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## **THE SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL FOUNDATION AWARDS TRAVELING**

### **FELLOWSHIP IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE**

#### **Claes-Henric Appelquist is 2004 recipient**

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announced today its 2004 Interior Architecture Traveling Fellow Claes-Henric Appelquist, a recent graduate of Harvard University. The SOM Foundation awarded the \$7,500 fellowship to Appelquist to complete his self-determined travel itinerary to Japan where he will do a traditional tour to study the conception of space and the distribution of rooms, the craftsmanship and carpentry and the body and its interaction with the architecture and as a generator for the conception of space.

Jurors of this year's Interior Architecture competition included Peter Magill, Managing Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP and John Nicolls, Sr. Vice President Architecture and Design, Hyatt International. Stephen Apking, Interior Architecture Partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP New York and Jury Chair commented on behalf of the jury, "Claes is possessed of a profound understanding of the elements of personal accommodation. This understanding is present in his designs for a line of travel accessories and lounge furniture as well as designs for complete interior spaces. His work is founded on a highly developed language that seamlessly addresses a full range of issues in the creation of sophisticated environments for living."

The mission of the SOM Foundation Traveling Fellowship program is to assist young architects, engineers, and urban planners in expanding their professional education through the observations of foreign culture, history, building, and design that can only be achieved through travels. Prior Fellows have traveled to China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and Russia, as well as throughout Europe and the United States.

The SOM Foundation has given more than \$1,000,000 in educational awards to students, faculty and professional engineers. The programs of the SOM Foundation are funded through an endowment established by the Partners of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM). Established in 1936, SOM is the first two-time recipient of the prestigious American Institute of Architects Architecture Firm Award. Some of SOM's design projects include the Sears Tower (Chicago), John Hancock Center (Chicago), Lever House (New York), Bank of America Tower (San Francisco) and the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Extension (Hong Kong). The Foundation's activities are wholly separate from those of the firm.

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