



# STEP BY STEP

Quality Staircase Components

 **international  
timber**



# DRIVEN BY QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY



International Timber is the UK's leading importer and distributor of sustainable timber and panel products. Over the years, we have developed a strong reputation for providing high quality products and services for construction and joinery projects across a wealth of different market sectors.

We are established technical timber specialists, providing our customers with total solutions, all managed to precise individual requirements. Sustainability and responsible sourcing are the foundation stones upon which our business is built.





# CUSTOMER-FOCUSED SERVICE SOLUTIONS

At International Timber, we have built up a sector-focused business structured around the needs of our customers.

Our extensive product portfolio encompasses hardwood, softwood, panel and clear softwood products, alongside modified, engineered and composite timbers. We offer a vast array of species and finished products, supported by a comprehensive portfolio of related services.

Operating from four strategically located sites across the UK, International Timber guarantees a robust and reliable supply chain, providing fast and responsive customer service encompassing far more than just stockholding and distribution.

Our specialist services are structured to provide total solutions from milling to machining, lacquering and treating, all managed to precise individual specifications and quality standards.





# THE ART & SCIENCE OF STAIRCASE DESIGN



At International Timber, our specialist staircase products and services portfolio is designed to provide manufacturers with an extensive choice of quality timbers.

Our key objective is to support staircase manufacturers by developing and investing to provide safe, efficient and high quality wood products, optimising potential for this cost effective and sustainable building material.

We are proud to be members of the British Woodworking Federation Stair Scheme, the only accreditation and certification scheme of its kind in the UK. Our optimised solutions for stair manufacturers reflect our commitment to help drive forward standards in timber stairs, promoting good design and adherence to regulations to reduce risk and enhance performance over time.

Our investment in product development and availability, extensive stockholding, machining and milling capabilities enable International Timber to provide high quality solutions to exacting specifications.







## ACHIEVING THE NATURAL LOOK

Today's homeowners are increasingly adopting the concepts and benefits of 'green living', incorporating natural and sustainable materials to create domestic spaces making the most of natural light and renewable resources.

This more organic approach opens up a range of opportunities for wood products, with both traditional and emerging species presenting an inherent beauty to enhance the architecture and layout of the home.

At International Timber, our staircase products portfolio features high quality hardwoods, resilient engineered materials and elegant natural finishes to provide components designed to complement both traditional and contemporary interior design schemes.





# THE STAIRCASE PRODUCT PORTFOLIO



HANDRAIL

NEWEL

TREAD

BALUSTER

RISER

STRING

## 1. Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)

Now the most commonly used timber for stairs due to its inherent strength and cost benefits. The International Timber offer is a Scandinavian joinery grade redwood.

## 2. New Zealand Clear Pine (*Pinus radiata*)

A new product for the staircase sector, available as square dressed boards manufactured using the best pruned logs, free of knots and renowned for the finest grade and machine finish.

## 3. Oak (*Quercus petraea/robur*) (*Quercus alba*)

A beautiful classic hardwood timber, Oak is strong and durable and an extremely popular choice for staircases.





Swatches shown in this brochure may differ slightly in colour from actual products. Please request product samples to verify colour.

#### 4. Sapele (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*)

Sapele is an incredibly strong and durable hardwood with an attractive reddish brown finish, often chosen when a slightly darker end product is required.

#### 5. American Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

Varying in colour from a light brown through to deep chocolate and a purple hue, American Walnut provides an elegant decorative finish with grain patterns ranging from smooth to strongly figured.

#### 6. Tulip (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Strong for its weight, Tulipwood ranges in colour from pale brown ecru to a deeper green hue, with a medium to fine texture and attractive straight grain.

#### 7. Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.)

An extremely strong and durable timber, Ash is often chosen where a lighter coloured finish is required. Ash demonstrates a very pronounced grain throughout and is often specified as a more cost effective substitute for oak.

#### Panel Products

International Timber offers a comprehensive range of panel products developed specifically to match the requirements of staircase manufacturers. Contact our specialist team to discuss requirements.



# ADDING VALUE: THE INTELLIGENCE RANGE 'EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE'



Introducing the INTElligence range by International Timber; an infinite collection of solutions developed to match and exceed identified requirements. The objective is to overcome traditional sourcing and availability issues and offer bespoke tailored products.

The INTElligence brand reflects International Timber's established reputation as market leaders, engaging with forward planning and sustainability, engineering solutions using woods that are readily available and fit for purpose for each application.

The INTElligence solution provides a range of benefits for customers

The product range is conceptual, with solutions evolving working in close cooperation with individual customers to match applications and environments.

  
**INTELLIGENCE**  
TOTAL SOLUTIONS IN ENGINEERED TIMBER





# COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Timber is considered one of the most sustainable and environmentally favourable construction materials available. However, illegal timber poses a very real threat to our industry.

Underlining our commitment to sustainability, it is vital for International Timber to ensure that every one of our products is sourced from well-managed, credibly certified forests.

We work very closely with our supply chain to ensure that products produced and supplied to the Group meet all legislative and social requirements in line with internationally recognised standards.

As an integral part of the global Saint-Gobain Construction Products UK group, International Timber has the resource to invest continuously in facilities, stock and advanced production equipment, keeping products and services at the leading edge in terms of technology, efficiency and environmental awareness.

All International Timber sites in the UK are ISO9008, ISO14001, OHSAS18001, FSC® and PEFC® certified.







## CASE STUDY EDWARDS & HAMPSON LTD



### International Timber supplies American Black Walnut timber to Edwards & Hampson Joinery

Raw American Black Walnut timber was supplied to Edwards & Hampson (EH) Joinery by International Timber to assist in building a staircase for a residential client.

The project involved designing, manufacturing and installing a bespoke, double curved staircase in the client's home, with features including a curved string, handrail and treads.

American Black Walnut timber was used throughout the structure and the stain was clear, allowing for the natural grain of the walnut to show through. The material was selected as it is seen as a regal, stately timber ideally suited for projects of this magnitude.

International Timber has now worked closely with EH Joinery for several years. A spokesperson said, "We have worked with International Timber for a number of years,

and they provide our hardwoods for bespoke stairs, windows and doors.

"The close relationship benefits both parties and allows for increased flexibility. We consistently receive prompt delivery, quotation and information on all products, which plays an important role in helping us to better serve our customers."

EH Joinery chooses to use International Timber due to the high quality of timber. The project was a total success and EH Joinery has said, "We will of course be working with International Timber again on a range of projects."





## CASE STUDY TKSTAIRS



### Laminated Redwood panels for TKStairs bespoke staircase

Specialising in made-to-measure, timber staircases ranging from simple straight flights to showstopping grand designs, TKStairs required two piece laminated Redwood panels for use as stringers.

The new panels were used to replace previously-used solid stringers. Due to the natural growth defects from the solid pieces, TKStairs had encountered increasing issues with the material. As a result, they were looking for an alternative product.

TKStairs and International Timber (IT) have worked closely together for some years. A spokesperson for TKStairs said: “We have a very good relationship with International Timber and benefit from their

real understanding of our business, offering sound advice and knowledge in all aspects of timber.”

The project required two different sizes of timber, one 28x240mm and another 32x240mm. It was crucial that these sizes were exact, not just for reasons of quality and accuracy but also to avoid having to make costly changes to tooling systems. Thanks to IT, TKStairs now offer their customer a choice in stringer thickness, giving more control over their orders.

TKStairs now orders from IT on a weekly basis and is extremely pleased with the products and the level of service they receive. The company has expanded upon its offering, ordering stock in more varieties from IT based on service levels and product quality.





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