

## CARE GUIDE

### INTRODUCTION

Your new product is made of untreated European Oak. Oak is a natural hardwood renowned for its strength, durability and beauty, outlasting other materials with little maintenance.

Oak has a mind of its own and over time, exposed to the sun and rain, it will develop cracks along its grain, particularly around knots and the end grain. This is the natural characteristic of oak, these changes do not affect the structural strength of the timber. The joinery techniques we use are strengthened by tension caused by this movement.

### APPEARANCE

Your new furniture is a light honey colour. When left outdoors, the high tannin content in the oak reacts with the sun's UV rays and rain and gradually the oak seasons naturally and changes to a beautiful silver-grey colour. It is an attractive natural hue which will sit in harmony with its outdoor surroundings.

The tannins which are brought to the surface create a layer on top of the oak protecting the wood inside. These tannins can stain stone paving. The staining will only be temporary and will disappear over time. If you wish to speed this up it can be removed with soapy water and a stiff-bristled brush.

### CARE + CLEANING

Mildew and fungal growth will naturally appear on the surface of the wood, especially if your furniture is positioned near hardwood trees. If left to take hold this can damage the wood's structure. This can easily be removed with warm water, mild household detergent and a stiff brush or green scourer. With this method of maintenance we find regular, quick cleans are far more effective for promoting even patina.

The feet on all our pieces of furniture are sealed with a wax sealant and are fitted with a rubber glide. This is to avoid ground contact which will lead to water tracking up the end grain through capillary action. As such if you wish to position any items on a lawn we recommend placing a small piece of paving slab or stone under the leg.

All of our upholstery is made from 16oz marine canvas. It has a water resistant coating which will need replenishing to keep it at its best. We recommend Fabsil universal protector which is simply sprayed on and left to dry naturally. We recommend that upholstery is removed and stored inside when not in use.