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Demand continues to strengthen for Malaysia's value-added timber products

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Wood is always good and Malaysia's timber products, from wood-based furniture to building materials, have always been hugely sought after by those who appreciate beauty and long-lasting quality. Property and project consortiums, private homeowners, and hotel and resort companies alike are all well familiar with the country's vast range of natural woods, which include Rubberwood, Balau, Kembang Semangkok, Nyatoh, Dark Red Meranti and Acacia.

Value-added timber products such as wooden furniture, mouldings and Builders' Joinery and Carpentry (BJC) products represent a sizeable portion of the country's total export value. In 2020, they accounted for RM12.3 billion (55.8%) of Malaysia's total export value of RM22.02 billion for all timber products. From January to May 2021, their export value stood at RM5.9 billion. "Ever since Malaysian manufacturers, carpenters and builders began to shape and use wood, the mouldings and BJC industries have grown by leaps and bounds. Today, a wide range of quality value-added products such as furniture, doors and windows, flooring, decking and picture frames are produced in Malaysia and exported worldwide," said Tuan Muhtar Suhaili, CEO of the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC).

Buyers can also enjoy further assurance that all wooden furniture, mouldings or BJC products imported from Malaysia are

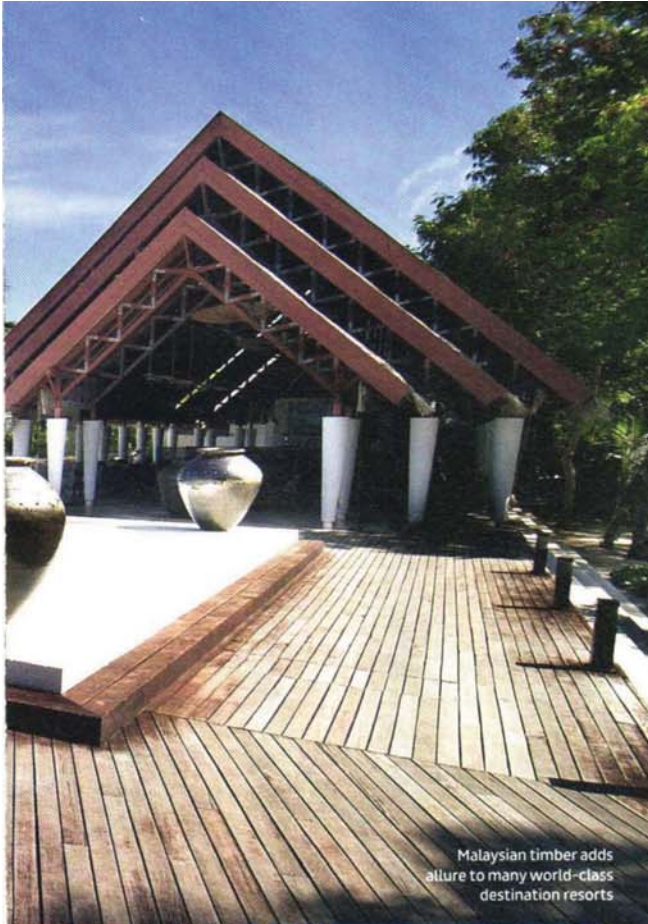
backed by years of research and development, strict regulations and strong support from established government institutions such as the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, MTC, Malaysian Timber Industry Board, Forestry Department and Forest Research Institute Malaysia.

OF SPACE + STYLE

Malaysian timber may be found in more than 160 countries and these include products such as decorative mouldings, custom-designed doors, flooring, decking and frames. The industry has also not been complacent, always seeking out the latest technological advances to enhance product offerings while never forgetting to implement the latest ideas and creative designs, all of which go a long way to improving the marketability of Malaysian-made furniture. Here is a short summary of the best of Malaysian timber products available:

DECORATIVE MOULDINGS: Timber species such as Bintangor, Jelutong, Keruing, Meranti, Sepetir, Merbau, Nyatoh and Rubberwood are used to make various items according to buyers' specifications. Architraves, cornices, baseboards, aprons, dowels, jambs, louvers, wall claddings and skirtings are just some of the many Malaysian

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Malaysian timber adds allure to many world-class destination resorts



value-added timber items sought after by architects, interior designers and discerning artisans.

DOORS DESIGNED-TO-ORDER: Made-in-Malaysia timber doors come in a wide range of designs and materials. Take your pick from traditional solid timber doors, a part of human life and dwellings since ancient times, or more modern-engineered versions, which may also be overlaid with popular foreign woods such as Oak, Walnut,



The warmth and beauty of Malaysian wood is appreciated the world over

Cherry and Makore or even using reconstituted veneer. Popular Malaysia timber for doors include Dark Red Meranti, Nyatoh, Kembang Semangkok, Balau, Merpauh and Merbau.

FABULOUS FLOORS: A beautiful floor makes all the difference, be it for residential or commercial spaces. Buyers may choose between conventional solid strip and parquet flooring, or engineered flooring with choices of wood such as Kempas, Merbau, Rubberwood, Kekatong and Keranji proving popular choices. Malaysia's well-established timber industry, backed by excellent technology and quality assurance, offers a guarantee of superior flooring.

NATURAL HARDWOOD DECKING: Malaysian hardwoods are in demand the world over because of their long-established reputation for durability, strength, quality and attractive grain. Timber from the Balau, Belian, Giam, Chengal, Merbau and Meranti trees are considered the best hardwoods and thus ideal for decking use and products.

PICTURE PERFECT: Already adept at exporting their high-quality products worldwide, Malaysia's picture frame manufacturers pride themselves on stringent quality control and the use of only the best raw materials, all of which are sourced from a variety of timber species, such as the Jelutong, Pulai, Ramin, White Meranti and Mempisang.

For a list of suppliers of Malaysian-made furniture, mouldings, frames and BJC products, please contact MTC at council@mtc.com.my.

