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Doors + Windows

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Sophisticated focal points for
residential applications

Double Take

LUALDI'S NEW CUSTOMIZABLE
DOOR SERIES BLENDS TRADITIONS,
TEXTURES AND FINISHES

A nod to two distinct cultures, Hong Kong architect Steve Leung's Ying series of doors for Italy's Lualdi celebrates the hospitable nature and renowned craftsmanship of the Mediterranean country and China's ancient woodworking techniques and colour symbolism. Referring to the Chinese word for "welcome," Ying consists of two-piece doors with a flat upper portion in lacquered red (the colour of happiness and good fortune), yellow (signalling imperial virtue) or black (the understated option) paired with a sculpted mocha oak bottom surface akin to the slot and tab joinery known as *sūn mǎo*. Two side pieces — walnut for the lacquers (plain wood is also an option) and bronze for a leather version — frame the opening. The contrasting textures and finishes bring strong personality to a humble interior product that is at once timeless and of-the-moment.

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