

Natural elegance

Give your home a touch of nature with wood furniture.

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WOOD can provide an earthy warmth to your home with its rich shades of natural brown, ranging from a pale oak to a rich walnut.

But what happens when you have existing wooden furniture in your home? Integrate these into the theme of your interior for a seamless look.

Ms Samantha Liu, the sales and marketing manager of furniture store Commune said: "There are two ways to go about integrating different pieces of wooden furniture into an existing setting. You could either go with similar wood tones throughout or play around with contrasting tones such as light and dark coloured wood."

Wood is a natural material that offers almost endless variety – ranging from heavily carved wood styles, to a subtle mix of solid oak and coated metal for an industrial vibe. Generally, all wooden furniture

are crafted from either hard wood like oak and mahogany or softwood such as pine.

If you are looking to add some wood accents to your home, Ms Liu recommended choosing wood for key and communal pieces like dining and coffee tables. Give your room a focal point by adding a unique piece that differs from the rest of your furniture while adhering to the general theme.

Well-chosen pieces can help anchor the look of your home without going out of style.

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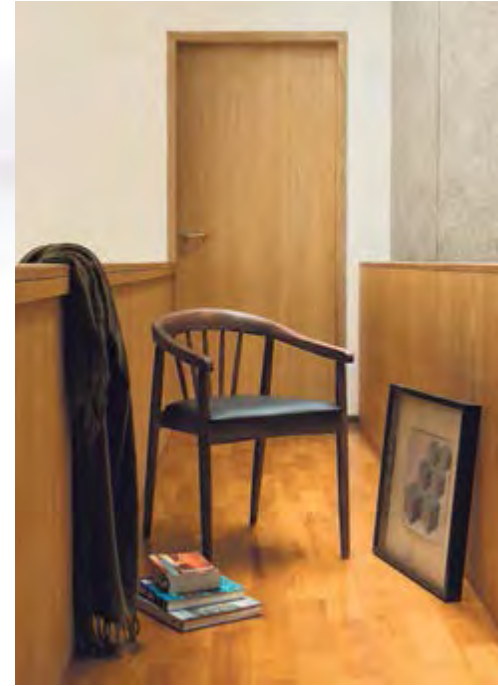
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*Crimson Coffee Table
from Commune*



*Kendra Chair
from Commune*

Crafted in Italy

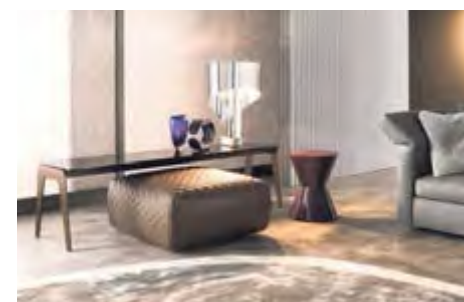
LUXURY bags, suits and shoes are not the only fine things to come out of Italy. The country is also famous for its well-made and distinctive furniture.

The artisanal Minotti 2014 collection by Italian designer Rodolfo Dordoni, who is known for his interior design of villas and private homes, as well as industrial and commercial spaces.

The line utilises an array of textiles like linen, chenille and velvet with timeless patterns such as chevron and diamonds for a touch of modernity.

Comprising both indoor furniture like beds and dining chairs, the collection also has a variety of outdoor fixtures to create that resort feel for your al fresco area.

The Aston line has individual indoor and outdoor pieces that exude elegance and style.



The Ashley, a pouf from the Minotti 2014 collection makes a perfect addition to your living room space.



Putting a spin on the regular bedframe, the Bedford is a coil divan with a padded headboard for utmost comfort.