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SOURCEBOOK

The great outdoors

THREE OF THE BEST OUTDOOR FURNITURE MATERIALS

TEAK Exceptionally durable and low-maintenance, teak can last a lifetime. Its high oil content forms a barrier against humidity, water, mould, mildew and insects. **Summit** uses only the finest plantation-grown teak for its range of garden furniture. Shown here is the 'Krios' range by Conrad Sanchez. Prices start at £1,842 for a teak triangular table, measuring 41 x 75 x 38cm (one of three pieces joined to form the coffee table pictured). *020-7795 3311; summitfurniture.com*

OAK A natural tannin in oak acts as an excellent preservative against water and it weathers to a beautiful silvery patina. **Gaze Burvill** uses high-quality oak to craft its furniture. 'My favourite chair is our comfy "May Throne", positioned to catch the morning sun," says owner Simon Burvill. 'I can fit a mug of tea on one of its arms and my plate of toast and marmalade on the other.' The chair measures 88 x 85 x 64cm and costs £1,530. *01420-588444; gazeburvill.com*

ALUMINIUM If you prefer a modern look, aluminium outdoor furniture is a good option. It is also lightweight and needs minimal maintenance. The 'Aura' range from **Barlow Tyrie** combines powder-coated aluminium frames with teak tabletops and armrests. The chair seats and backs are made of Textilene, a weatherproof fabric, which eliminates the need for a cushion. The table, seating six people, is 74.5 x 141cm diameter and costs £995; the armchairs cost £235 each. *01376-557640; teak.com* ▷

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