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Embracing a Wabi-Sabi Aesthetic, the Lacuna Creative Space Uses Natural Materials to Create a Minimalist but Inviting Gathering/Event Space for Creatives

LOS ANGELES – Sept. 24, 2024 – Lacuna, a gathering and event space for creatives recently opened in the West Adams neighborhood of South Los Angeles.

Created by artist and interior designer Dre Shapiro, Lacuna is an indoor/outdoor venue that serves as a sophisticated, high-end canvas for photo shoots and events, far surpassing the typical converted warehouse space.

“The goal was to craft a space that not only stood out for its uniqueness but also embodied a deep commitment to quality, using only the finest materials,” Shapiro said. “To bring warmth and character to Lacuna, I prioritized natural materials.”

The once bare concrete block walls were meticulously plastered, and the painted arches and key beams in the beau truss ceiling were sandblasted to reveal their natural texture. Shapiro’s team spared no expense in building a state-of-the-art kitchen, featuring 5,000-year-old ash veneer from Italy and the [best materials available for surfaces and hardware](#).

Shapiro also custom-designed a planter sink for Lacuna’s bathhouse and commissioned an artist to sculpt its organic ceramic sconces, adding layers of artistry and bespoke detail. For the exterior courtyard, Shapiro initially planned to use Ipe wood, long considered the pinnacle of outdoor building materials. Her contractor, however, steered her toward specifying Kebony dually modified wood. This innovative wood product not only outperforms most tropical hardwoods but also offers a sustainable alternative. The Kebony process is 100% eco-friendly, providing the beauty of real wood without compromising the environment—a perfect match for Lacuna’s ethos.

“Our Kebony slatted exterior has become one of the most striking features of Lacuna,” Shapiro said. “Currently a rich brown, we embrace its natural aging process and will allow it to gracefully silver over time.”

Every aspect of Lacuna reflects Shapiro's unwavering personal attention to detail and dedication to using the best products and materials. "The inclusion of Kebony as one of our collaborators underscores this commitment, enhancing the venue's uniqueness and enduring quality," she said.

Among many other contributors the project includes Kassandra Thatcher, who designed its organic ceramic sconces, gracing the venue with a touch of nature-inspired elegance. Miele, the provider of appliances for the state-of-the-art kitchen, delivered functionality combined with sophistication. Splash Lab fabricated Lacuna's unique trough/planter sink. And Willis provided the exquisite Lapitec stone composite countertops and Fenix cabinet fronts.

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The company's global headquarters is based in Oslo, Norway, with its production facility in Skien, South of Oslo. The Kebony USA team is located in St. Clair, Michigan, with local representation both on the East and West Coasts. Kebony has received numerous awards for its environmentally friendly technology and innovation, including its naming as a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer and a Global Cleantech 100 company. Kebony has been embraced by leading architects, designers and developers, which are served through a global sales and distribution network.

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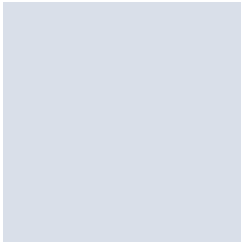
technologies, it produces an enhanced wood of a superior quality that is both environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

The company's **headquarters is based in Oslo**, with its production facility in Skien, South of Oslo. Currently employing about 60 people, Kebony has subsidiaries in Norway, Denmark and Sweden, sales representatives in Germany, France, UK and the US and a wide distribution network internationally. Shareholders are leading the venture with private equity investors from Germany, France, UK and Norway. The company has received numerous awards for its environmentally friendly technology and innovation, including its naming as a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer.

The **Kebony® technology** permanently transforms sustainable wood species such as pine into Kebony wood with features that are comparable, and in some cases superior, to those of precious tropical hardwoods. This unique environmentally friendly process is also a superior alternative to traditional wood treatment based on impregnation with biocides (wood preservatives). The company's patent-protected production processes yield products that deliver major improvements in durability and dimensional stability, at the same time as being highly attractive. The Kebony products are suitable for a multitude of applications and designs – encompassing both indoor and outdoor applications.

Kebony's mission is, through active innovation, quality thinking and understanding of commercial possibilities; give the world beautiful, long lasting and environmentally friendly wood products. The company will show social responsibility and contribute to improvements of the environment in a way that builds a better future.

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