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BRAZIL BAROQUE LEADING MANUFACTURER OF EXQUISITE HIGH AND ECO FRIENDLY FURNITURE, GOES BEYOND THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABILITY.

To Brazil Baroque, a company that manufactures furniture strictly from reclaimed, recycled or repurposed exotic hardwoods, the current eco buzz words "recycle", "sustainability" and "green" have been at the core of the business's mission ever since it was started over five years ago by its principal designer and architect Andrea Fonseca.

Considered an industry leader before her time among eco-friendly manufacturers, Ms. Fonseca began to bring her vision to life when she moved to the United States and started designing furniture for Santa Barbara residents. Delighted clients spread the word, and since then, the company has grown to include over 1500 meticulously handcrafted items while staying at the forefront of "going green" conscientiousness. Passionate about her company's responsibility to be a part of the solution to global warming, rather than part of the problem, Ms. Fonseca turned to her native country of Brazil for her main resource--woods reclaimed throughout the countryside from abandoned farms and haciendas. Built on site, these abandoned structures were crafted from some of the most exotic woods that once proliferated in Brazil. Destruction of massive areas of Brazilian rainforests has put the existence of many exotic woods in jeopardy. Today, skilled artisans and craftsmen use these reclaimed woods to transform former walls, floors and ceiling into original one-of-a-kind works of art that capture the romance and lively cultural heritage of Brazil, including chairs, hutches, tables, beds, lighting, flooring, architectural elements and more. Ms. Fonseca had the foresight to incorporate the concept of "eco-friendly" into the company's mission when she founded Brazil Baroque: "We are committed to preserving Brazil's rainforests by only using reclaimed hardwoods for our wood products and will continue to strive to use manufacturing techniques that cause little or no harm to the environment while still producing the highest quality furniture and accessories."

Says Ms. Fonseca, "No new woods are ever used in our products. The furniture has to be beautiful, provocative and meaningful, and by using reclaimed woods, these desirable characteristics are inherent in the woods we use even before a piece is crafted. Years of use and distress have beautifully marked the timbers we use, giving each piece its unique look, charm and beauty."

Additionally, Ms. Fonseca is committed to providing jobs for over 300 Brazilian artisans and keeping the art of hand crating pieces alive in remote villages in Brazil while people are paid well to make a living doing what they love--creating beautiful works of art.

Brazil Baroque recently opened a dazzling new showroom at the prestigious Las Vegas World Market Center. Almost a carbon copy of the flagship store in Santa Barbara, the new showroom features a cross section of the 1500+ meticulously handcrafted items it manufactures. If you can't find what you want at the showroom or on the website, custom made furniture is their specialty--a service rarely offered these days. The new showroom is open during regular WMC hours at the Las Vegas World Market Center.

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