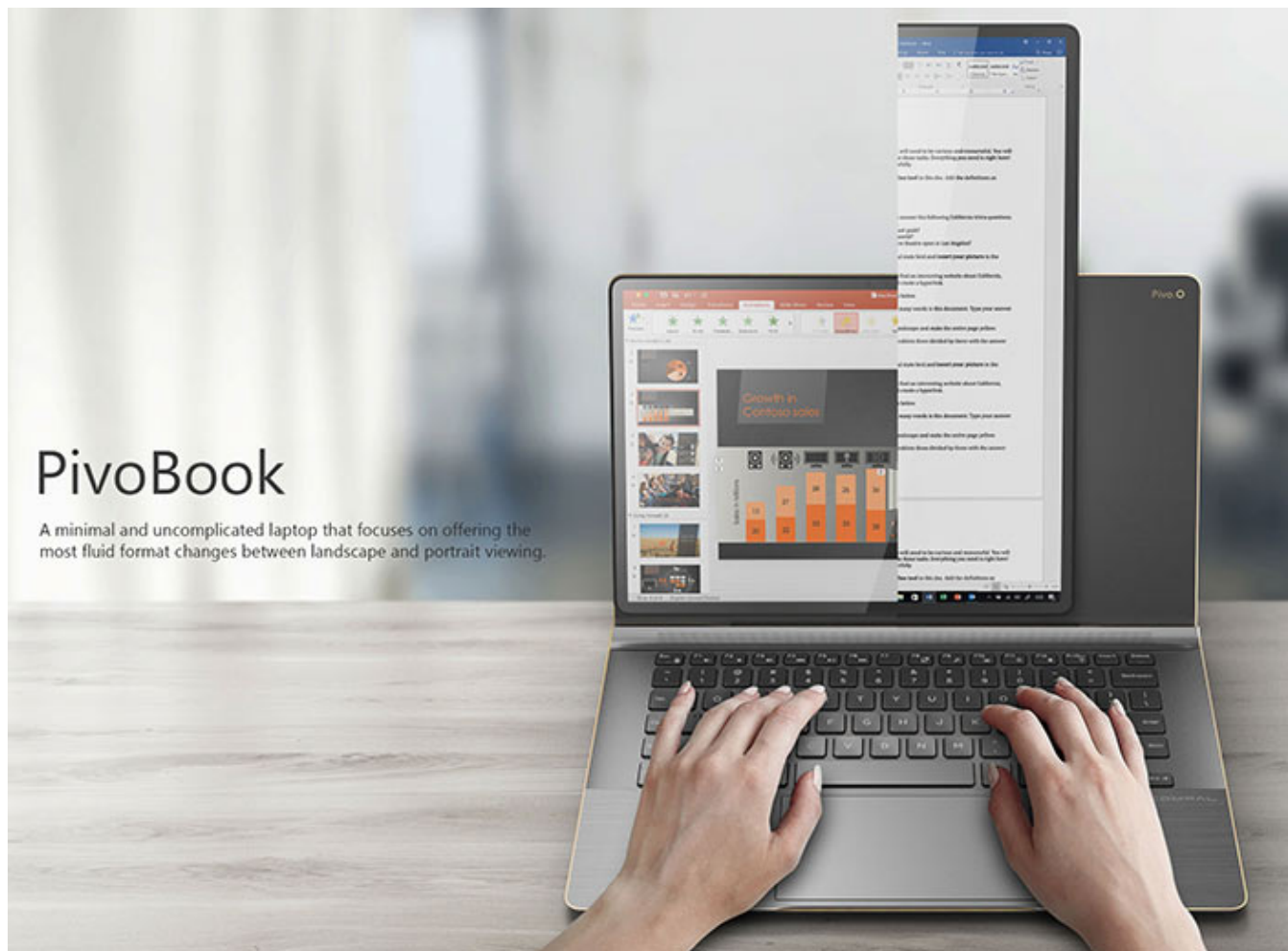


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Taiwanese ODM Compal might be best known for being one of the biggest contract laptop manufacturers in the world, but it actually has a history of original hardware concepts-- such as the Pivobook, an innovative laptop with a pivoting display.



A product design winner in the 2020 iF World Design Guide Awards, the PivoBook has a 14-inch OLED display users can rotate between landscape and portrait views. Details on the actual laptop are scarce, but Compal says the display is extra-thin and lightweight, while "hinge ingenuity" allows for easy rotation. Tech specs are not available, but the intriguing concept means it should find use in any applications, particularly since the vertical orientation can be useful for heavy web browsing or video conferencing.

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The Pivobook will probably not hit the market under the Compal market, but it might get rebranded by other vendors, retailers or online outlets. The company says it already targeted for release in Asia and N. America for both consumer and enterprise customers, although it does not say when this will actually happen. Tech specs are not available, but the intriguing concept means it should find use in any applications, particularly since the vertical orientation can be useful for heavy web browsing or video conferencing.

Speaking of intriguing concepts, here is another 2020 iF award winner from Compal-- the FullVision is a concept device consisting of a laptop and a tablet. Users can slide the built-in laptop display to the left and slot in the tablet, creating a portable machine with a massive 29-inch display with a 32:9 aspect ratio.

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