

FX **299**

**BEN ADDY
ATHENS REBIRTH
SURFACES FOCUS
DESIGN MUSEUM
PHYLLIDA BARLOW**

The Business of Design / designcurial.com / February 2019 / €8

SURFACE CHEMISTRY

*Surfaces get the Focus
treatment inside*





← TARKETT

Fusion is the latest offering from the worldwide leader in innovative flooring. Tarkett. Bringing high-quality luxury vinyl and carpet tiles together, the collection showcases the use of both materials, side-by-side, to stunning and practical effect. The Tarkett and DESSO products featured within Fusion have been handpicked by the design team to demonstrate how tactility and movement, throughout commercial spaces, can be influenced by experimentation with hard and soft elements. Taking Tarkett's iD Inspiration LVT collections, alongside DESSO carpets, Fusion is an inspirational concept that supports specifiers in seeking out the 'best fit' product combinations for a captivating and functional end result. fusiondesotarkett.com

→ POLYFLOR

Designed by SPECIFIC, a UK innovation and knowledge centre led by Swansea University, the Active Office will be the UK's first energy positive building, generating more energy than it uses over the course of a year. Manufactured and delivered by offsite specialists Wernick Buildings the office features integrated solar cells in the curved roof, lithium ion batteries to store electricity and a 2,000 litre water tank to store solar heat. Polyflor products chosen for the build included Polysafe Hydro Evolve, Expona Flow PUR and Polysafe Arena. In keeping with the energy positive nature of the build, all the Expona Flow PUR, Polysafe Arena PUR and Polysafe Hydro Evolve fitted on site is 100% recyclable and achieves a A+ BRE rating. polyflor.com



← MAPEI

Mapei's impressive Ultratop range features two ideal coating products for creating highly original decorative interior floors and walls with classic pronounced effects: the coarse grained Ultratop Loft F for a marbled effect and the fine grained Ultratop Loft W for a mottled result. Creating floors subjected to intense pedestrian traffic in areas such as hotels, cafes, restaurants, shops and in all areas relating to interior decorating in the residential and commercial building sector is made easier with both products, thanks to their versatility and excellent resistance to abrasion. Ultratop Color Paste can also be added during mixing to create an infinite array of bespoke colours. mapei.com/GB



↑ PRO-TEK

PRO-TEK WPC is a new floor innovation in the UK. It features a 100% waterproof wood plastic composite core - with glueless locking system - and a premium IXPE foam underlay base. Its construction promotes a faster installation and reduces floor preparation requirements, as well as eliminating 'telegraphing'. It also offers acoustic impact sound performance up to 24db and the materials used are phthalate-free and 100% recyclable. PRO-TEK WPC can be installed in all locations - including bathrooms, basements and over underfloor heating - and there are design options to suit all interior styles. pro-tek-flooring.com



↑ INTERFACE

Interface, a worldwide commercial flooring company and global leader in sustainability, introduced its new global luxury vinyl tile (LVT) collection, Native Fabric, expanding its modular resilient flooring offerings. Native Fabric offers a modern take on the timeless grass cloth design in a variety of shades infused with a woven metallic threading. The collection showcases eight unique colours, which can stand alone or pair with past Interface modular carpet, such as Contemplation in a multitude of settings. interface.com



↑ FORBO

The recent fit out of Savills' new Welsh headquarters saw commercial interior design and supply specialists, Imium, enlisted to create a modern-day, cohesive working environment, while still adhering to the brand's traditional values. Forbo Flooring Systems' striking Allura Flex Luxury Vinyl Tiles (LVT) and Tessera Seagrass carpet tiles have played an integral role in the smart new interior. Allura Flex 0.55 loose lay tiles offers a high quality and dimensionally stable versatile solution in LVT. The striking and realistic designs reflect the latest flooring trends and allow for endless combination opportunities. forbo-flooring.co.uk/allura



↑ JUNCKERS

A large expanse of Junckers' solid hardwood flooring has been installed in the Paul Hamlyn Hall at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. The light-filled space is the ideal partner for the dark grey Spicy Pepper Oak floor, adding an elegant backdrop to the smart interior. A busy public area requires a hard-wearing floor which is able to withstand heavy usage. The choice fell on Junckers, who's floors are reliably durable and easy to maintain, ideal for high traffic areas. junckers.co.uk

→ HARVEY MARIA

Harvey Maria has launched a new collection of ultra-authentic wood effects. The new Master Craftsman Series - also known as 'the MSeries' - includes four distinct collections of oak and wood plank designs, each with an incredibly realistic fine wood grain and highly tactile top surface. The new series is available exclusively to the UK consumer through Harvey Maria's national network of Master Craftsman local retailers, for next day delivery from UK stock. The four new MSeries collections include Natural Plank, Natural Oak, Parquet Oak and Selected Woods. All of the designs have a premium 'registered emboss' top surface and a distinct bevelled edge detail. harveymaria.com



← WILTON

A bespoke tartan carpet made by Wilton Carpets in modern shades of grey and burgundy, now adorns the floor of Centenary Hall, the main function room within Fixby Hall, home of Huddersfield Golf Club. Through an 11-row woven axminster construction, Wilton Carpets was able to meet the club's need for a spike-resistant carpet in a British wool-rich make-up that is perfect for withstanding the demands of a busy function space. Along with a quality that's durable and easy to maintain, the carpet's tartan pattern helps to disguise dirt between cleans. Some 150 sq m of carpet for the 120-capacity room was woven by Wilton Carpets at its Wiltshire production site. wiltoncarpets.com

→ KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING

Inspired by the architectural tiled floors of grand Victorian and Regency villas and townhouses, Karndean Designflooring's Clifton is one of four exquisite Heritage Collection patterns. A classic geometric pattern using square and triangular tiles to create a star and square effect, Clifton is presented in four suggested colourways. Clifton offers a contemporary mix of dove grey and azure blue balanced with soft-white and black highlights and also looks stylish in traditional monochrome or combinations in taupe or dove grey and white. For an individual look, the collection includes 12 colours which can be mixed in any combination to create a bespoke statement floor. karndean.com/heritage2019

