



## Modern Wood Services Excel In European Style Cabinetry

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When Shilpa Amaram and Candy Eliserio, two former colleagues, met for lunch neither imagined they would create the bones for a new company. Shilpa and Candy had worked together for years at Brochsteins, a nationally recognized historic architectural millwork company based in Houston. They knew each other's style and strengths, and also knew there was a gap in the woodworking business that needed to be filled, specifically after-market services.

Shilpa, being the strategy gal with an MBA from Rice

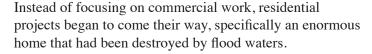
University, and Candy being the engineer, detail-oriented, and concept guy with over 2 decades of experience in the industry, didn't let any grass grow under their feet. In a short time, Modern Wood Services was officially ready for business. At any one time, Candy and Shilpa both wore all the hats it takes to run a business from estimating, marketing, sales, purchasing, and invoicing.

The business was slowly growing and then Harvey hit Houston and changed the dynamics and mission of the company. Residential areas in Houston were hit hard.









That job alone shifted their clientele base and Modern Wood Services became a millwork and cabinet shop specializing in custom European-style cabinetry. Today, the partners and their team enjoy 95% of residential jobs working with architects, interior designers, and builders.

The team has grown from two to 14, all highly skilled







craftsmen. Their collective years of experience are 100 plus. They specialize in residential projects focusing on custom cabinetry and wood interiors that showcase the best of modern and transitional styles with clean lines, frameless cabinet boxes, and soft close doors and drawers with European hardware, all fabricated in-house in their 16,000 sqft facility. Each team upholds the values of the company and delivers a high-quality product. Kitchens, baths, and entertaining areas are the mainstay of the company but they also do specialty paneling, slat walls, doors, closets, and furniture.







Purely custom work is also an important aspect of the business. True custom work means there are no "standard" modules or sizes. Everything is made to order and there are infinite design and finish options in wood veneer, opaque solid colors, and laminates. They have a distinct advantage over European lines that are manufactured overseas in Houston.

Modern Wood Services' product is designed and built in the city. Everything is finished at their facility for a true factory finish that's more durable than on-site painting. Lead times are generally shorter and progress can easily be reviewed by the clients or their designers and architects. Being local, their team works closely with the builders to coordinate the best installation sequence and is also available for aftercare repairs, touchups, or add-ons.

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