

## **White Balau:**

Balau is a very dense, tightly grained wood that is heavily laden with rich oils and resins. Balau's texture is very fine, even and smooth to the touch. Our yellow balau hardwood looks very much like teak in color and appearance. A property comparison between the hardwoods will show balau is twice as strong as teak.

## **Maintenance:**

Your furniture is pre-treated with appropriate oils and sealers. To clean it please use water with soap. Rinse to remove soap residue and allow the furniture to dry completely.

Very important is to oil your furniture before first use and before storing for winter time. At the end of the season furniture should be well cleaned before oiling, allow it to dry and store it in safe, dry environment.

Balau furniture need to be oiled few times per year due to inclement weather conditions. Weather conditions may vary, that is why the user needs to decide for himself if the product requires more attention. If you decide to renovate them please follow these steps:

- Rinse untreated furniture with a garden hose to remove surface debris. Scrub with a soft-bristle brush and soapy water.
- Sand the untreated wood lightly with fine-grain sandpaper. Rinse with a garden hose after sanding, to remove dust. Allow the furniture to dry completely.
- Treat the wood with light vegetable or marine based oil using a clean, lint-free cloth. Always apply oil in an open space. Allow the oil to absorb for 24 hours before applying sealants. Work the oil into the furniture by rubbing the rag in the direction of the wood grain, starting at the top and working your way to the bottom. We recommend Tung, Jutland and some of the Scandinavian wood oils. Also, a light household linseed oil is fine.
- Apply a sealant to the untreated wood if desired. Application of sealant can increase the lifespan of the wood and help to make it more mould resistant. Allow sealants to dry for 24 to 48 hours before using the furniture.

## **Please Note:**

Colour variations are one of the natural process of the wood, that is why products can vary from each other. During production, internal moisture is reduced by kiln heat. Due to product exposure to sunlight and summer temperatures it will further reduce residual moisture. As a result the wood may shrink a little and small cracks may appear which is completely normal. Not well preserved outdoor furniture can change their colour into mellow gray. Changes can vary depending on the location within the garden. Visible spots of mould can appear if the wood will not be dried/treated properly.