



**J**im Vorst was just out of high school when he founded Vorst Custom Cabinets in 1998. And while the Findlay, OH-based company may have started small, it didn't stay that way for long.

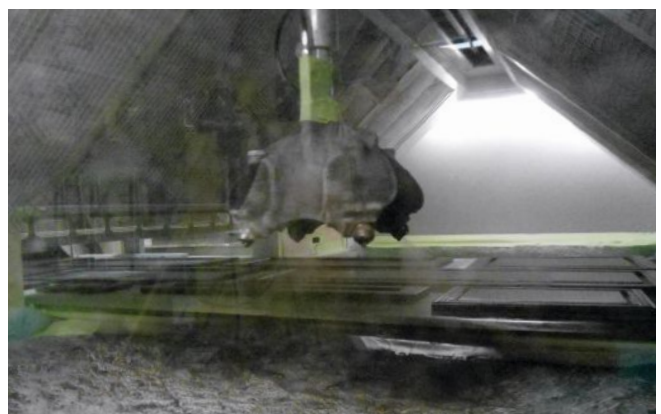
Initially housed in a 3,000 square-foot building, the manufacturing area was what Vorst refers to as "bare bones" with basic equipment. "Table saws and manual equipment got us started," he said. "Eight years later we installed our first CNC router. During that time we added on to the original building three times for additional manufacturing space and twice to open and then expand our showroom."

In 2011, Vorst Custom Cabinets moved to a new facility, complete with a 3,600 square-foot showroom and 17,000 square-foot shop space.

"From the first we have been a custom operation with a wide range of services for our clients," Vorst said. Along with manufacturing and installing kitchen and bath cabinetry in the mid- to high-end range, the company also offers consultation and design services.

"The majority of our work is cabinetry but we also do millwork and we primarily work with hardwoods of some sort. We design, manufacture and install a wide range of products, including entertainment centers, movie theaters, fireplace surrounds and mantles, bars, millwork, stand-alone furniture and specialty commercial work."

Additional services include cabinet refacing and the company's CNC capabilities "allow us to offer business-to-business services, including the production of nested cabinet parts," said Vorst.





*The investment in the Mito system by Cefla Finishing has enabled Vorst Custom Cabinets to significantly reduce its finishing time while increasing the quality and consistency of the product. In addition, it has enhanced Vorst's ability to offer a complete package of capabilities to customers.*



*While the majority of work is high-end custom cabinetry, Vorst also manufactures entertainment centers, fireplace surrounds, mantles, bars, millwork and stand-alone furniture from its 17,000-square-foot production shop. The company also offers consultation and design services.*

In addition to its expertise in the machining arena, the company excels in its finishing applications. Since moving into the current facility, Vorst has invested in technology that not only provides a high-quality finish for his products, but allows for flexibility in the operation.

The company chose the Mito system from Cefla Finishing. "We took a tour of installations and visited Cefla's research and development area in Charlotte, NC," Vorst said. "The people at Cefla are very knowledgeable and they took a lot of time to work with us to find the right system for our needs."

Vorst said installing the Mito from Cefla Finishing has allowed the company finish a lot of product. "It fits in well with our needs and it provides flexibility, productivity and quality. We can spray in one-fourth the time what it would take us to do manually. A panel cleaner is incorporated with the machine and we use a paper conveyor belt with disposable paper rolls."

Vorst said Cefla helped his company with every step, from the selection phase to installation and training. "There was a light learning curve. Cefla's techs were great and provided help setting up the spray guns. We are happy with the belts, which ensure good edge coverage – I have been amazed at how evenly it does on coverage of edges."



And in the past when fatigue would have been an issue in the manual spray process, Vorst said, "The machine can be spraying all day and produce consistent high quality. We are also happy with the transfer rate, and are not seeing overspray."

Another nice feature of the Cefla system is its exhaust system, he added. "We can spray a large quantity of product in a small space – routinely five gallons of paint in two hours – without haze, overspray or a mess to our facility."

Providing in-house finishing allows Vorst to offer a complete package to customers. "Customer's appreciate that dealing with us means they are dealing with a company that has the ability to take a project from

the idea phase through design, manufacturing and installation. We don't send them off to have to worry about details – we take great care. Every kitchen is different and every element, down to the faucets included, is important. We feel we distinguish ourselves for delivering the 'up close' quality they are looking for," said Vorst.

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