

CANADIAN WOOD SEMINAR

India-suited species generate interest in Chennai



A private residence in Himachal Pradesh, designed by Aakar Design Consultants, has made extensive use of Canadian wood species.

Canadian Wood continued with its on-ground informative seminar series in late September in Chennai, with more than 50 attendees encompassing architects and interior designers, furniture manufacturers, timber importers and builders and developers.

Canadian Wood is represented in India by Forestry Innovation Consulting India (FII) Pvt. Ltd. The topic of discussion,

'Wood from Sustainable Sources', was presented by Mr. Peter Bradfield, Technical Advisor, Canadian Wood. The highly informative and interactive event was managed by *WoodNews*.

Peter shared an engaging and detailed presentation on usage of Canadian wood in building and designing with wood, innovation in interiors, emerging trends and new-age wood technology.

Several projects and products produced by Indian manufacturers were also showcased at the seminar. This opened the audience's mind to new wood species that are perfectly suited to Indian conditions.

The event was attended by senior industry leaders in the woodworking field including Mr. M.P. Farook, Chairman of Farwood Industries; Mr. Balaji Rajaraman, Managing Director of Soundarya Decorators; Mr. Ramkumar Rajendran, Joint Managing Director of Jaybharthum Furniture; Mr. Shivprasad MKK, Head of Operations of SofaKings; and Mr. Kalliappan, Studio Director of Shilpa Architects, among others.

The Q&A round threw up various questions regarding size availability, time duration for wood to reach destination, timber milling practices adopted by Canada, kiln drying and heat

treatment of lumber, technical information on each species' physical and working properties leading to a high quality finished product.

The audience was responsive towards knowing the Canadian wood species and were very keen to get engaged with FII's team of wood experts to know about the wood species in greater detail.

Canada is the world leader in sustainable forest management; and its wood species of Western Hemlock, Douglas-fir, Yellow-Cedar, Western Red Cedar and Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF) are certified by either by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).



Doors, windows and flooring from Douglas-Fir.



FII Technical Advisor, Mr. Peter Bradfield, explains details of various Canadian wood species to guests at the Chennai seminar.