



Welcome to Karl Andersson & Söner, Huskvarna, Sweden





What does  
sustainable mean?

In Sweden's constitution, it is written since 2003:

"The public should promote sustainable development that leads to a good environment for present and future generations."



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Everyone should live a sustainable life by using as little of the earth's resources as possible. Everyone must take their responsibility.

When our father's grandfather, Karl Andersson, started carving furniture more than a hundred years ago, he promised to produce only **"sustainable and durable furniture"**. He was restrained with his resources and made everything at home with as little waste as possible. No wear and tear – Environmental thinking at its best!

Four generations later we still work in the same sustainable and durable way. Below are some examples of how we at Karl Andersson & Söner take our responsibility for the environment and are sustainable in everything we do.

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# Lean development and production

We make our own blockboard, cut our own veneer and cut our own MDF. Everything to get the most out of the wood we purchase. From the start, in the design stage, we try to minimize the impact on the environment.

We work with lean development and production with as little waste as possible. As Karl Andersson did, we manufacture sustainable and durable furniture that will last for several generations. All production is carried out at our factory in Huskvarna, Sweden. Here-made furniture is better for the environment than those made in low-cost countries.

We are not the cheapest, but we are snug and kind to the environment.





Where does wood  
come from?



We use wood from companies that are aware of their environmental responsibilities and comply with existing rules and regulations. All suppliers are also certified according to PEFC or FSC – Certified wood. We use NO raw material from illegal logging or genetically modified trees.

#### Solid wood

Ash, oak: countries from East Europe in EU

Birch: Finland

Cherry: USA, Canada

Alder, pine (used in our own made blockboard): Sweden

#### Veneer

Ash: countries from East Europe in EU

Birch: Finland

Oak, cherry: USA, Canada





MDF wood board is FSC certified and meets the E1 norm. That means low formaldehyde emission, ie below 0.12 mg/m<sub>3</sub> (0.1ppm). The products are used as MDF barrier for veneer, panels, cabinet frames and table tops.

MDF produced in  
Germany, Spain, Italy





What is Möbelfakta  
Certificate?

Möbelfakta stands for quality, environmental awareness and social responsibility.

Quality: the piece of furniture must meet established international technical standards.

Environment: all stages of the manufacturing process must be green. From raw materials to finished product.


Responsible supply chains: all stakeholders in the supply chain take social environmental and ethical responsibility.

The products from Karl Andersson & Söner who are certified with Möbelfakta has the symbol in the price list and text on the web page and brochure.

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We use everything  
of the ash tree

Most of our products have ash veneers. We stain our furniture on olive ash. In ordinary speech we call it "core ash".

When a tree grows, it absorbs water and nutrition. The older an ash tree becomes, the darker the center of the tree (the core) gets. The core is often removed and deposited. The part of the ash tree that often is used, is the light wood that grows closest to the bark.

At Karl Andersson & Söner we have always used as much of the raw material as possible. As the same for the ash tree, of which we use as much as possible. Including the core on which we stain.

You can also clear lacquer veneer of core ash or white pigmented the surface, which is especially suitable on large surfaces. Then keep in mind that the core ash can have a characteristic pattern in different shades.





Tailor

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A sustainable table



The idea of origin that Kristofer Jonsson and Andreas Sture had when designing the table Tailor was to make a flexible table with sustainability as a keyword.

They chose to cast leg fittings in recycled aluminum. We found a good foundry in Småland not far from our factory. With a clever construction, it's easy to separate the woods from the metal when it's time to scratch the table – in a few decades or so.

The most of our furniture is separable. Just a few hand tools are all that is needed to disassemble the various components after many years of continuous use.





Blow new life into  
your furniture from  
Karl Andersson & Söner

Do you have furniture from Karl Andersson & Söner that you want to renovate? Contact us and we can help you with advice and guide you to what are best to do.

We often get requests of sanding table tops, painting cabinet, dress on seats and repairing damaged surface layers on well-used furniture.

Simple intervention that prolongs the life of your investment so you can continue to enjoy your sustainable and durable furniture.







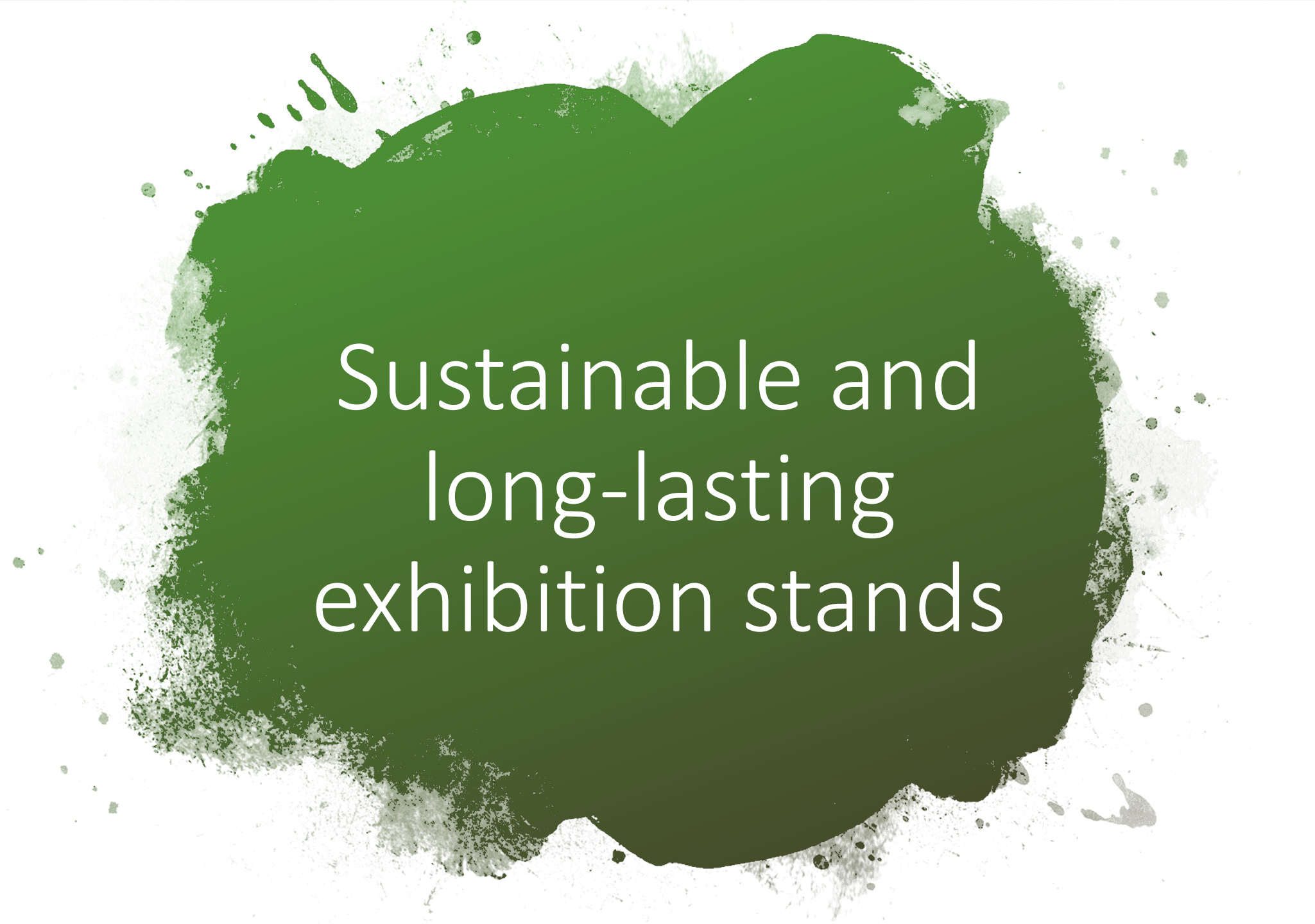
Woodwaste is  
also used.

Karl Andersson & Söner utilize everything from the wood we buy. Even what remains as waste and residue after furniture production finds its use. Certain wood waste we send to other furniture manufacturers who tile and heat their premises.

Planer shavings are used in animal boxes on horse stables and animal farms in our surroundings. In addition, schools and preschools get leftover pieces of wood that the kids can use for crafting.

And what remains, our employees use the residual wood in tiled stoves or open fireplaces in their homes for cozy evenings.





Sustainable and  
long-lasting  
exhibition stands

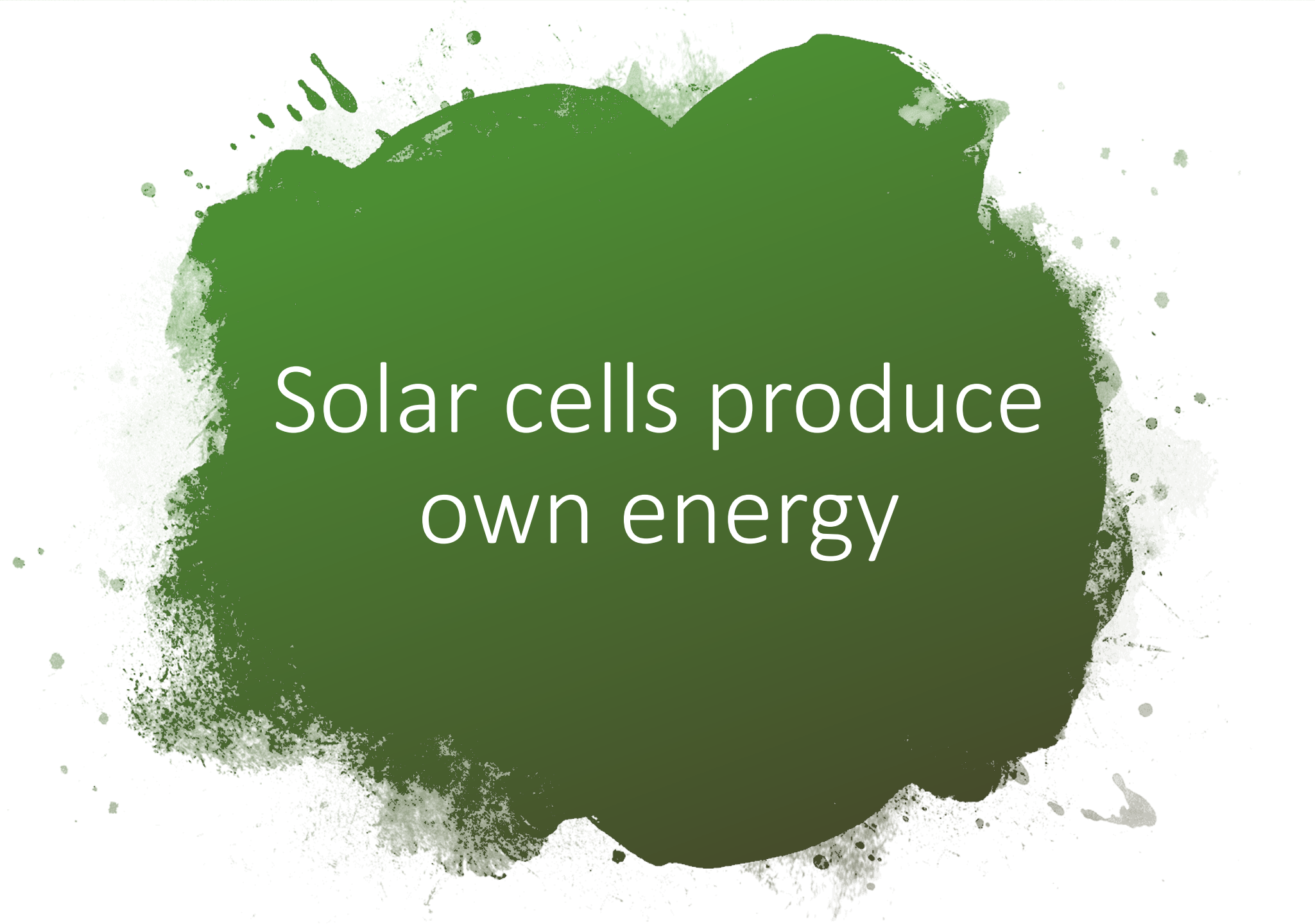


We are one of the few furniture manufacturers who reuse our exhibition stands from fair to fair.

For the annual fairs in Stockholm, Milan and Cologne we use the same floors and walls that we assemble, pack down and transport back home after the end of each trade fair. It is a modular system that is easy to customize and build just the way we want it. No waste and nothing is wasted unnecessarily.

The floors and walls we use today have been attending the fairs for ten years.





Solar cells produce  
own energy

This spring 2018 we installed solar panels on the roof of our factory to be able to produce our own renewable energy.

The idea is that we ourselves will be able to produce about 10% of our year's needs through the solar cells. This means that nearly 22 tons of carbon dioxide emissions are avoided each year. When the factory is not running, we sell the surplus to the public network.

Our furniture factory in Huskvarna is powered by renewable energy from solar, wind and water supplied by Jönköping Energi.





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