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Bring tropical elegance to any space with the **Rhapis Excelsa**, also known as the **Lady Palm**. This refined, low-maintenance palm adds instant resort-style sophistication to your indoor space.

Additional Names: Rhapis Excelsa (Lady Palm, Bamboo Plant, Broadleaf Palm)

Why you'll love it:

-  **Classic Sophistication:** A long-standing favorite in interiorscapes, the Lady Palm brings timeless grace and structure with its fan-shaped fronds and bamboo-like canes. Naturally full and multi-stemmed, its lush and layered form softens any space while remaining durable and low-fuss.
-  **Hearty and reliable:** One of the most resilient palms for indoor design — highly adaptable to a wide range of environments and light levels, from low light to full sun. A proven choice for homes, offices, and hospitality spaces.
-  **Container-friendly:** Can remain in its existing pot for years without the need to transplant before installation, though it adapts easily if repotted.
-  **Lighting Adaptable:** Thrives in bright, indirect light but is equally content in low-light interiors. One of the few palms that can adapt from shaded corners to bright exposures — even tolerating full sun with gradual acclimation.
-  **Low water needs:** Prefers to dry slightly between waterings — overwatering is its only enemy. A perfect candidate for self-watering pots (we sell these!) or sub-irrigation systems for effortless care.
-  **Slow and Steady:** A slow grower that holds its beauty year-round with minimal maintenance. Trim away older fronds as they age to keep it fresh and full.
-  **Versatile use:** Works beautifully as a stand-alone feature in a decorative pot or paired with low underplantings such as pothos or philodendron for added depth and texture.
-  **Size:** We sell these in a wide range of sizes — from compact 3-foot specimens to mature 12-foot statement palms. Indoors, it rarely exceeds 12–14 feet, focusing instead on producing new shoots that widen the plant's base for a fuller look.

Perfect for:

Perfect for serene lounge spaces, boutique hotels, office interiors, and upscale homes seeking a lush, polished touch of greenery with a timeless, sophisticated feel. Bring the elegance of the tropics indoors. Contact us today to add the Rhapis Excelsa to your space!

Grower's tip: This is a revered plant for its hardiness and most problems occur because the plant gets overwatered and are not given time to dry out between waterings. Remember that

photosynthesis slows in a darker space and the plant will be slower to take up the water. This means allowing a few extra days between waterings.

Additional Information: The Lady Palm is an extremely hearty evergreen fan palm that grows in a dense cluster of slender, upright, bamboo-like canes with fan shaped leaf stalks. The foliage is best known for its broad fan-shaped leaves that each divide into 5-8 finger-like segments. These are slow growing palms that will maintain a consistent appearance when placed indoors and can range from 3 feet to upwards of 12 feet, given enough time. Rhaps Excelsa creates a unique jungle feel due to the dense, green foliage.

Medium water needs and can thrive in a variety of light conditions. This makes it a great choice for the dark, cozy corner of a house or office that needs a splash of 'jungle' or a great addition to a commercial space such as an airport or mall to create a natural hedge with easy maintenance. Can be used as a standalone plant due to its dense layering of palm leaves.

The genus name, Rhaps is Greek for "Rod" or "Needle" and Excelsa means "tall" although this is not the tallest of the plants in the genus. It is native to southern China but may no longer exist in the wild.

Pairs well with: pothos or philodendron

Key characteristics:

Attribute	Profile
Light	 Low-Medium
Water	 Low
Pest Resistance	 Medium
Growth Habit	 Large
Popularity	 High