

“Connecting To The Natural World” and to our industry’s heritage. One Haworth Center puts into practice a number of forward-thinking design and construction concepts. One of these is the principle of using the building to connect Haworth team members with the natural environment. Haworth’s headquarters provides most team members with outdoor views and daylight, literally bringing nature into the workplace. Another important connection between the natural and built environments is the massive, three-story wall clad in recovered ebony oak that greets team members and visitors in the main lobby area.



The Calgary Learning Center lobby is anchored by a 20-foot wide, 25-foot high reclaimed quarter-sawn white oak wall (left). One Haworth Center’s lobby features an equally impressive ebony oak wall structure (right).

No Trees Were Harmed (Or Harvested) Haworth worked with Timeless Timber, a Wisconsin-based supplier of certified underwater salvaged timber, to design and engineer the wall. Timeless Timber exclusively recovers and mills virgin old-growth (300 -1200 year old) wood that had sunk in the Great Lakes and other US and Canadian waterways during the logging boom of the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. This wood carries the Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) seal of approval for being produced from 100% recovered submerged timber; none is harvested from current old-growth forests. This reduces the need for existing forests to meet the current demand for wood. In fact, Timeless Timber recovers and processes two million board feet of lumber each year without sawing down a single tree.



Ebony Oak offers a warm deep brown appearance (left)

One Fact – New, rapid growth timber (upper right) typically features five to ten growth rings per inch, while old, slow growth timber (lower right) features 40 to 50 growth rings per inch, resulting in finely grained, highly figured wood.

A Glimpse Of The Past, A Look Ahead The Timeless Timber wall brings warmth and texture, along with an element of ageless character, to One Haworth Center. The finely grained and carefully crafted wood, unavailable for more than a century, references our area’s furniture industry heritage. In the broadest sense, this is an architectural element that offers both inspiration and purpose...clearly celebrating the beauty of nature, and at the same time, challenging Haworth members, stakeholders, and visitors to seek new, innovative ways to conserve and restore the natural environment.