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Latitudes Luster Railing System with  
Latitudes Capricorn Composite Decking

## **Latitudes® launches Luster™ co-extruded railing system**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 14, 2009 – Universal Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Universal Forest Products, Inc. and maker of Latitudes composite decking and railing, announces the addition of Latitudes Luster™ railing.

The Latitudes Luster railing system is a perfect complement to Latitudes Capricorn™ tropical decking. The bronze-colored railing coordinates well with the dark streaks in the richly colored composite deck boards, adobe and koa, which have a reversible woodgrain pattern that resembles exotic hardwoods.

Latitudes Luster railing is made from engineered wood-plastic composite and co-extruded with a durable, fade resistant acrylic top layer that won't chalk. This provides an ultra-low maintenance railing system with a clean look and no exposed hardware.

"Our new Luster railing is a great complement to our Latitudes Capricorn tropical decking line. It's also a great fit for many other types of wood decks. Contractors will enjoy working with it, as it's simple to install and can be shipped direct to the job site using our Xpress ship program," said Dick Gauthier, VP of marketing for Universal Forest Products.

Luster railing is available in bronze 6' kits providing all of the components necessary for straight rail sections and angled stair rail sections. Additional items, including straight and angled railing baluster kits, post sleeves, traditional and solar post caps, and post base trim, are available separately. Latitudes Luster railing is backed by a 20-year limited warranty.

Universal Forest Products, Inc. is a holding company that provides capital, management and administrative resources to subsidiaries that design, manufacture and market wood and wood-alternative products for DIY/retail home centers and other retailers, structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market, and specialty wood packaging and components for various industries. The Company's consumer products subsidiary offers a large portfolio of

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outdoor living products, including wood composite decking, decorative balusters, post caps and plastic lattice, and its garden group offers an array of products, such as trellises and arches, to retailers nationwide.

Universal's subsidiaries also provide framing services for the site-built market and forming products for concrete construction. The 54-year-old company is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., with facilities throughout North America. To learn more about Latitudes Composite Decking and Railing products, call 877-463-8379, e-mail [latitudes@ufpi.com](mailto:latitudes@ufpi.com) or visit [www.latitudesdeck.com](http://www.latitudesdeck.com). For more information about Universal Forest Products, visit [www.ufpi.com](http://www.ufpi.com).

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