

# The beauty of exotic woods... with a clear conscience



Wenge



Zebrawood



Bamboo



American Red Gum

**Wenge, zebrawood, bamboo** and **American red gum** are lovely woods with exotic appeal. But can you use them in your cabinetry creation with a clear environmental conscience?

**Absolutely.** Showplace offers you our assurance that all our wood species offerings represent environmentally-responsible uses of our world's forest resources.

**Wenge** and **zebrawood** are exotic tropical woods that are considered endangered or threatened in their natural ranges. Showplace uses what is termed "reconstituted" veneers to replicate the rare beauty of these woods in a responsible, renewable way. Reconstituted woods use man-made veneers which are created from less rare (and non-threatened) wood species grown in rapidly-renewable, sustainable plantations. They are an engineered product that lessens environmental impact while still delivering the exotic appeal of wenge and zebrawood. They

capture the essence of nature's most rare and sought-after woods, without impacting fragile tropical forests and habitats. Wenge has a distinctive dark hue and fine, black veins. Zebrawood displays characteristic light and dark variations, giving a pinstriped look.

**Bamboo** is actually a grass, not a wood, and since it is among the fastest-growing plants on the planet, it is naturally self-renewing.

**American red gum** (also called sweetgum) is one of the most common hardwoods in the eastern US, and also occurs naturally in Central America and Mexico. Prized for its uniquely irregular interlocked grain and variable patterns of coloration, it is not considered a threatened species.

Showplace wenge, zebrawood, bamboo, and American red gum veneer doors all use an **engineered-wood core** for strength and lasting dimensional stability.

