# HARDWOODS







## **SOLID CHOICES**

Like all of our materials and finishes, we choose our hardwoods for their ability to stand up to real-world use and give you environmentally responsible options you can feel good about specifying or buying.

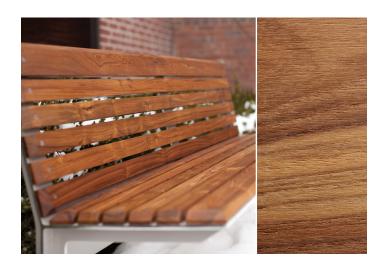
FSC-certified tropical hardwoods have long held a prominent spot in our mix. Their inherent hardness and strength make them incredibly durable. They're naturally resistant to moisture, fire, insects and decay. And with minimal maintenance using natural oils, they perform well over time, even in demanding outdoor environments. Our products incorporate several different varieties—all beautiful choices.

We also recognize that tropical hardwoods aren't a one-size-fits-all solution. We're constantly on the lookout for new wood options that meet our stringent performance criteria and help you keep up with evolving green building standards.



### FSC® RECYCLED 100% HARDWOODS

The FSC Recycled rating indicates that the wood has been reclaimed from built structures that were demolished or otherwise retired, and that no new trees were cut down—an especially compelling aspect when considering today's focus on the responsible management and use of our planet's natural resources.



**FSC Recycled 100% Teak** Extremely durable and weather resistant, our reclaimed teak has been hand-salvaged from old neglected buildings. A golden hue, occasional patches, and a knotty appearance enhance the wood's character.



**FSC Recycled 100% Cumaru** is a beautiful hardwood repurposed from renovation projects. Bringing a bit of the past to the present, the color can vary from amber to burnt sienna.

#### FSC® 100% HARDWOODS

The FSC 100% rating means that all wood designated FSC 100% is harvested from forests that are legally run, environmentally sustainable, have a long-term management plan, and are socially responsible to their local communities. Yearly audits and recertifications ensure that our products and suppliers are in full compliance with the FSC 100% designation. Our relationship with our supplier and growers is now 15 years strong and extends all the way to the plantations. Built on trust and visibility at every level, it supports our continued confidence that the woods we use in our products are of responsible origin.



**FSC 100% Cumaru**—aka Brazilian Teak—rates 3330 on the Janka hardness scale and is a top F+S performer with outstanding weatherability. The color ranges from medium to dark brown and can have a reddish or purplish hue. Occasionally, yellow or greenish brown streaks occur.



**FSC 100% Ipé**—aka Brazilian Walnut—the hardest of our hardwoods, rates 3684 on the Janka hardness scale (for comparison, Kebony rates 1619 and Jarrah, 1910). The color ranges from amber to burnt sienna.



**FSC 100% Jatoba**—aka Brazilian Cherry—rates 2350 on the Janka hardness scale and can vary in color from a rich tan to a deep red.



**FSC 100% Teak** rates 1070 on the Janka hardness scale. The wood's color ranges from deep brown to golden or medium brown.

#### MATERIALS MATTER

The materials and finishes we use in our products are an integral part of each design. A material must be beautiful, and appropriate for expressing a given aesthetic. It must look good on its own but pair equally well with adjacent materials. It should span multiple product lines so designs can work together. And it must complement the various settings it will ultimately call home.

In terms of performance, our guiding belief is this: materials that endure contribute to products that endure. We select materials and finishes that withstand the challenges of public spaces and perform well over time.

Finally, on the environmental front, in addition to responsibly sourced hardwoods, our products emphasize stainless steel, aluminum, and low- and no-VOC finishes. They feature high recycled content and high recyclability. They require minimal maintenance, without harsh cleaners. And they're built to last, eliminating the need for frequent repair or replacement.

To learn more about our hardwoods and all F+S materials, visit our website product pages for up-to-date, product-specific information. You can also contact our Resource Management Team at green@forms-surfaces.com.

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