

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

De La Espada believe in the value of a circular economy and practise constant improvement of our processes to work toward a more sustainable future.

The longevity of our products has always been central to our approach. We use low impact materials and finishes, time-honoured craft, and timeless design to create products that last a lifetime.

We work with some of the best international designers to create a diverse range of furniture that rejects trends, is carefully detailed, rigorously engineered, and expertly crafted, with a poetry of form that speaks to the emotions.

Premium natural materials and expert craftsmanship ensure furniture that is as structurally robust as it is beautiful.

## ENERGY AND RESOURCES

Woodworking is a naturally low-energy endeavour. Our dedicated factory in Portugal takes measures to further lower the energy consumption associated with production.

Our factory utilises energy-efficient machinery and is powered by solar energy.

We make all of our furniture to order, meaning we only use the amount of material and energy required to fulfil orders. This honours the materials and craft while reducing waste.

The De La Espada factory follows the EU rules of filtering and cleaning air and water, and avoids the use and emission of poisonous chemicals.

## PACKAGING

Almost all of our packaging is easily recycled as cardboard or paper. We continue to research materials to work toward 100% recyclable packaging.

## MATERIALS

All of our materials, with very few exceptions, are sustainable and recyclable, and we are constantly improving our methods to move towards 100% recyclability.

Wood is a natural resource that requires very little energy for conversion into planks, and which can be safely and naturally recycled at the end of its life.

De La Espada use premium quality timber sourced from sustainable forests in the United States and Europe, locations where the best possible timber of its kind is found. The climate, combined with methodical monitoring, pruning, replanting, and general care of the trees on managed forests ensures the highest quality timber. Furniture intelligently made with such timber is kinder to the environment as the strength of the planks can lend very long life to the furniture, diminishing the need for disposal and replacement.

Solid wood gives furniture an infinitely renewable surface, as the piece can always be sanded down and refinished to bring it back to its original beauty. Our finishes are natural and environmentally friendly from our oil and wax finish to our water-based lacquer.

We use other natural materials including stone, metal, fabric, leather, and glass, which address our high standards for both quality and sustainability.

#### MANUFACTURE

We use both traditional and technologically advanced construction methods for the most stable end result, with the aim of creating products that last a lifetime. Exceptionally strong wood-to-wood connections – including mortise and tenon, wedge tenon, dovetail, and lap joints – bonded with water-based wood glue, provide superior, deep, unbreakable bonds for furniture with outstanding structural stability.

Complementary materials are connected using machine fixings; this provides strength, while allowing the various materials to be separated for recycling at the end of the product's life.

#### LIFETIME REPAIR

We offer a lifetime repair service to help our customers restore their furniture in the event of any unexpected damages. In addition, customers can send their furniture back to our factory for recycling, if desired.

#### AESTHETICS AND LONGEVITY

De La Espada furniture has an enduring appeal which serves to satisfy the ever-changing tastes, surroundings, and attitudes of the end user. This plays a key role in a product's inherent durability, as it encourages the user to keep the product for a lifetime.

#### CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We continue to approach our work with our eyes open, searching for new ways to evolve and minimise our environmental impact while continuing to offer products of uncompromising quality.