

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

For centuries, American hardwoods have been appreciated for their beauty, warmth, durability, and lasting value. Today's consumers are adding "green" and "sustainable" to the reasons they choose floors, cabinets, and millwork made from domestic hardwoods. Sustainability is all about meeting today's needs without compromising the needs for future generations.

MIRRORING NATURAL FORCES

In a hardwood forest, trees compete for the water and sunlight that come through the forest canopy. Koetter Woodworking carefully harvests individual trees, creating openings which allow more precipitation, sunlight and nutrients to reach the forest floor. This single-tree selection method of harvesting reduces competition and improves growing conditions. In practice for decades, this mirrors the natural process of single trees or small groups of trees perishing and falling on their own.

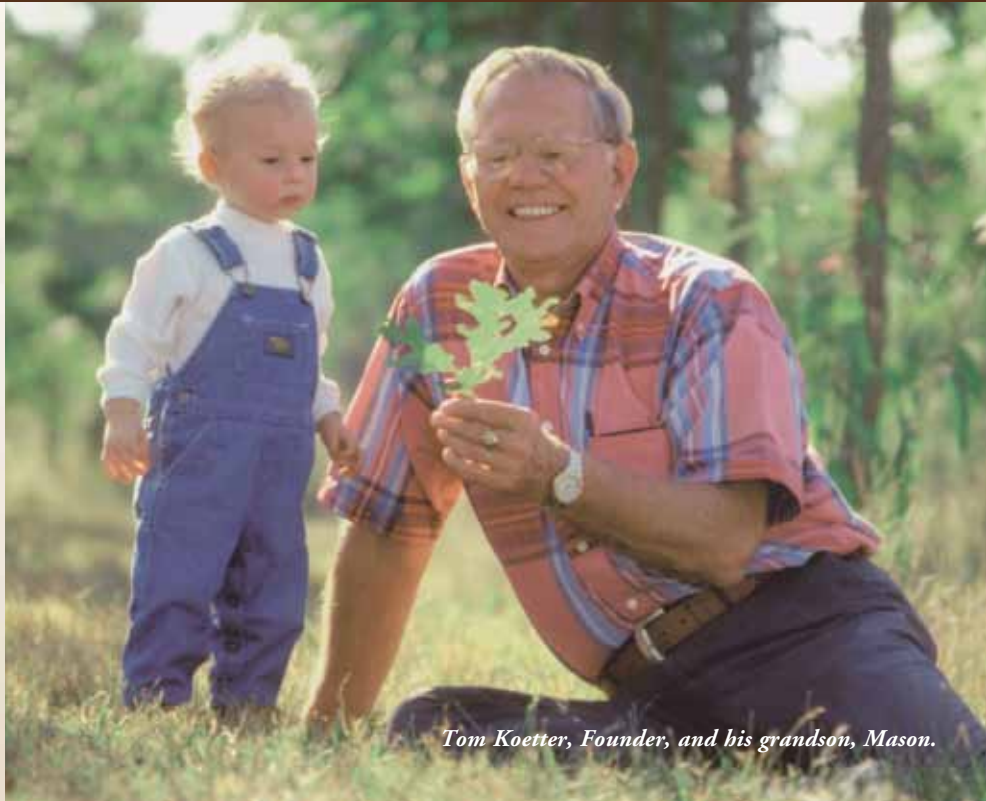


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OUR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

For over 50 years, Koetter Woodworking has been committed to the sustainability of our industry's timber base. We personally oversee every aspect of the harvest from our company timber grounds, as well as purchased standing timber, acknowledging BMP's (Best Management Practices) and all recognized harvesting and silvicultural criteria.

In U.S. forests, we grow about twice as much hardwood as we harvest each year. What's more, trees renew themselves on their own, and in great abundance! With far more hardwood growth than there is harvesting, American hardwoods are the definition of environmentally friendly, green, and sustainable – today and for generations to come.



Tom Koetter, Founder, and his grandson, Mason.