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LDCWOOD®

Innovative Belgian ThermoWood® producer & member of the International ThermoWood® Association.

Protected by nature

Our philosophy

The story behind the bird and the rhino The story behind LDCwood® ThermoWood®

Embracing sustainable building solutions

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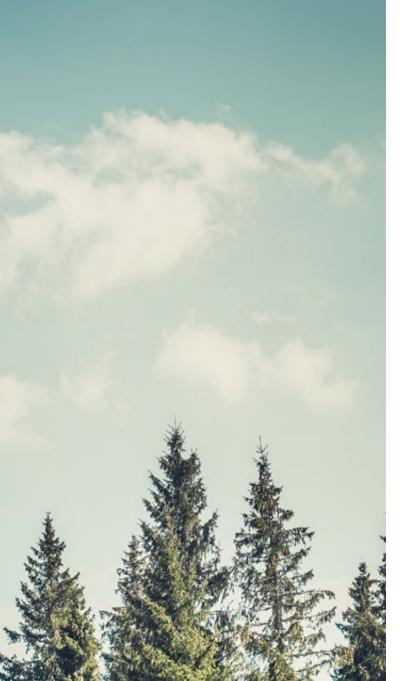
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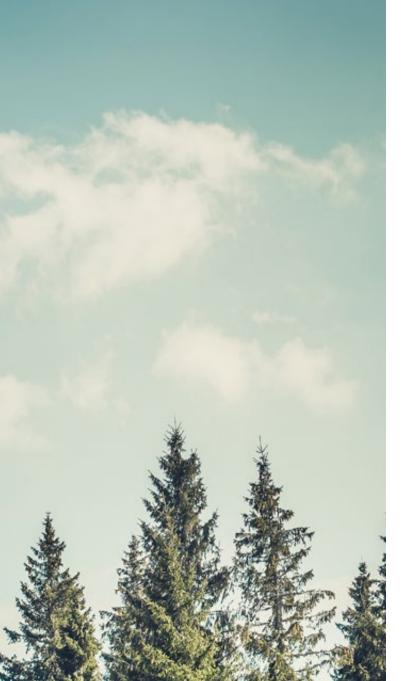




OUR PHILOSOPHY

When you use LDCwood® ThermoWood®, you contribute to protecting nature. You are supporting sustainable forest management and choosing a building material with a low carbon footprint.

But even more, just as LDCwood® ThermoWood® protects nature, nature protects us. Whatever the weather conditions, LDCwood® ThermoWood® offers long-term protection from the elements, and demonstrates incredibly high durability. As such, one could say that nature acts as a guardian for our way of life.



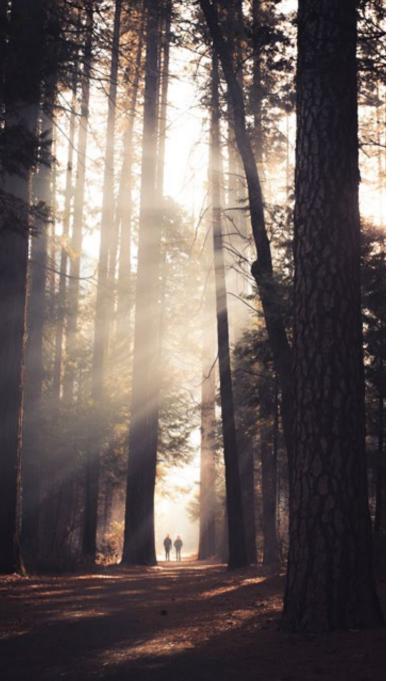
THE STORY BEHIND

THE BIRD AND THE RHINO

High in the sky, with a literal bird's eye view, the cattle egret keeps watch. As hunters approach, the bird warns the rhinoceros. In return the rhino provides his beloved protector with food. A relationship based on mutual interest and appreciation for one another's skill set.

This same symbiotic relationship is created with LDCwood® ThermoWood®'s sustainable durable wood products.





THE STORY BEHIND LDCWOOD®

LDCwood® is a joint venture dedicated to the thermal modification of wood, and emerged from the shared vision of wood experts **Lemahieu Group** and **Decolvenaere**.



Lemahieu Group

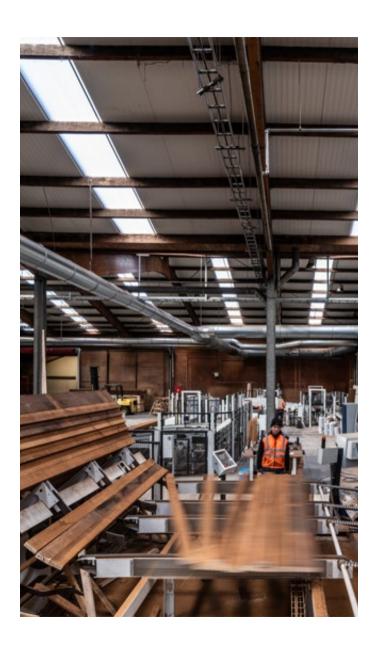
Lemahieu Group is a fourth-generation global importer, remanufacturer and distributor of timber and panels.



Decolvenaere

Decolvenaere is a fifth-generation Cameroonian sawmill with a focus on ayous, fraké and other sustainably harvested tropical wood.

Both companies are centrally located in **Europe**, with their headquarters in Ghent, Belgium.



JOINT VENTURE **LEMAHIEU GROUP**

Thanks to its multi-faceted and complementary divisions in processing, preservation and fire retardant treatment of wood and panels, Lemahieu Group has long developed relationships with many European companies in the wood industry.

Lemahieu Group houses LDCwood® ThermoWood®'s production in its facility in Ostend, Belgium. This location features 6 Jartek ThermoWood® kilns, numerous Weinig moulders, resaws, multirips, vacuum wrapping and a complete tooling room for made to order patterns and products.



Lemahieu Group

- is very experienced in the import of timber and panels and the machining and preservation of wood.
- sources pine, Nordic spruce, ash, poplar, oak and more.
- is a guarantee on a smooth roll-out through efficient logistics.
- prioritizes sustainability, both on paper and in practice.
- is compliant with FSC®, PEFC and European Timber Regulations (EUTR).

www.lemahieu.be





JOINT VENTURE **DECOLVENAERE**

Decolvenaere supplies hardwood sourced from their own Cameroonian sawmills. Ayous and fraké are the species used for thermal modification. Each piece of wood is quartersawn to yield 100% vertical grain cuttings. Lengths up to 20 feet are produced.

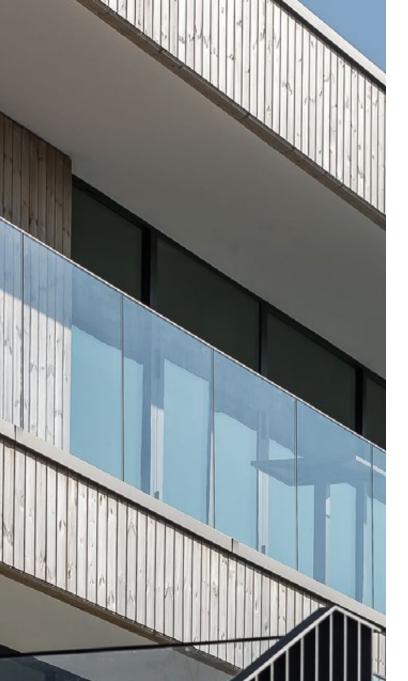


Decolvenaere

- has company-owned concessions in Cameroon.
- provides easy access to premium quality ayous and fraké.
- is compliant with OLB and European Timber Regulation (EUTR), which guarantees full traceability, sustainable forest management and 100% legal sourcing.

www.decolvenaere.be





THE RISE OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Supply challenges

Long-term viability of durable tropical species is in question due to increasing costs, scarcity and their arguable sustainability.

Adoption of mass timber

Low impact and quality construction is the way of the future.

Photo: LDCwood® ThermoWood® pine - Thermo-D

Sustainability is the way to go

By becoming more aware of sustainable solutions, we can and want to increase our impact on the world's resources.

Product innovations

With the entry of timber product innovations such as ThermoWood[®] the application of timber as a construction material is growing.



BUILDING WITH #WOODISGOOD

From tree to treasure: 5 reasons to love thermally modified wood

When you design and build, you intend to make an impact on the environment, not on nature. By choosing thermally modified wood over less sustainable materials, a design retains the **freedom** one craves as a creative spirit without compromising on performance or **carbon footprint**.



Low maintenance

· Easy to maintain

ThermoWood® requires next to no maintenance.

Durable

Since ThermoWood® has a low moisture content, it is resistant to rot and insects. It benefits from a long life expectancy thanks to increased hardness levels.

· Ageing with dignity

Without further finishing, ThermoWood® turns beautifully silver-grey over time.



The rise of sustainability

· Natural is key

ThermoWood® is 100% natural, free from resins and chemicals. The modification increases the durability class. LDCwood® uses collected rainwater for its process.

· Rising awareness

Both architects and developers understand the need for the construction industry to contribute to a better climate.

· Durably climate-resistant

Thermally modified wood is chosen thanks to its extreme performance and sustainability compared to alternative materials.



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Low carbon footprint

· Sustainable forest management

Through sustainably managed forests, natural resources are extracted and optimized in an ecologically responsible manner.

· Low impact

The use of wood reduces ecological footprint.

· Long lifespan

Facade cladding with ThermoWood® can reach a lifespan of over 25 years. (EN 350-1)



The planet's well-being

· Renewable building material

Wood is an all-natural, biodegradable and recyclable material.

• CO, containment

Wood absorbs CO₂ from the atmosphere.

Insulation

To protect our planet, energy-neutral constructions are becoming the norm. Wood lends itself perfectly thanks to its highly insulating properties. ThermoWood®'s thermal conductivity is up to 20-25% lower than unmodified wood.



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Energy efficient

The production and processing of wood is very energy efficient. Wood requires 30% less energy than other raw materials when processed for construction and interior applications.

In addition, trees remove CO_2 from the atmosphere. The carbon stored by the tree is retained for life in ThermoWood[®].

Photo: LDCwood® ThermoWood® pine - Thermo-D

$\begin{array}{c|c} \textbf{- Carbon-storing} \\ \textbf{- 607 kg CO}_2 & \text{ayous} \\ \textbf{- 684 kg CO}_2 & \text{poplar} \\ \textbf{- 715 kg CO}_2 & \text{spruce} \\ \textbf{- 824 kg CO}_2 & \text{pine} \\ \textbf{- 871 kg CO}_2 & \text{frake} \\ \end{array}$

Net carbon emissions per m³ of material

The net carbon emission value represents the relationship between man-made greenhouse gas emissions caused by the production of a product, and the natural and artificial sinks that prevent CO_{\circ} from entering the atmosphere.

Calculations based on 1m³ of wood.
Source: www.opslagco2inhout.nl - www.houtgeeftzuurstof.be

Carbon-emitting +





HISTORY & EVOLUTION OF THERMOWOOD®

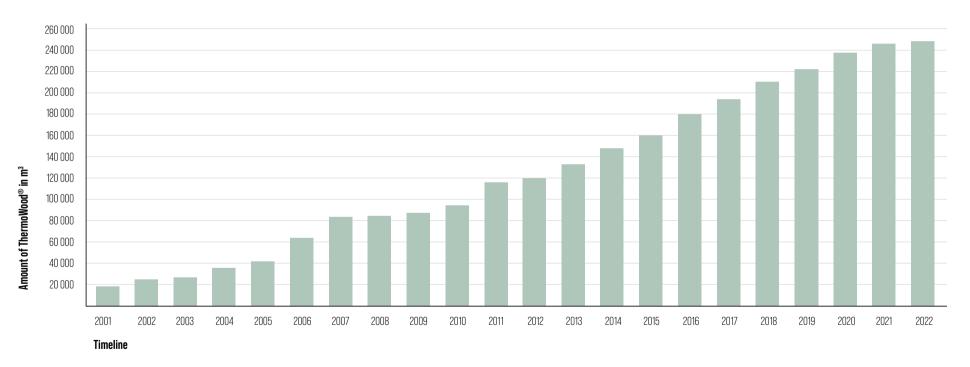
The thermal modification of wood popped up in the early 20th century when a scientific study showed how thermal modification improved the qualities of timber and enhanced its resistance to moisture.

ThermoWood® is a brand of the International ThermoWood® Association and its production volumes are increasing steadily. The range of thermally modified timber's applications has expanded rapidly to cover cladding and interior design products, patio and garden construction and the carpentry industry. As of 2022, almost 250,000 m³ is produced annually from ThermoWood® facilities alone!

- 1900s: original scientific study of thermal modification of wood
- 1980s: first commercial thermal modification facility is built in Germany
- 1993: development of the industrial-scale ThermoWood® process for improving the properties of timber
- 2022: Nearly 250,000 m³ produced annually

The growth of ThermoWood $^{\circledR}$ production

between 2001 and 2022



Source: The ThermoWood® Handbook



EMBRACING THERMOWOOD®

ThermoWood[®] is not new but North America has been slow to adopt for a number of reasons.

Other products

Other sustainable and affordable products have been available.

Lack of critical mass

Total production was small, unable to supply meaningful volumes to promote mass adoption in North America.

Lack of familiarity

You can't know what you're missing if you don't know it exists.

Lack of perceived value

Offerings have traditionally been highly specialized products, resulting in higher costs than necessary today.





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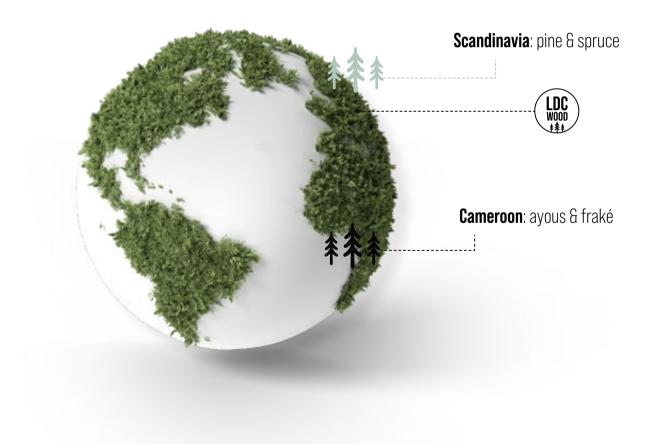
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ORIGIN OF OUR WOOD



CAMEROON

Decolvenaere is **OLB certified**, which guarantees full traceability of the origin of wood, sustainable forest management and 100% legal and verified sourcing of hardwoods such as ayous and fraké from their own Cameroonian tenure.

The highest requirement is **traceability**. Each tree must have its own ID stating the height and width of the tree. GPS coordinates have to be assigned to every tree, which are then indicated on a map. All of this leads up to infallible traceability of each cut tree.



OLB is a licenced European system for verifying the legality of wood.





Which trees will be cut is stipulated and presented to the OLB board each year. After approval, the following steps need to be carefully caried out:

Roads are constructed, taking into account topography, waterways and wildlife.

The crowns of the trees keep touching each other so that the monkeys can smoothly cross the road by air.

Trees are cut. Each trunk receives an ID-tag. A 60 inch stump is left. The same ID is attached to the stump.

All stumps are traceable. They are catalogued and archived for future reference.

The reforestation program replants the open squares.

The jungle takes over the roads and squares.

Logs are collected in open squares.

All sawn timber is checked and categorized into quality classes.

Only timber that meets the highest quality class will be exported to Belgium for thermal treatment.

The logs go to 1 of the 3 sawmills where they are first split and left to rest for 4 months before being quarter sawn.

Lengths up to 20 feet are the objective and are exactly what makes Decolvenaere so unique.

Dedicated team

The three sawmills are close to the rural communities. To facilitate easy access, education, healthcare and well-being, Decolvenaere provides housing, schools, hospitals, food supply, sports facilities and furniture manufacturers for the more than 800 workers and their families. In total, Decolvenaere houses over 4,000 people.











SCANDINAVIA

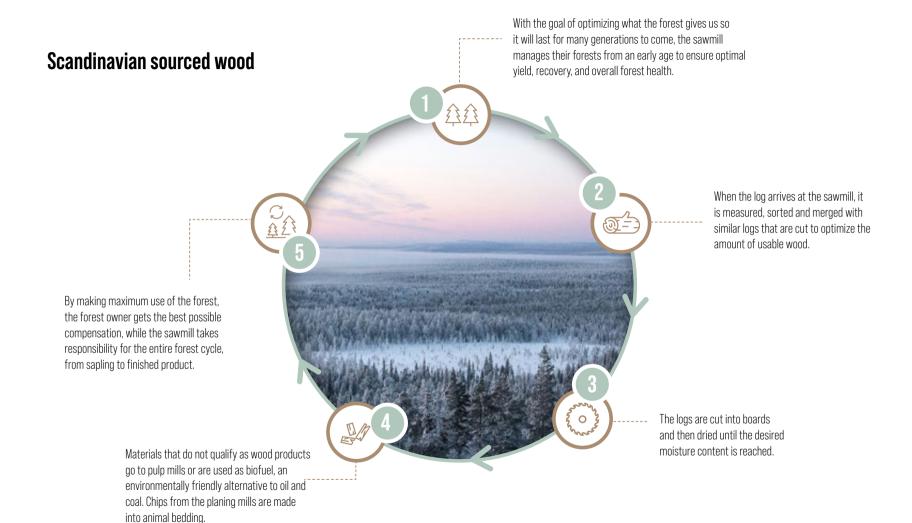
Preserving our planet begins with preserving our forests. Forests play a crucial role in the environment, in people's lives and in the global economy. Preserving our planet's forests is essential to global efforts to reduce poverty, address water scarcity and biodiversity loss, and mitigate climate change. Our spruce and pine partners are therefore all FSC® or PEFC certified.











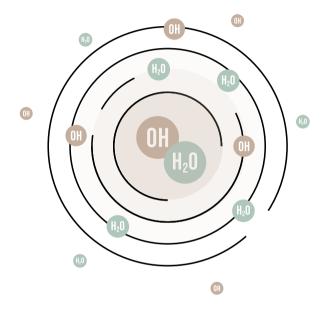


THERMO-D TREATMENT OF EVERY FIBER

What is ThermoWood®?

ThermoWood® is a patented brand created by the International ThermoWood® Association. It specifies the natural preservation process to transform wood into a durable product. Through every fiber, the durability class improves from IV or III up to I which implies a lifespan of over 25 years for class I. (EN 350-1)





Consistent quality due to standardized treatment

As a member of the International ThermoWood® Association, our standardized process is identical to the Finnish process, which sets the gold standard of all thermal treatments. Twice a year, we are audited by a Notified Body to maintain a high quality.

ThermoWood® process in 3 phases

PHASE 1 Timber dries and moisture content decreases. High-temperature drying: 212-413,6°F (100-212°C) Moisture level: 20% -> 2%

PHASE 2

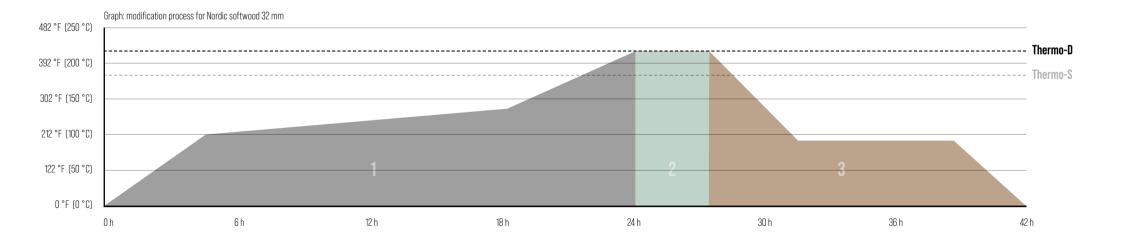
Kiln is kept at a steady temperature to modify the wood.

- Thermal modification: 413,6°F (212°C)
- Moisture level: 2%

PHASE 3

Temperature is lowered and the moisture content is increased with steam and water.

- Conditioning/cooling
- Moisture level: 2% -> 4-7%





THE THERMOWOOD® PROCESS, A PART OF

Our firm's DNA

LDCwood® ThermoWood® is the result of connecting two concepts, with the thoughtful sourcing of our wood on the one hand, and the efficient preservation of it on the other. This is where we perfectly align our logistical strength with the advanced technology behind our 6 kilns.

Our operators' minds

Our philosophy is to let the wood direct the process, not the process direct the wood. Our Thermo Technicians, like the world's most accomplished bakers, take on their job with the utmost attention to detail to achieve the perfect finished product, everytime.

Our commitment

At LDCwood® ThermoWood®, we want to use the ThermoWood® process to create beautiful, sustainable products which keep the world in shape, for generations to come.

DURABILITY CLASS

When exposed to weather without surface treatment, ThermoWood® products remain significantly drier than unmodified timber. In warm and humid climates, it is recommended to surface treat against humidity, erosion, and UV radiation. In conclusion, Thermo-D ThermoWood® survives even the most extreme weather conditions.

LDCwood® products are all Thermo-D, the most durable ThermoWood® with resistance to decay and weather.



Durability Class (EN 350-1)	Use Class (EN 335-1)	Examples of applications	Products
1 Very durable	3 Outdoors, exposed to weather	Outdoor cladding Garden structures	Thermo-D ayous, pine
2 Durable	3 Outdoors, exposed to weather	Outdoor cladding Garden structures	Thermo-D spruce Thermo-D ash, ayous, fraké
3 Moderately durable	2 Outdoors, under roof	Sauna structures Outdoor structures and furniture under roof	Thermo-S pine, spruce Thermo-S, hardwood Thermo-D, hardwood
4 Less durable	1 Indoors in dry conditions	Interior cladding	









AG Campus

Brussels, Belgium

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® pine
- Thermo-D

Treated with fire retardant, Burnblock®, to the desired reaction to fire class.

Architect:

EVR Architects







Benoît Viaene

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® fraké
- Thermo-D

Architect:

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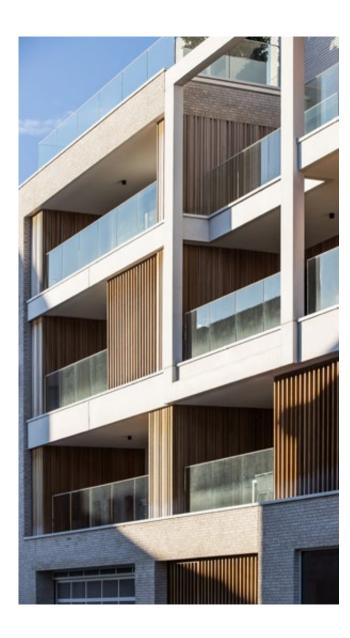


Benoît Viaene

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- Thermo-D

Architect:

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Dockside Garden

Ghent, Belgium

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® ayous
- Thermo-D

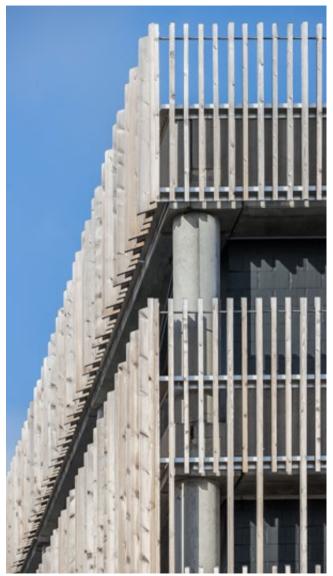
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Architect:

Bontinck







Shuttle parking

Aalst, Belgium

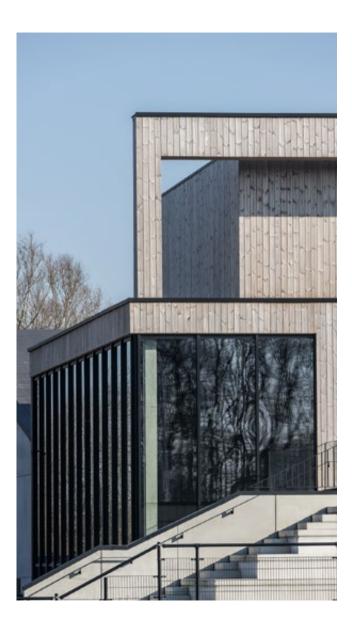
- LDCwood® ThermoWood® spruce
- Thermo-D

Treated with fire retardant, Burnblock®, to the desired reaction to fire class. [B-s2,d0]

Planed and machined on CNC ROBOT-Drive.

Architect:

HUB Architecture BVBA









Gantoise Hockey

Ghent, Belgium

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® pine
- Thermo-D

Treated with fire retardant, Burnblock[®], to the desired reaction to fire class.

Planed

Architect:

Servaas Vertongen







Maria Assumpta

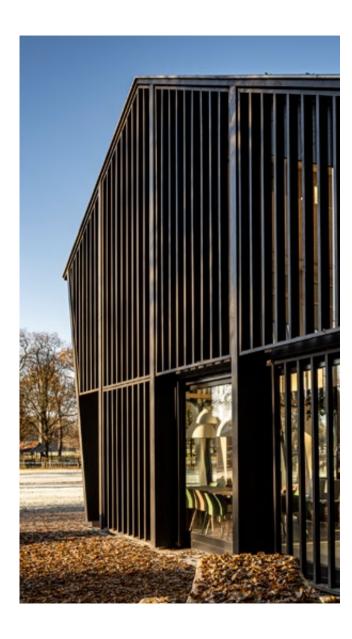
Dilbeek, Belgium

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® ayous
- Thermo-D

Treated with fire retardant, Burnblock®, to the desired reaction to fire class.

Architect:

Laurijssens architect









Visitor Centre A. Vogel

't Harde, The Netherlands

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® fraké
- Thermo-D

Architect:

Johan Hofman







Buitenpoli Reinier de Graaf

Voorburg, The Netherlands

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® fraké
- Thermo-D

Architect:

EGM Architecten









Oasis Residential Project

Wenduine, Belgium

- \bullet LDCwood $^{\circledR}$ ThermoWood $^{\circledR}$ ayous
- Thermo-D

Treated with fire retardant, Burnblock®, to the desired reaction to fire class.

Planed

Built by:

Jokkebrok









Repeto Steel

Galeries Lafayette Champs-Élysées, Paris, France

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® fraké
- Thermo-D

© Heerenhuis (www.heerenhuis.be)

Design by:

Heerenhuis







Residential houses

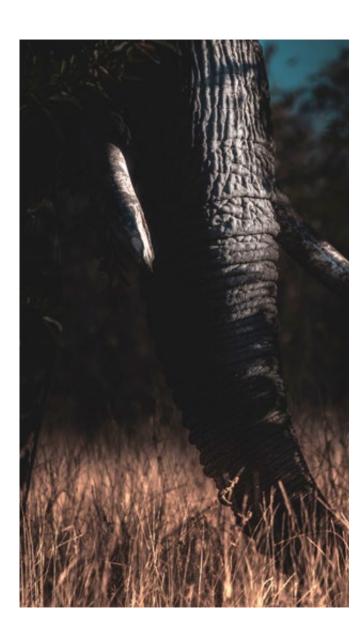
Roeselare, Belgium

- LDCwood® ThermoWood® ayous
- Thermo-D

Built by:

Imroder





ALKE COLLECTION

Mother of Mankind

Alke, an ancient name for the African continent which literally means 'Mother of Mankind', represents the relationship between man and nature. With LDCwood®, under Alke we categorize the species of wood that originate from the continent, particularly fraké (Limba) and ayous (Abachi). Our Alke collection is all virtually clear of knots and quarter sawn to yield 100% vertical grain cuttings.

- Durability class I-II
- Dimensionally stable
- Rot resistant
- Earth-friendly



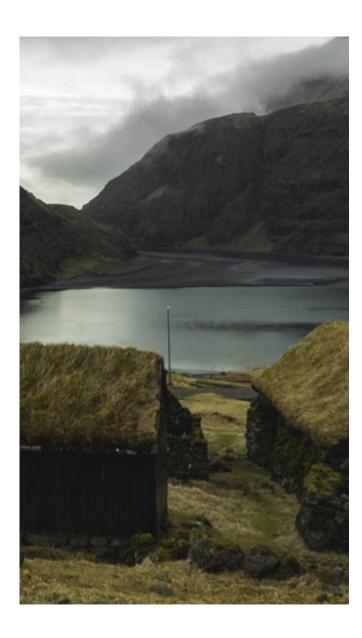
Fraké

Whereas untreated fraké is more likely to be light yellow to dark brown, thermally modified fraké takes on a warm, nutty colour. The robust colour combined with the typical lines and pinholes make fraké planks very eye-catching as facade cladding and perfect for enthusiasts of distinctive wood. Fraké has a Janka hardness of 640.



Ayous

Although similar as facade cladding to fraké, ayous has a slightly less irregular, more rustic character. You could say that fraké takes on a more 'historic', natural look thanks to the black streaks and pinholes while ayous has more of a modern look-and-feel. Ayous has a Janka hardness of 430 and would be closest compared to clear Western Red Cedar for appearance, density and workability.



LAGOM COLLECTION

Exactly the right amount

Lagom is derived from the Viking expression 'laget om', meaning 'a round to the group'. Nowadays, the Swedish word represents balance, in every aspect of life. LDCwood® ThermoWood® hopes to transfer this balance to modern architecture through thermally treated pine and spruce originated from Scandinavia.

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Pine

Pine comes in numerous varieties (up to 125 types in the world!), which can be roughly divided into red pine, white pine and yellow pine. At LDCwood®, we primarily focus on the treatment of Scandinavian Red pine. This variety can be recognised by the pinkish lines that run through the wood. This means that there are lighter and more darker lines in the wood, which bring a lot of personality to the wood, even after thermal treatment.



Spruce

Scandinavian spruce is a high-quality woodtype characterized by its light colour, thin grain and slow growth. Although spruce is naturally susceptible to blue mold, wood rot and damage by insects, the ThermoWood® treatment puts an end to this completely. The result is a durable wood product, with well-integrated small knots, that is easy to work with.



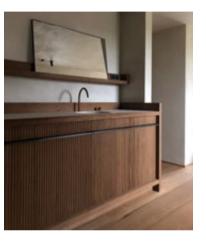


Cladding



Decking

Interior





Outdoor

CLADDING

Aesthetics, lifespan and low maintenance costs are paramount when it comes to choosing the right cladding. LDCwood® ThermoWood® is durable, resistant to moisture and dimensionally stable, which makes it the perfect cladding material.

- Design freedom
- Durable
- Rot resistant
- Low maintenance
- Optional certified fire retardant treatment

Photo: LDCwood® ThermoWood® ayous · Thermo-D



DECKING

Decking should not only withstand every weather condition and temperature, it also needs to be able to withstand heavy use. Thanks to its durability and stability, LDCwood® ThermoWood® is ideal for decking.

- Durable
- Rot resistant
- Dimensionally stable
- Low maintenance
- Easy-click installation systems

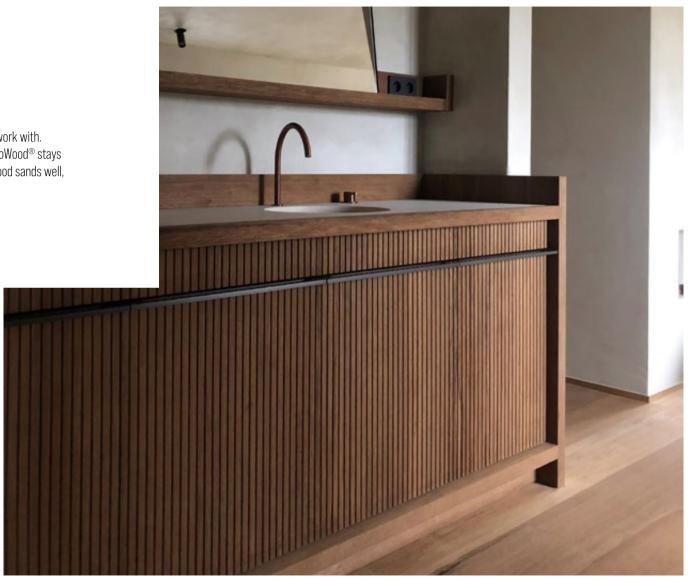


INTERIOR

For interior applications, thermally modified wood is a joy to work with. The stability is stunning, and it won't warp. LDCwood® ThermoWood® stays flat after planing, and doesn't shrink after installation. The wood sands well, and feels like polished leather after sanding.

- Well-being
- Signature creations
- Accent walls
- Sauna-proof
- Optional certified fire retardant treatment

Photo: LDCwood® ThermoWood® fraké · Thermo-D

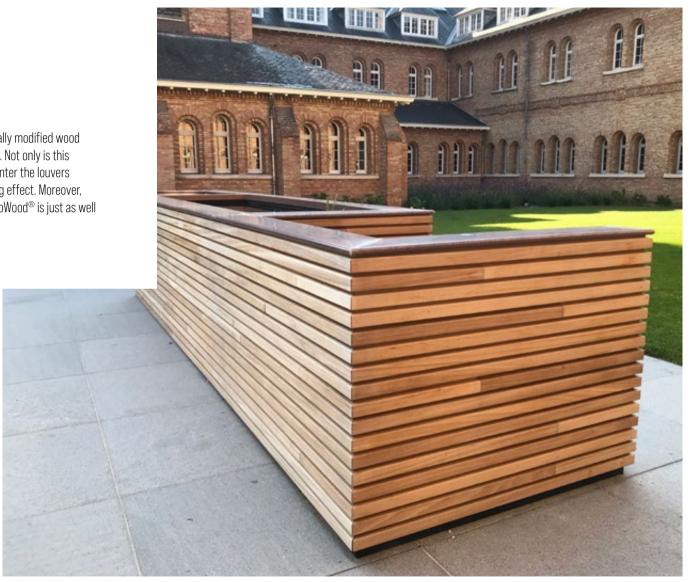


OUTDOOR

In addition to facade cladding, decking and indoor use, thermally modified wood also lends itself well to being used as stylish outdoor shutters. Not only is this an aesthetic way to keep out the sun in the summer, in the winter the louvers effectively capture small pockets of air, providing an insulating effect. Moreover, given its high resistance to rot and insects, LDCwood® ThermoWood® is just as well suited for outdoor furniture!

- Durable
- Rot resistant
- Dimensionally stable
- Low maintenance
- Signature creations

Photo: LDCwood® ThermoWood® ayous · Thermo-D (Priory of O-L-V of Betanië, Loppem, Belgium)





FINISHES



Pre-grayed

Pre-graying is used to mimic the natural graying process of wood immediately after installation. This results in a facade cladding with uniform colour shades, even on surfaces not exposed to UV light.



Brushed

Brushing the wood grains adds to the natural character of the wood. In this process, the bristles remove more of the sapwood, while the harder late wood remains, leaving a rough bold texture.

FINISHES



Coated

Wood has a lot of small pores, in which dirt can accumulate. Thermally treated wood is no exception. Applying a water-based coating allows the surface to be sealed, so dirt is less likely to accumulate and the wood is also easier to clean. Also, the influence of UV light is a lot less present, preventing the aging from progressing.



Oiled

To counteract the aging of thermally treated wood, the application of an oil on a regular basis can be helpful. Think of it as sunscreen: by coating the wood and providing a buffer layer, the natural discolouration of thermally modified wood driven by UV light can be slowed down over time.

FIRE RETARDANT TREATMENT

Through the unique partnership between Lemahieu Group and Burnblock®, LDCwood® is able to offer ThermoWood® with a fully certified fire retardant performance.

The fire retardant product, Burnblock®, is a sustainable solution with 100% natural ingredients and is Cradle-to-Cradle Gold-certified™.





The Burnblock® treatment under vacuum pressure is second to none:

- 1. The ecological aspect: Burnblock® is 100% natural and biodegradable.
- 2. The reaction to fire class obtained by vacuum/pressure impregnation, , also meets the requirements for indoor applications.
- 3. The treatment takes place on the same premises as the ThermoWood® process.
- 4. We offer CE-certified solutions.





ROUGH SAWN THERMOWOOD®

Our LDCwood® ThermoWood® is also available as rough sawn timber.

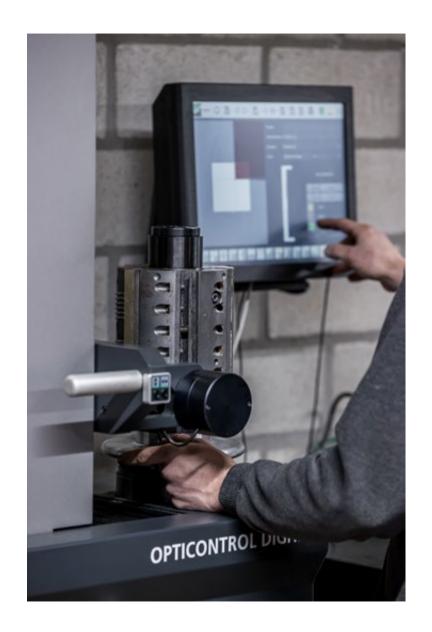
Our rough sawn timber:

- is not yet processed into patterns.
- comes in various dimensions and widths.
- is available in different types of wood, including ayous (quarter-sawn), fraké (quarter-sawn), pine, spruce, ash and poplar.

CUSTOM MADE

Custom made profiles offer architects the freedom to create whatever they have in mind for their design, thanks to our very own grinding shop. Explore our wood species to find a match with your design.

Contact us with your dream patterns.



PLACEMENT & INSTALLATION



TONGUE-AND-GROOVE END JOINTS¹

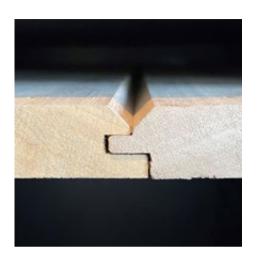
Tongue and groove patterns, whether it is for flooring or cladding, create a tight and seamless fit. Local building codes must be consulted when building an exterior facade with tongue and groove products.

¹Consult the ThermoWood[®] handbook for detailed installation instructions.



LDCwood® ThermoWood® products can be fixed in a traditional manner with nails and screws like any other timber products. Because of ThermoWood® products' pH value (acid), any fasteners must be made of stainless steel or stronger material in order to prevent corrosion.

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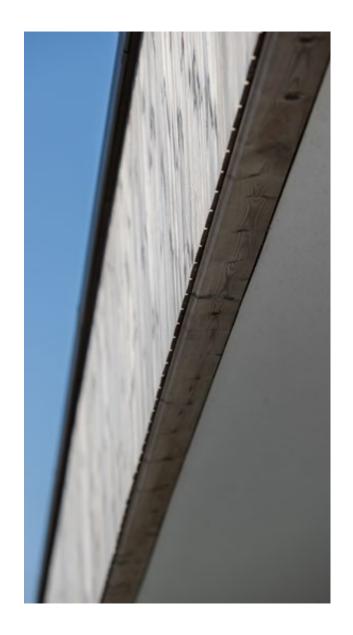
GRAD & B-FIX1

To achieve a homogeneous good looking end result, various hidden fastening systems are available:

- Grad®
- B-Fix

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MAINTENANCE

LDCwood® ThermoWood® has a prolonged life and it doesn't necessarily need a surface treatment applied to it. Some people choose to add a finish or paint to their timber to enrich its colour, but if it's left untreated, the wood will naturally change to a silvery grey (similar to that of cedar or larch). This process will begin immediately and, depending on the amount of UV exposure, may take several months to a year. This does not make the wood less resistant to decay.

Unlike pressure impregnated wood, LDCwood® ThermoWood® can be recycled as untreated wood when it is no longer required.





LDCWOOD® THERMOWOOD®

LDCwood® provides a solution for every need with a wide range of wood types and patterns. LDCwood® ThermoWood® can be treated with fire retardant under vacuum pressure, pre-aged, oiled, brushed and varnished.

Our membership in the International ThermoWood® Association guarantees the highest quality of thermally modified timber. With wood from sustainable managed forests there are no boundaries to choose LDCwood® ThermoWood®.

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