AN INSPIRED COLLECTION OF BENTWOOD FURNITURE

WOODBENDER
Inspired by a love of woodwork and passion to explore the art of bending, Charles started Woodbender in 1988 and was soon joined by wife, Shirley and father, John. From the start, we specialized in bending solid wooden timber, reviving a closely-guarded and secretive old-world tradition from 1700 Europe. We taught ourselves through hands-on trial and error, building the necessary components and machinery over two years, and picking up our first big client (where the original chairs are still in use to this day).

Over the years, the name Woodbender has become synonymous with high-quality furniture known for its durability, comfort and excellent value. All of our products are made in solid Ash timber, imported from North America, where the certified forests are so vast that they replenish themselves naturally. Every item is individually handcrafted and is as unique in character as the tree from which it originated. Our unwavering commitment to product and people has enabled us to grow to a sizeable enterprise with a factory and two showrooms. John has since retired, but our extended family has grown to a large, dedicated team, including our two children.

We are proud to have become the supplier of choice for restaurants, hotels, offices and homes across South Africa and beyond. The Inspired Collection of Bentwood Furniture is a small selection of the larger Woodbender range, styled in a variety of our standard timber finishes and choice of fabrics. Visit woodbender.co.za to find out more and to view the full range.

CHARLES & SHIRLEY MAST
Our product

Our products achieve their unique character through the people and the process that make them. At least twenty people contribute to the making of our unique handmade furniture.

Woodbender chairs, tubs, sofas, stools and tables are built to last, through the selected materials and manufacture methods used. This makes our products suited to the hospitality industry or the homeowner who values longevity.

Hardwearing, rugged and durable without sacrificing design finesse or character, Woodbender products offer the perfect balance of functionality and beauty.
Elegance offset by hardwearing functionality, honouring the natural beauty of timber through the ancient art of bending wood.
Designed for hospitality, styled for home.
Sustainably handcrafted
and designed to enhance
everyday living.
Indaba Paddleback Bar Stool

Indaba Paddleback Bar Stool, Holly
Individually crafted by no less than twenty sets of hands to be as unique in character as the people and process that made them.
Our Process

Very few manufacturers worldwide practise the age-old method of steaming and bending timber into component parts for furniture. It is an ancient way of working wood that ensures integrity and durability.

Bending generates minimal wastage as the timber is manipulated rather than cut into shape. Using solid bentwood components requires fewer joints and therefore creates less opportunity for weakness. Each product is handcrafted from start to finish.

Bending, machining, sanding, assembling, leveling, upholstering, finishing; every step of the process is completed by a skilled craftsperson.
People are integral to the uniqueness of each and every piece of furniture we produce.

Our dedicated team add excellence and quality to the company's product and service. Suppliers partner with us providing exceptional services and materials. Clients add their own personal touch to their selected product through their choice of timber finishes and fabric.
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