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Accoya® sets the scene on the banks of Loch Lomond - Revolutionary wood makes its mark in Cameron House Hotel-

One of Scotland's premier hotel destinations has unveiled Accoya® in its Boathouse Restaurant at the De Vere Cameron house hotel in Loch Lomond, Scotland.

The new restaurant recently underwent a makeover by Birmingham cladding specialists, Vincent Timber who used the revolutionary modified wood as the key ingredient to achieve the exquisite new look.

10,000 linear metres of Accoya® timber cladding was used for panelling the exterior of the building and adding the finishing touches to the bar and restaurant area.

Darren Powell of Vincent Timber said: "We chose Accoya® after evaluating it against other cladding products and the customer was pleased with its performance in both its internal and external uses. We used the wood in horizontal and vertical profile along with trims, reveals and corners."

Darren added: "Accoya® offers superb stability and durability which guarantees an excellent performance when compared to other coated timber products. It is a very easy product to handle and the absence of cracks made it ideal for this project."

The project is further testament to Accoya's aesthetic and environmental qualities. The completion of the new restaurant at Cameron House Hotel is yet another commercial project to use the wood, following on from Accoya's commercial debut in an office building in Amsterdam.

The popularity of Accoya® in commercial property developments gives a strong indication of the opportunities for Accoya® and BSW Timber, which has signed an exclusive agreement with Titan Wood to be the sole supplier of Accoya® across the UK and Ireland.

John Alexander, head of business development at BSW Timber, said: "The use of Accoya® in this project demonstrates the practical application of Accoya® in projects which require quality, sustainability and flexibility. The building reflects the growing interest in Accoya® from the commercial sector and is further evidence of Accoya's remarkable qualities in both how it looks and its strength."

Using wood from sustainable plantations, Accoya® is 100 per cent non-toxic with the wood's appearance, natural colour and strength not affected in the process.

For more information on BSW's provision of Accoya® visit the website www.bswaccoya.co.uk

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Notes to Editors: Accoya®

- Accoya® is produced using a patented process that adapts sustainably grown softwoods by increasing the amount of acetyl molecules present in the wood. Pine wood has 2 per cent acetyl molecules, oak has 4 per cent and Accoya®, has 20 per cent.
- Wood acetylation protects wood from rot by making it inedible to most micro-organisms and insects, without making it toxic. It also greatly reduces the wood's tendency to swell and shrink, making it less prone to cracking and ensuring that when painted it requires dramatically reduced maintenance.
- Since acetyl molecules are already present in all wood species, the process does not introduce anything that does not occur naturally in wood and Accoya®, is therefore completely non-toxic.
- Accoya's high performance allows greater flexibility in design because it is not subject to the same standard practice which limits common, less stable timbers.
- The timber is guaranteed for 50 years against rot by the producer. This guarantee is also a conservative measure, compared with Building Research Establishment's product review of a 60 year life expectancy.

- Testing of Accoya® for machining properties, gluing and coatings has now been completed. The most severe test at a joinery company included a three-week immersion of fully finished Accoya®, window in a water tank. After the period, the window opened with ease and no paint joints had been broken – even at the corners.
- Accoya®, offers new levels of warranty against decay and a new warranty for quality coating finishes, and does not require any further preservative treatment at joinery factories.

BSW Timber in the UK / Europe

- BSW Timber is the largest sawmilling business in Great Britain. The company has six sawmills in the UK and one in Latvia, producing a total of over 700,000m³ of sawn timber per year.
- BSW Timber supply sawn timber products to customers in the Construction, Pallet and Packaging, Fencing and Garden Products sectors.
- BSW is committed to supporting sustainable forestry, and use FSC certification by independent auditors as a way to display this.
- All BSW Timber sawmills have FSC Chain of Custody Certificates, and all timber supplied from UK sawmills is FSC certified.
- BSW Timber's Group Headquarters is in Earlston, Berwickshire. Its six UK sawmills are based in:
 - Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire
 - Fort William, Inverness-shire
 - Petersmuir, East Lothian
 - Carlisle, Cumbria
 - Newbridge-on-Wye, Powys
 - Senghenydd, Mid Glamorgan