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It's easy to be
green – really.

How a table can
help your project
earn LEED points.

Editor's Choice:
Four creative
designs you
must see.

KNOCK ON WOOD

Germany's ALNO, one of the world's largest kitchen cabinet manufacturers, has launched a new collection, ALNOART WOODGLAS. As an alternative to exotic wood veneers, it features a patented ink-jet technology that prints a continuous wood grain directly onto aluminum-framed doors. The collection also features recessed grips for easy-to-open drawers and pullouts, as well as down-lit functional shelves with glass backboards that can be printed to match the cabinet's design. Visit www.alno.com for more details.

TONGUE IN TEAK

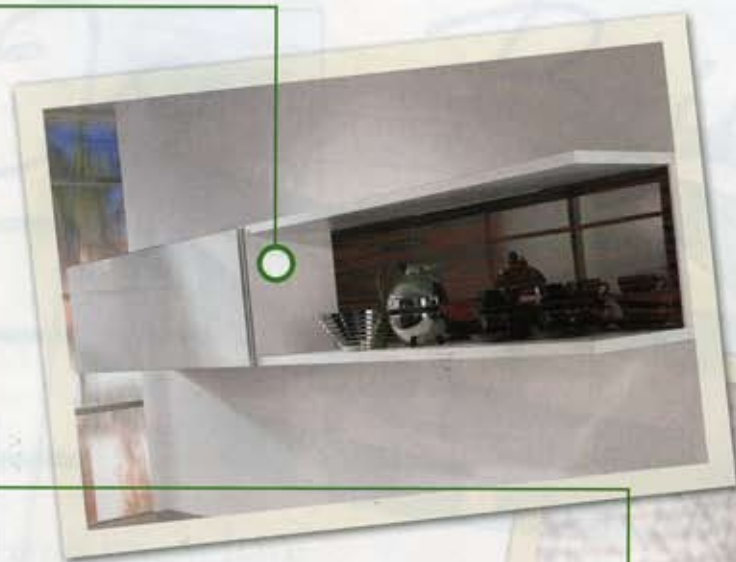
Bevara Design House in San Francisco was incorporated earlier this year to foster responsible, forward-thinking design. The company's first furniture collection features plantation-grown teak. Sustainability dominates every step of the manufacturing and distribution process – from concept and materials to execution and retail delivery, it says. In fact, the word "bevara" means "preserve" or "protect" in Swedish. For more information, visit www.bevaradesign.com.

FLUSH AWAY

Neptune Water Systems, based in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, has launched a collection of environmentally friendly toilets with double flush systems, allowing for considerable water conservation. Double flush toilets give the user the option of a standard flush for solid wastes and a lower-volume flush for liquid wastes and paper, which uses 1.6 gallons of water at full flush and 0.8 gallons at the low flush. Visit www.neptunewatersys.com for more details.

SINK INTO GREEN

Los Angeles-based Alchemy Glass & Light transforms recyclable glass scraps into modern glass sinks. Artist Steve Weinstock found his inspiration in a pile of broken glass and the cross-hatch series of American artist Jasper Johns. The glass pieces are scattered and the resulting pattern is fused to a three-fourths-inch-thick piece of glass before the mixture of elements evolve into multi-tonal hues. Visit www.alchemy-glass.com for more information.





•EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Lighting Science Group in New York City is the proprietor of Eyeleds, the first ultra-thin, recessed commercial and residential solid-state lighting systems for flooring, sidewalks, patios and other surfaces. The product uses LED technology, operates on 12VDC and consumes as little as 3W per light point. It has been designed for indoor or outdoor applications and doesn't require a certified electrician to be installed – the average consumer can do it. See www.lsgc.com for more details.



•GO WITH THE LO-FLOW

Jaclow Industries' low-flow showerheads and handshowers merge sustainability with style. The Cranford, N.J., company has created low-flow products that merge conservation with comfort. Incorporating flow regulators rather than restrictors keeps the pressure and flow of the water strong. In fact, they distribute 1.75 gallons per minute, which is considerably less compared to the 2.5 GPM standard. For more information, visit www.jaclow.com.



•LOVELY LUMINAIRE

Amerlux Lighting Solutions in Fairfield, N.J., has integrated the latest LED technology into its newest innovation, the Cylindrix II LED track luminaire. A state-of-the-art LED 20W cluster provides a light output equivalent to 50-75-watt halogen lamps, while using one-third of the power. Life at 70 percent of initial lumen output is rated at 50,000 hours, which is more than 10 to 15 times longer than halogen. Visit www.amerlux.com for details.



•GET BAMBOO-ZLED

Santa Fe, N.M.-based Stone Forest is incorporating eco-friendly bamboo into its designs, including sinks. The company chose this material because bamboo is harvested without the use of pesticides and fertilizers, allowing its natural fibers to mature and flourish uninterrupted. It's also 100 percent renewable. The sinks are crafted from the laminated exterior of a bamboo shoot, making each vessel durable, lightweight and water-resistant. For more information, visit www.stoneforest.com.