

Full Okoumé plywood, a range of high performance products for demanding works

Paris, 28th of November 2013 – Rougier, market leader for certified African tropical wood, brings a resolutely modern and innovative touch by offering a number of different applications for its range of full Okoumé plywood products. As a reliable and high performance species, Okoumé is tailored for construction, interior design, coating, watersports etc., providing the perfect solution for such areas where functional considerations are confronted with aesthetic requirements. In this context, Rougier presents Okoucent, 100% Okoumé plywood, in a variety of finishes ranging from the most basic to the most sophisticated. Okoucent is manufactured in Rougier's plywood plant in Gabon using timber from FSC certified forests which are fully managed by Rougier.

Okoucent gives room for imagination

Okoumé has a long history as one of the plywood manufacturers' preferred tropical timber species. The wood is lightweight, resistant, high performing with great stability. Its consistent quality is the key to easy manufacturing and allows for a wide range of different finishes.

Okoucent's properties give free rein to projects of creation, development and construction. Architects, craftsmen and designers highly esteem this material which offers a number of possible uses while meeting technical and aesthetic challenges.

Interior applications vary from dry to moist environments. It is highly sought after for bathrooms or cabins. The line of fireproof panels is particularly suited for public buildings. Outdoor applications include various roofing purposes such as coverage, overhang or wind braces. For outdoor exposure, and with specific bonding, it is used in the nautical industry and also in works of skidding, frontage and joinery.



Fireproof Okoumé plywood intended for public buildings

Exceptional examples of use

For interior applications, Okoucent is a highly sought-after product. With its excellent functionalities and strength, it is perfectly fitted for structural purposes or joinery works. The selection of saddles elegantly exposed for decorative purposes on Okoucent saddle racks in Hermès boutiques in Paris is a unique example. In a resolutely original and modern finish, the saddle racks highlight the horse rider's accessories, mythic symbols closely connected to the Hermès house's family history.



Okoucent Panels
Tiffany & Co Store - Paris



Okoucent Saddle Racks in the
Hermès Boutique - Paris

For exterior applications, Okoucent panels answer the most demanding requirements in matters of resistance to fire, moisture and temperature fluctuations. As an example, the prestigious American retailer Tiffany & Co used elegant Okoucent panels to mask the front of its new Paris store on the Champs Elysées during the construction works prior to the store opening. These panels may be transformed into a trompe-l'œil for discretional

purposes or carry the retailer's logo for direct and efficient communication.

A full range of certified products

Rougier has set out rules for a strict environmental policy based on two complementary pillars: responsible forest management and responsible trade in wood products. In this context of enhancing the group's forest resources, Rougier has elaborated a full range of certified products complying with the best environmental (the entire range of full Okoumé plywood carries FSC 100% certification) and quality standards:

- Full Okoumé plywood are certified NF CTBX. This certification guarantees the technical properties, the performance and the suitability of plywood panels intended for outdoor use applications.
- Full Okoumé panels answers requirements and recommendations of European standards EN 314-2 (bonding), EN 315 (tolerances and dimensions), EN 635-1 and 2 (surface appearance), XP ENV 1099 (biological durability), CE marking (performance declaration) and comply with EN 13986 (E1 wood based panels, formaldehyde release)
- Lastly, these panels are also concerned by the KOMO label (Dutch certification of good quality) and carry BS 1088 Lloyd's Register Type Approval for shipbuilding (British label).

“By managing our forests, your supplies respect the environment”



Created in 1923, the Rougier group is a leading producer of certified African tropical timber. The group has three core activities: Rougier Afrique International (harvesting of natural forests, industrial processing and international trade), Lignafrika (study, management and investment in industrial forest plantations in Africa), Rougier Sylvaco and Rougier Panneaux (import to France and distribution of various timber products of any origin).

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