



Riva 1920

"The new luxury is living in a sustainable and ecological space"



- Riva 1920 is an excellence of the territory. The company's philosophy is to produce honestly to hand down to future generations, making solid wood furniture able to challenge time while fully respecting the environment.
- The furniture they produce is made out of many woods from many parts of the world. In one room we admired and observed on the walls many types of woods that came from Asia, America, Australia and other different continents.



History

- 100 years of history”


It all started in 1920 in Cantù, in the heart of Brianza, in a small family-run artisan workshop founded by Nino Romano and specialized in the production of classic style solid wood furnishings. In 90’, alongside the woods from planned and controlled cuts, the company introduces the reused woods such as the millennial Kauri of New Zealand, the Briccole of the Venice Lagoon and the Cedar of Lebanon.



Projects

- Pangea table
- This is located in the centre of Pavilion Zero, the most important pavilion of Expo 2015. These tables symbolize the unity of people and it represents the Pangea about 200 million years ago: a single continent made up of all the emerged lands. The idea of the architects designers is to pay homage to the Universal Exposition, where over 140 nations participate, with a reference to physical unity and not just ideal. Expo 2015 represented the unity of peoples as Pangea represented the unity of all continents before separation. This table is considered ecological because no trees were cut down for its construction. The Pangea board is a thousand-year-old Kauri wood, recovered from the subsoil of New Zealand. The briccole supporting the table are oak poles recovered from the lagoon waters of Venice. The top was finished with natural oils.
- The tables on display at the Expo were ecological, because the company is very keen to recycle everything to respect the nature that surrounds us.





The project “Ground Zero...Ground Heroes”

- It's been promoted by Riva 1920 to show solidarity to the families of victims of the Twin Towers' tragedy, occurred on 9/11 2001.
- The products are even more exclusive due to the material chosen: the Swamp Kauri, a unique type of wood that dates back to the Jurassic era. The rare and antique essence of Kauri wood, so as its symbolizing revival, gained a very deep meaning in the realization of this project: the Kauri challenged time, preserving itself intact within the earth's womb. By realizing the products with this material, the initiative assigned to it the role of silent witness so that horror will not be forgotten.



Famous people

- The company supports important projects that link the realities of wood and the enterprise world to the reality of art, architecture and design, and that deal also with the social consciousness, the sustainability and the care for the environment.
- In this way, great meetings are organized with great people.

Types of wood

- KAURI
- The Kauri (*Agathis Australis*) is a kind of conifer living only in the sub-tropical climates of New Zealand. They are the world's biggest trees in terms of trunk volume and have a height of up to 70 meters and a diameter of up to 9. All the remaining trees are now under governmental and legal protection and their cut is strictly forbidden. The biggest surviving Kauri is the 'Lord Of The Forest'.
- Kauri tables are conceived for indoor use.





BRICCOLE

- Riva 1920's intuition was born from the great attention towards the environment and the ecology. The Briccole are the unquestioned main characters of Venice, which lead the boats and mark the Lagoon low tide and are periodically replaced due to wear. Made unique pieces by the industriousness of shipworms, small molluscs, Briccole are transformed into exclusive pieces of furniture able to convey a special emotion.



CEDAR

- The cedar of Lebanon is an evergreen conifer grown throughout Northern Italy although it was originally from Lebanon and Syria. Its main feature is its height, which can reach 40 metres with a trunk diameter of as much as 2.5 metres.