The various sectors of the hospitality industry, including hotels, restaurants and entertainment venues, all face the same dilemma. With each new day, the space must look as good as it did the day before. That's not an easy task when you consider the abuse these commercial spaces face day in and day out.

Vertical and horizontal surfaces that come in close daily contact with man and machine are particularly vulnerable. Laminates are excellent choices for these environments and are often selected for their impact and scratch resistance. The realism of today’s laminates makes them nearly indistinguishable from natural materials.

1. Wood veneer and high pressure laminate (HPL) work beautifully together in this creative restaurant. Veneer is located in vertical surfaces away from potential abuse. HPL on the bar top is the perfect specification – at the point of maximum abuse.

2. Hardboard, a composite panel product, is used as both a decorative and functional product in this spartan but comfortable bar.

3. Textured thermally fused laminate (TFL), laminated on a moisture-resistant medium density fiberboard (MDF), is an excellent choice for this hotel bathroom.
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1 and 2 HPL, TFL and 2mm PVC edgebanding, all part of a matching program created for value engineering, provide this hotel owner with the desired performance and aesthetic.

3 Decorative metal laminates with phenolic backers are produced much like HPL and have similar performance characteristics. They are flexible to a point and easily laminated over curved surfaces.

See pages 48-85 for more detailed product descriptions and performance characteristics.