

# Elegant hardwood Kayu™ Batu decking endures generations

## LABCO WOOD PRODUCTS

Imagine your toddler playing on your hardwood deck. Fast forward to a wedding party on the deck as she launches into her happily-ever-after. Soon grandchildren scuffle on the deck, which still looks new. None of life's knocks make permanent marks on the enduring wood. Hardwood decking from Kayu spans generations.

This world-class hardwood needs little but admiration lavished on it. A patio, deck, dock or boat decking built with Kayu hardwood requires only annual cleaning and optional re-staining to be beautiful year after year. Some owners allow the wood to fade to a natural silver patina, requiring no maintenance.

Jim LaBelle of Labco discovered this product while on a Mexican cruise vacation. He knew he was walking on a surface that went beyond luxurious to exotic. The hardy wood looked as if it would stand the test of time.

"I sat with the ship's engineer at dinner and asked him about the decking. I sourced it and teamed up with Kayu, leaders in hardwood decking in North America," reminisces LaBelle.

Kayu International has been a leading importer of quality wood products since 1974, specializing in decking, millwork and furniture. Kayu became the name for durability and beauty in wood products throughout Europe too. Thirteen years ago LaBelle brought Kayu home and founded Labco Wood Products to become the Canadian distributor.

Alberta threw the challenges of harsh winters and blazing summers at Kayu. LaBelle knew if this wood held up there, it would endure anywhere. Quickly he learned Kayu could take the extreme sport of performing flawlessly under Alberta skies.

Three years ago, Labco introduced Kayu to the Okanagan. See and purchase it by talking to people at the contractor desks at all Home Hardwares throughout the Thompson and Okanagan valleys, or check [www.kayu.com](http://www.kayu.com).

It is already being specified on high profile applications such as Abbott House, Okanagan University College Delnor Homes and other projects throughout the Okanagan.

What's the durability secret? Kayu decking comes from



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the balau species that's been used in boat building for half a century, and includes Red and Yellow Batu. Suppliers also handle Swan Secure stainless steel fasteners and Messmers UV plus finish for hardwood decking.

Distributors provide technical support and installation and maintenance advice. This high-end product demands high prices, right? Wrong. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

"This decking is the real thing, priced competitively with the composites and clear cedar, but it will outperform them for years," says LaBelle. A team of professionals in Malaysia and Indonesia supports Kayu International based in West Linn, Oregon. They negotiate best prices, ensure quality control and expedite shipments.

Kayu follows sustainable forest management practices that exceed highest standards. Wood harvesting is careful and selective. In the mostly tropical Malaysian climate, trees regenerate naturally after logging. But enrichment planting follows, resulting in more trees growing back than were there to start.

This elegant Kayu could become a part of your family's heritage. ■