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BAMBOO VANITY THE FURNITURE GUILD

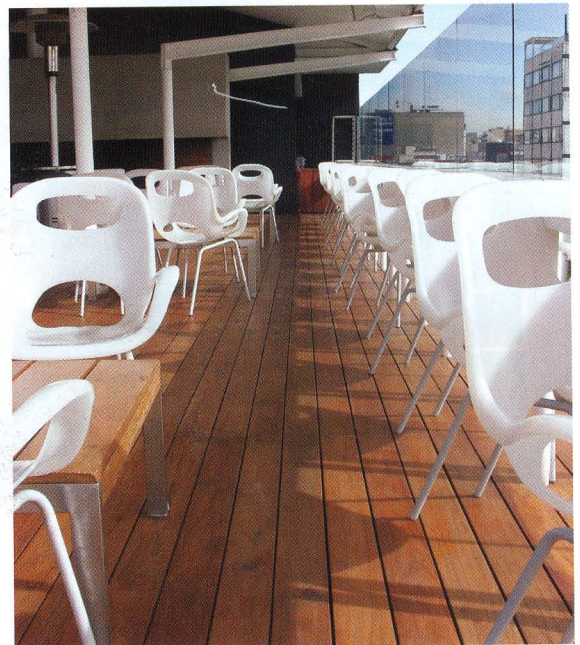
We usually save the furniture and interior products for the Luxe category, but we felt that this warranted a place under the sustainable heading thanks to its usage of eco-friendly and sustainable bamboo. The handcrafted Vanity was designed by Steve Weinstock of Alchemy Glass & Light to showcase their new Integral Glass Sink. The vanity features a bamboo veneer and is available in more than 40 distinctive finishes and other wood species. Making smart use of space, the vanity has two doors for storage with adjustable shelves and a center section that drops forward to give access to plumbing. It can be custom sized and either comes with brushed stainless legs or can be wall-mounted.

WWW.VANITYFLAIR.NET

PLANTATION-GROWN SUSTAINABLE TEAK PROTEAK

Many building supply companies claim they're sustainable but are far from it. That's why we were impressed with Proteak's plantation-grown teak, which they call "slow growth teak." Its sustainable teak plantations are situated on the reclaimed ranchlands along Mexico's Pacific coast. On these plantations, trees are grown slowly and naturally, without the use of fertilizers or irrigation. This not only minimizes the ecological footprint, the company says, but also ensures that its plantation teak has the look and feel of classic old-growth teak. Need more proof? Proteak's forestry practices have earned its plantations the distinction of an FSC certification, with carefully managed plantations covering 8,000 acres of previously cleared ranchlands that are now home to more than 3.3 million trees.

WWW.PROTEAK.COM



LUNO ACTIVE PLASTER REDSTONE

Many plasters aren't known for their sustainable or green attributes, and that's why we chose Redstone's Luno Active Plaster. The product can neutralize hazardous pollutants while providing a healthy and comfortable indoor environment. Luno is based on titanium dioxide, a food-safe pigment that is also used in toothpaste. It has excellent covering and long-lasting brightening properties. And most important to us, it helps reduce the concentration of pollutants indoors up to 80% within a few days while neutralizing odors including cigarette smoke, and it destroys germs, mold spores, bacteria, and airborne dust particles. As indoor air quality continues to be a hot topic with builders and their customers, Luno appears to be a good solution to lessen the impact while providing looks.

WWW.REDSTONE-USA.COM



WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SECOSYS

Besides financing and finding land, water remains a hot-button topic for builders and developers. Being able to offer a water-saving solution for homebuyers is a powerful selling point. That's why we chose SECOSYS' innovative water management system. It not only provides homeowners—and building owners—with real-time water use information, it includes flow meters, automatic valves and system displays that help control water use based on homeowner's needs. The key advantage is that it can help reduce water consumption in irrigation,

laundry and pool areas, while simultaneously mitigating flood-related property damage. Water savings have never looked better.

WWW.SECOSYS.US