

GLOSTER RAW

NATURE'S

TEAK, CRAFTS & INNOVATION 2019 COLLECTION

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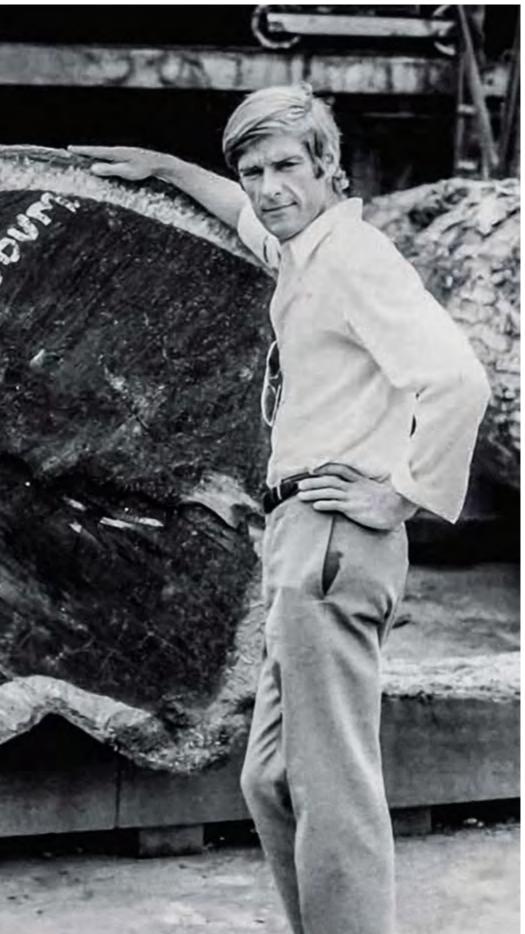
In normal mass production, timber is regulated, ordered, standardised to conform to strict manufacturing parameters. But with the Raw concept, we celebrate the unpredictable and revere the irregularity of nature.

Whether it be the colour or depth of the sap wood, the texture of the bark or the checks and splits radiating from the centre of the log – each imperfection tells a story and marks each piece out as unique. Just as no two teak trees are the same, so no two pieces of Raw furniture will match.

# our heritage

Gloster's roots can be traced all the way back to West Africa in 1960, where a band of passionate entrepreneurs and furniture makers took the first steps on a long journey. By the early 1970's, increased demand and access to plantation grown teak led us to move our factory to Indonesia.

Today, the same passion, conviction and pride that launched the Gloster brand, continues to fuel our business. We may live in a different world than the one occupied by our founders, but one thing remains the same - we are furniture makers whose sole focus is to design and build the world's finest outdoor furniture.

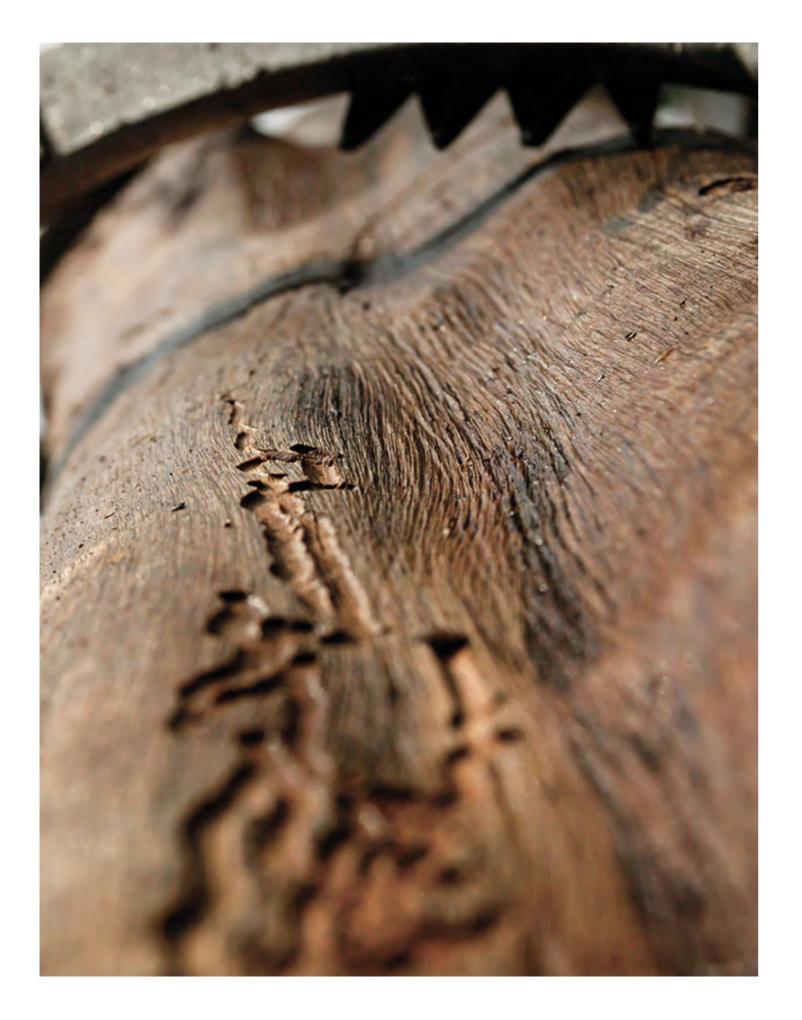


# PLANTATIONS

Gloster's production of teak is characterised by our approach. We understand our resources and we know our wood. We only harvest what we have planted ourselves, and every tree that is felled was placed in the soil by one of the Gloster plantation's workers - workers whom we have known for a lifetime.

A Gloster teak tree has a lifecycle of at least 50 years - and our wood can always be traced back to its origin. We believe that our customers must be able to trust us, so we treat the world, its resources and its people with respect.





# TEAK

The benchmark hardwood for fine outdoor furniture for more than 700 years. With a beautiful buffed sheen or a soft natural finish, every piece of Gloster teak originates from carefully managed plantations and is thoroughly inspected to ensure that quality endures.

A close-grained hardwood with a high natural oil content, teak is exceptionally hard wearing, highly resistant to rotting and almost impervious to the effects of sun, rain, frost or snow - the first and only choice of timber for outdoor furniture.

# CORE VALUES

Skills & loyalty, tradition & progress. Gloster and fine craftsmanship go hand in hand. Our furniture is not the result of random mass production - human hands have created every rounded corner and every joint, and the quality of the furniture is the result of our employees' knowledge and skills. And our production of teak is characterised by our approach. We understand our resources and we know our wood. We only harvest what we have planted ourselves, and every tree that is felled was placed in the soil by one of the Gloster plantation's workers - workers whom we have known for a lifetime. A Gloster teak tree has a lifecycle of at least 50 years - and our wood can always be traced back to its origin. We believe that our customers must be able to trust us, so we treat the world, its resources and its people with respect.

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# RAW GLOSTER RAW

As with our own fingerprints, so every teak tree is one of a kind. Even within the managed plantation environment, no two trees share the same ground or reach for the light in the same way and thus, each grows and matures in its own unique way with the natural variations and irregularities that give timber its inherent appeal.

Every growth ring, every knot and the graceful ebb and flow of the grain stands testament to its journey from young sapling to mature tree – a journey of up to 70 years.





# RAW TABLE

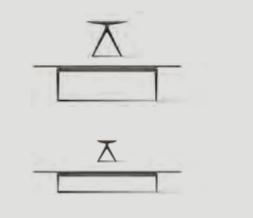
In sharp contrast to the heavy and rustic form of the table top, the legs of the RAW Split table have a very characteristic look with an inverted 'Y' construction and tapering form, which emphasises a light and subtle connection to the ground.





# SPLIT RAW TABLE & BENCH

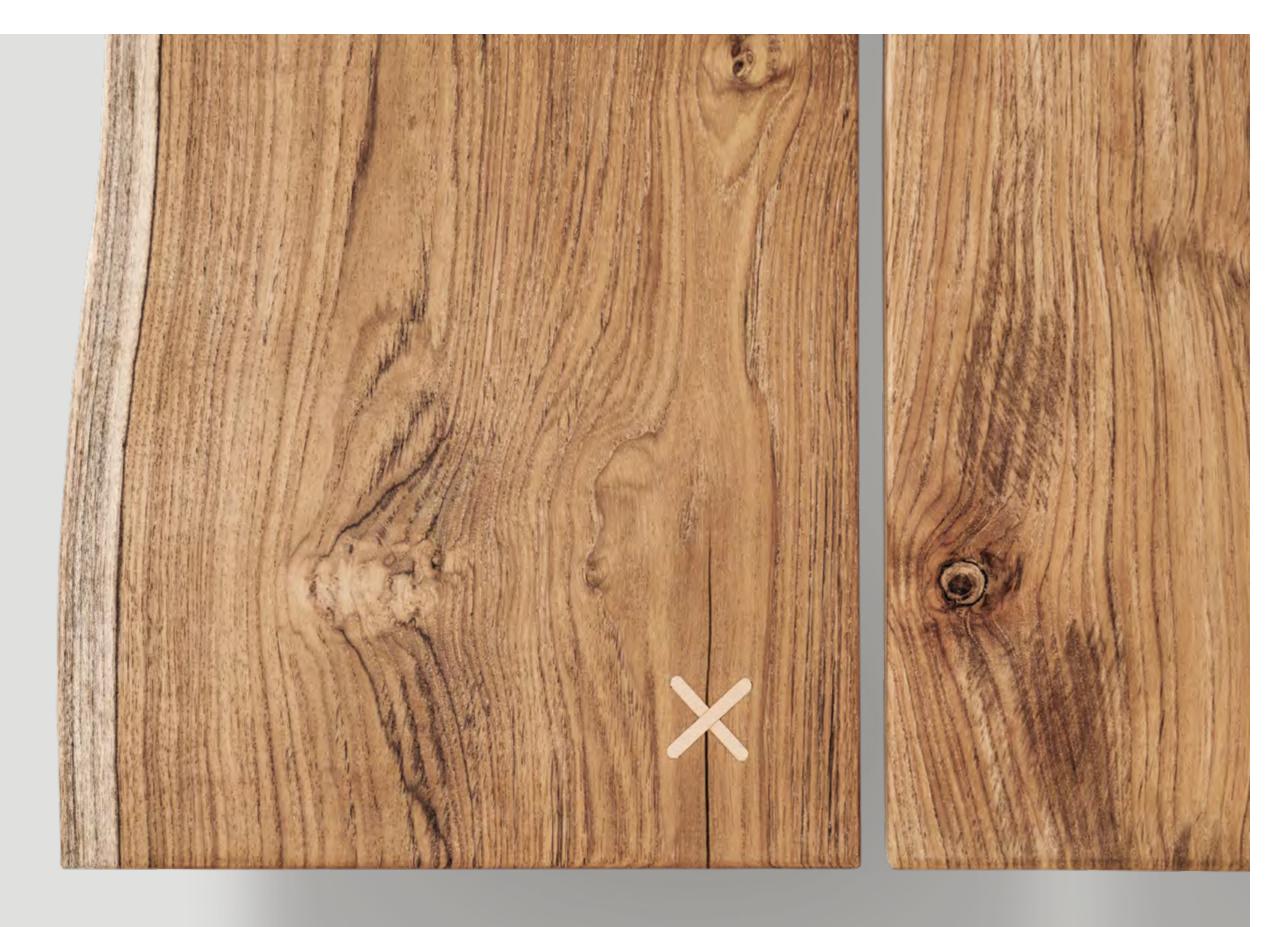
In perfect complement to the tables, the RAW concept now introduces dining benches to complete the collection. Made from the same RAW teak planks as the tables, the benches ensure a not only practical, but uniquely dramatic place to alight.



# BUTTERFLY

Even nature occasionally needs a helping hand to aid endurance. So, from time to time, the checks and splits that are a natural feature of the RAW planks are required to be re-enforced to prevent them extending too far into the wood. For this purpose, we have designed a brass "butterfly" insert that stabilises the split in a fashion befitting of the teak raw material to which it is combined.





# RAW STRATA

A striking feature piece to grace any environment, the RAW Strata bench combines sapwood edge RAW teak slats with a simple, yet elegant base frame. The perfect expression of the RAW concept, each slat is individually selected and paired with their partners to mimic the profile of a sawn log.









Hand selected from the lower branches of teak trees that would normally be rejected for furniture production, the RAW teak logs are both stylish and practical. Equally useful as either a stool or a side table, each log is of course unique. Varying in both overall diameter and also general colour and texture, our RAW teak logs continue to celebrate the irregularity of nature.





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