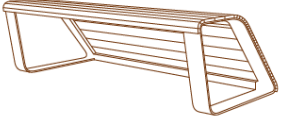
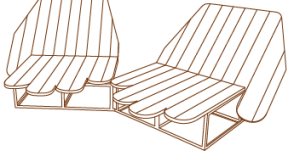
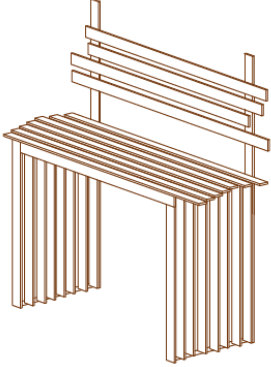
The competition comes under URA's Our Favourite Place programme which supports projects initiated and implemented by the community to enliven public spaces across Singapore. Winning designs were awarded a \$1,000 cash prize.

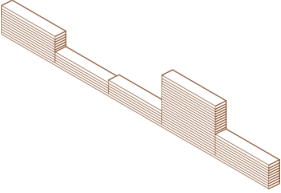
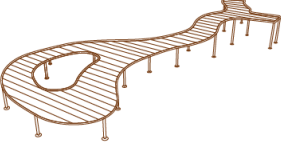
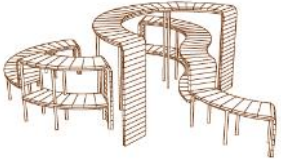
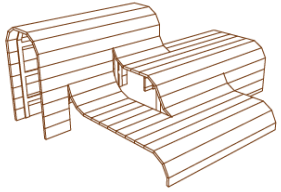
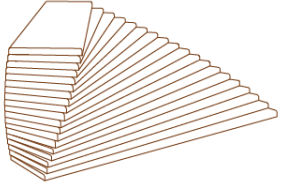
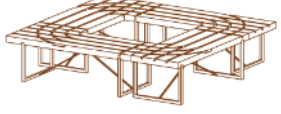
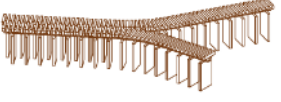


The benches were fabricated in Singapore by furniture-making company Hon Nam Lee, under the guidance of Mr Hon Quek Yang. The latter is a 76-year-old veteran artisan with more than 50 years of experience in the wood crafting trade. Mr Hon's dedication and expertise proved invaluable in translating the intricate details on paper into three-dimensional street furniture, many of which take on curved, sculptural forms. The public can now enjoy these works of art with 42 benches installed in Marina Bay, Singapore City Gallery at The URA Centre, and Singapore Sports Hub.

In the spirit of bringing the community together, URA has also launched the new 'Adopt-a-Bench' programme, with all proceeds going to about 80 charities supported by the Community Chest. Donors who pledge the minimum donation of \$10,000 per bench enjoy a 250 per cent tax exemption benefit. An acknowledgement plaque will be affixed to the adopted bench in their appreciation. Interested donors can email Aude@ura.gov.sg to find out more about the programme.

Details of the 14 winning bench designs:

S/N	Name of Bench	Visual of Bench	Name of Designer	Age
1	Bridging Bench		Iven Peh	29
			Kevin Huang	25
2	Bubble Bench		Xie Wenru (Ms)	21
3	Flow		Valerie Chua Qi Wei (Ms)	23
4	Gather		Jane Yu Wai Ching (Ms)	27
5	GOAL!		Samantha Tan Shu Juan (Ms)	29
6	Hand Over		Goh Zheng Ning	31
7	Horizon		Muafah Binte Amran (Ms)	24

8	Resonance		Yeo Ker Siang	30
9	Rivero		Guan Haotian	21
10	Sculpace Bench		Yu Yang	24
11	Silhouette		Chin Guo Hong	26
12	Stack		Koh Min Xiang	23
13	Track		Reynard Seah Jun Hao	20
14	Zip		Edison Gunawan	30