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Wood for the good of patients at NewYork-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center

## Danzer Linea Used at Health Center in New York

Dornbirn (Austria) / New York (USA). Patient wellbeing takes center stage at NewYork-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center, which opened its doors in 2018. The interior at the outpatient care facility reflects a holistic approach that unites healthcare aspects and natural materials. In their execution of this vision, project studio HOK Architects selected Danzer Linea real wood veneer for the walls, ceilings and furniture surfaces.

The architects behind NewYork-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center, a state-of-the-art health and wellbeing facility which opened on the Upper East Side in May 2018, adopted a holistic approach: "Respected studio HOK Architects took health and wellbeing as their guiding principle for all aspects of the design and fit-out – ultimately selecting a variety of natural materials for the new center's interiors. Our Danzer Linea real wood veneer immediately won over the project team and we are very pleased that they decided to use it so extensively," explained Phil Tomasello from the Danzer Specialty Division in North America. Danzer Linea American White Oak was used for the walls, ceilings and furniture surfaces at the 740,000 square foot NewYork-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center.

### Trend towards wood in healthcare and sport sectors

"In recent years we have seen a growing trend towards the use of natural wood finishes in hospitals, wellness centers and sports facilities," reported Phil Tomasello. Various research groups are shedding fresh light on the role played by natural materials in the built environment under an approach known as biophilic design. The concept centers in creating natural or near-natural settings in which people can live, work, study or recuperate. "Consciously integrating nature into our interiors and architectural design – including public institutions – is becoming more prevalent all the time. Wood regulates the heart rate, has natural antimicrobial properties and provides an outstanding tactile connection to nature," Phil Tomasello explained. Especially for these projects we are a strong partner for interior designers and architects alike. We are the brains behind wood,

your longtime experts with experience to support every stage of the development process - from initial idea to final execution."

### Danzer Linea and other products in contemporary showrooms

Danzer Linea is a true-species, technical veneer. Manufactured from sustainable sources in the Northern hemisphere, it has an appealingly distinctive linear, rift-cut look. Like all natural veneers, Danzer Linea exhibits visual depth as light sources naturally reflect off the grain of the wood. The standard range of products is offered in a variety of different wood species. In addition to technical veneers, the Danzer portfolio also features standard and exotic veneers available in a choice of around 200 types of natural wood. Danzer's hardwood products are on display at the company's newly redesigned showrooms. "We're happy to welcome prospective customers to our state-of-the-art showrooms where we provide in-depth information on the veneers, various prototypes, 3D-Veneer products and research projects on display," Phil Tomasello added. Danzer's showrooms are located in Grödig near Salzburg/Austria, in Kesselsdorf near Dresden/Germany, in Mělník/Czech Republic and Darlington, Pennsylvania/USA.

### Danzer facts box:

Danzer is one of the world's largest producers of decorative hardwood.

Established: 1932

Holding company located in: Dornbirn, Austria

Production sites: 4 in Europe, 6 in North America

Sales offices: 7 in Europe, 8 in North America, 3 in Asia

Product range: sliced wood, lumber, timber and logs, specialty products (Vinterio, 3D-

Veneer)

Sales in 2018: EUR 200 million

Supplies customers in 84 countries worldwide

Employees: 1,600 worldwide

#### **About Danzer:**

Danzer is a leading quality hardwood company with production facilities in North America and Europe. It has approximately 1,600 employees and services customers from 18 sales offices worldwide. Founded in 1932, Danzer is managed by a third-generation family member. The company owns and manages forests in North America sustainably and produces sliced veneer, lumber and innovative value-added wood timber products for decorative purposes. Danzer products are used in high-quality furniture, cars, interior architecture and other applications.

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