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Furniture is a science in LabHome

Named LabHome, customers of this furniture store may have to think like scientists in order to open the door. It swings in, not out — making that mistake can be embarrassing.

But once you get past the doors, inside lies one of South Boston's small treasures.

For many, furnishing a home means experimenting to create a house or apartment that reflects oneself. For them, the house is a laboratory; hence the store's name, LabHome.

Six months ago, Steven Chait, a Delaware native, turned Hub mainstay, founded Lab Homes and opened it on 63 Wareham St. The store, tucked away on the bottom floor of a warehouse, provides customers with a contemporary design of clean-line furniture.

An eclectic mix of furniture and amenities, Lab Homes offers everything for

both the new home owner and the savvy shopping veteran hoping to spruce up old rooms.

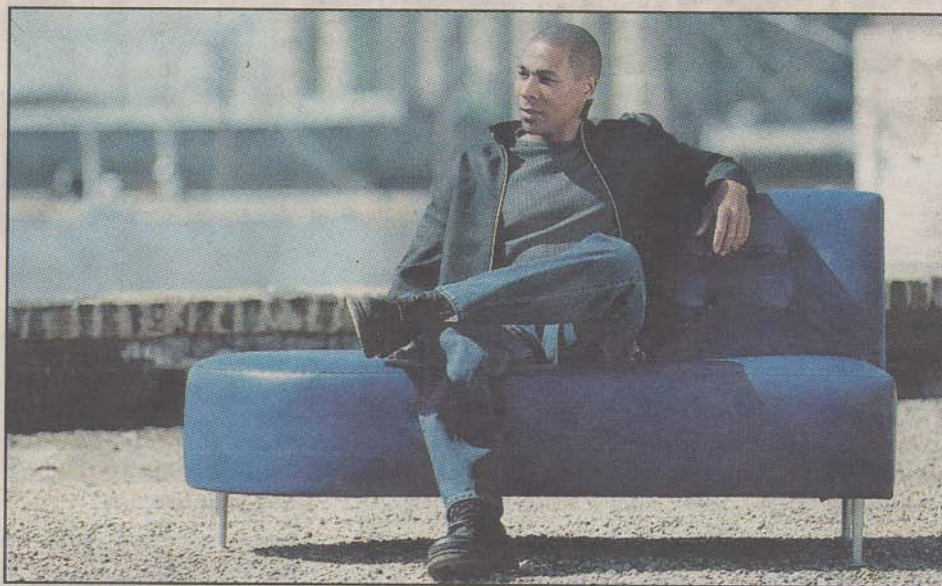
"We provide the best quality possible at the best price," Chait said. "Nothing's outrageously priced."

Chait, a passionate shopper, helps customers accessorize and layout rooms. Inside the store, his register and desk sit toward the back of the store, where he shows customers around, answers questions and offers furnishing tips.

Even if certain items that may interest the shopper are not on the floor, Chait has access to a lot that's not in the showroom.

"We have lots of resources," Chait explained. "I can get you something for every room in the house."

Currently, the "Malibu" line of furniture is on sale in LabHome. "Malibu" makes products ranging from cabinets to desks to kitchen sinks.



Various furniture on sale at LabHome is shown.

The wide array of colors and contemporary looks are suitable for most tastes.

Additionally, the PULSE line of furniture is available. One of PULSE's most popular lines, "FRANK," is offered at

LabHome. "FRANK" is a practical and comfortable line of chairs and couches.

PULSE's other most popular line, "BABETTE," is chic in that its retro look will take you back to the days of "The

Brady Bunch."

Venturing over to LabHomes will be worth the effort — just remember to swing the door forward. Visit them online at shoplabhome.com.

Brian Fleming

LABHOME'S MISSION

So what's this whole thing about?

"First there was LABORATORY, my 500-square-foot housewares/gift store on Tremont St. in Boston's South End," Steven Chait explained in his store's mission statement. "Part Two is today's LabHome — a 3,500 square foot space situated within Boston's new loft district."

"My goal with LabHome is to share my style and sense of being with others. I chose the name LabHome ... because I encourage you to consider your home an ongoing experiment."

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