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Eco-friendly bamboo flooring from Star Bamboo; furniture from d-Bodhi

GREEN GOODNESS

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Belle and Dean fashion; Jurlique skincare; Clarins bodycare; Eco Ferragamo bag; Origins skincare

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Foods from Glow Juice Bar and Café; Wild Rocket; Polson Ivy



Furnishing

According to Jeff Hiller, president of global non-profit green furnishings coalition Sustainable Furnishings Council, the green movement is gaining momentum in the retail furniture industry.

Furniture companies are using materials such as vintage reclaimed wood, reclaimed lumber and recycled aluminium. These include local company and global distributor of bamboo flooring, household and kitchenware products Star Bamboo.

“Hardwood trees take decades to grow and cannot be easily replaced. In contrast, bamboo matures in four to six years. There isn’t even a need to replant it, as new bamboo grows from underground shoots. We get feedback from customers all the time that they would have chosen bamboo flooring long ago if they had known of such an eco-friendly product. Our goal is that one day, every single product in the market would be made from sustainable sources,” says its business development manager Tan Hun Boon who adds that the company’s other efforts include the use of non-toxic materials.

Another Singapore-based furniture business, is award-winning reclaimed wood furniture manufacturer, d-Bodhi. It has a maxim of “Old Wood, New Life, No Waste” that is reflected in its use of discarded wood, driftwood, sawdust and other natural materials used to create premium lamps, bedrooms sets, chairs, tea light holders and other accessories. It was the first in Asia-Pacific to obtain the internationally recognised Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for their furniture, and is in talks with Spring Singapore to contribute to their roadmap for Singapore companies to obtain green certification.

Says a spokesperson: “Conservation is everybody’s business. If we don’t conserve now, our future generations will suffer. If we do not impart ‘green’ values to them now, they may not have anything left to enjoy in future years!”

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