

LIGHTING POLES IN THE USA:  
Accoya Wood Blends Nature with Style at Biltmore Restaurant



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**The scenario:**

In the upscale area of Biltmore, Arizona, the new concept Hillstone Restaurant by the Hillstone Restaurant Group was designed to intentionally blend the indoor and outdoor experience. The design is purposely casual yet high-end with moveable glass walls that open views from the restaurant through to the natural southwestern surroundings. A mix of natural materials was carried through from the interior to the exterior including stone, copper and wood.

**The solution:**

Transitioning between the indoors and the outdoors was done through the meticulous selection of design and materials. Particular emphasis was placed on using sustainable materials and obtaining LEED certification. The design combined unique interior elements, such as moveable walls and energy-efficient window systems, with natural exterior materials such as Accoya wood.

For the exterior lighting, the design team selected Structura’s Bol Series featuring Accoya wood with Cumaru exterior stain and finish. The glulam Bol poles are round at the base and slowly taper to a square top profile, emulating design features within the restaurant. Each pole’s interior aperture conceals powerlines and camera cabling for exterior lighting and security monitoring, resulting in a clean appearance. The Structura poles utilize Accoya wood selected for its natural beauty, sustainability and durability. From certified sources, including FSC forests, Accoya wood offers exceptional dimensional stability and resistance to UV degradation in the harsh desert environment.

“Accoya wood’s unique modification process will offer worry-free protection and preservation of these sleek lighting poles for years to come,” said Dan Kohnen, president of Structura. “We count on Accoya wood to provide long-lasting protection, stability and distinctive aesthetic appeal for our customers. It has always performed flawlessly, and our customers appreciate that reliability,” Kohnen added.



**The result:**

The use of Accoya wood in this often overlooked application offered the design team a thorough natural look and feel throughout the restaurant setting. Accoya wood is a durable, long-lasting and aesthetically pleasing material that blended the interior elegance with the exterior southwest environment. "Not once have I seen lighting poles this elegant," said Rakesh Patel, senior project architect for Hillstone Restaurant Group.

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To learn more about Accoya wood, visit [www.accoya.com](http://www.accoya.com)

**Manufacturer**

Structura

**Distributor**

Universal Forest Products

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