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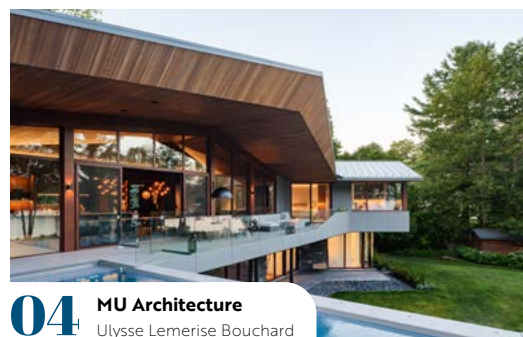
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# UNIQUE LAKE RESIDENCE

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Located on the shores of prestigious Lake Memphremagog, in the Eastern Townships Region of Quebec, this residence sits atop the lake's steep shores, projecting itself onto a peaceful bay and providing impressive views of the surrounding environment.



## CONNECTING ELEMENTS

The new 6,700 square foot construction partially utilizes the previous residence's footprint. A new principal axis runs vertically, amplifying the exterior and interior character of the new home. A pre-existing garage sits at one end of this axis and is connected to the residence through a roof structure that serves as a carport. Upon entry into the residence, an open space comprising a staircase and floor-to-ceiling windows guide guests' focus to the exterior infinity swimming pool and the bay beyond, which are ultimately located at the other end of the axis.

This approach to conveying the exterior and interior character is discreet and peaceful, yet intentional and reminiscent of a spa, where architectural elements slowly reveal themselves. The exterior façade, composed of massive volumes between the floor-to-ceiling windows, helps conceal the residence's technical and mechanical rooms to ensure a level of privacy, providing a greater sense of comfort to the occupants. The façade's dark and natural stone strongly contrasts with the bright, spacious, and airy interiors.



"Outside, at its furthest point, the roof projects 14-foot outwards, providing protection against Quebec's notably harsh winters and warm summers."

## A PROTECTIVE AND ENVELOPING WING

Inspired by a bird's unfolded wing, the residence's distinctive, undulating, and architecturally conceived roof follows the volumes of its interior spaces. The interior wooden ceilings comprise a series of triangulations at varying heights - some at twenty-five feet - creating both unique and dynamic spaces. The floor-to-ceiling windows follow these same angles.

The harmony and richness of the interior finishes, textures, and materials exude a warm and exclusive feel. The lighting and mechanical systems have been thoughtfully integrated and concealed within the wooden ceilings, becoming virtually invisible.

Outside, at its furthest point, the roof projects 14-foot outwards, providing protection against Quebec's notably harsh winters and warm summers. On the residence's horizontal axis, a linear terrace extends from one end to the other to connect principal interior spaces, including the main living area and the masters' quarters, to the common outdoor spaces and infinity pool. The same can be said for the ground level patio. As such, each access point and the indoor and outdoor activities are protected from the elements.

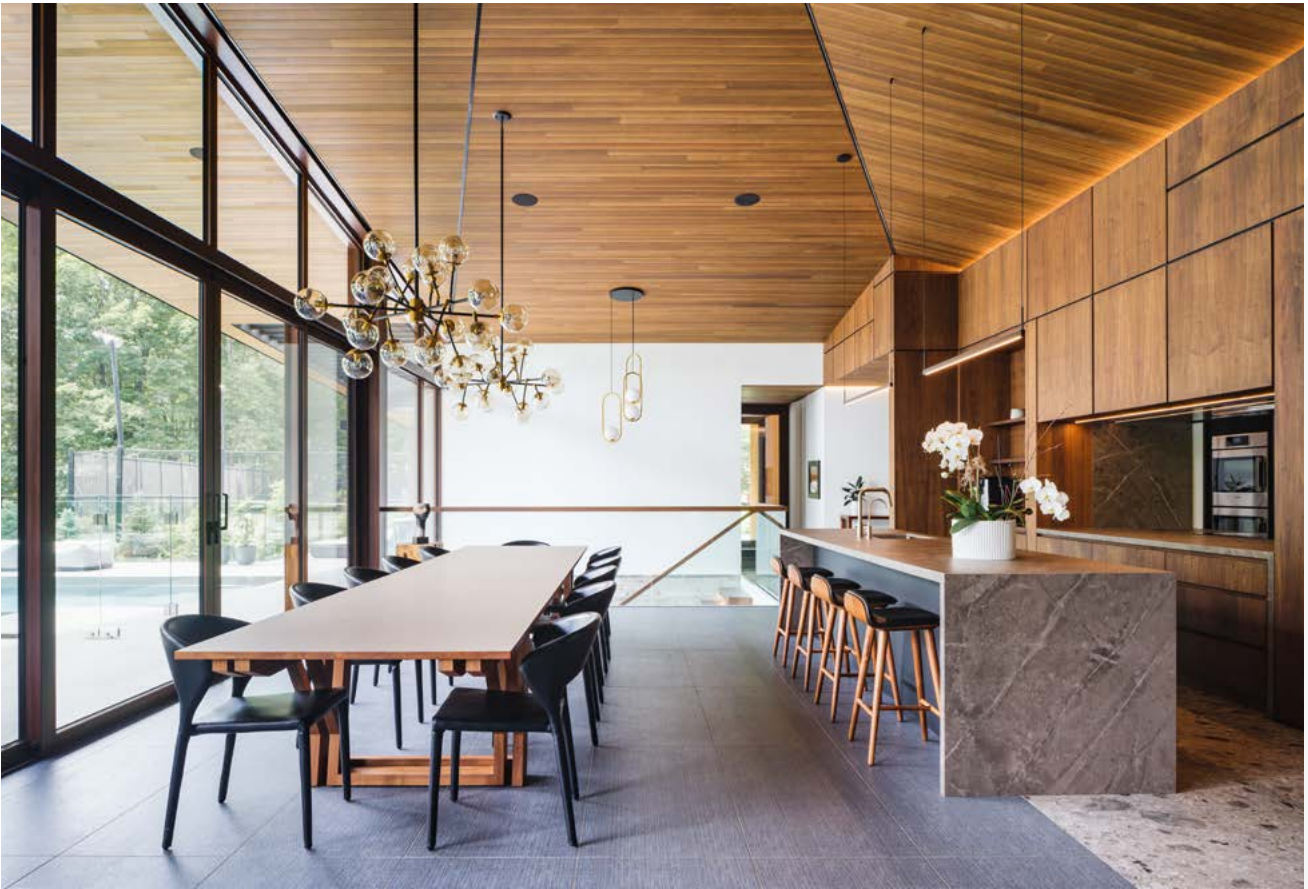
The residence's design program, selection of finishes, textures, and materials, and meticulous detailing allow it to stand out, while harmonizing with its surrounding environment.



## A CHEF'S KITCHEN

The kitchen's design accommodates daily family needs, yet it is also suited to a chef and an accompanying culinary team in the case of catered events and parties. By means of a concealed door and a built-in curtain, the service kitchen can be separated from the rest of the residence. Walnut panels enclose a volume comprising a kitchen, a dinette, a library, and half of a double living room. The warmth and richness of the wood complements the stone and steel of the central fireplace.





Designed to accommodate up to twenty-four people, the custom-made dining room table is a feature piece, running parallel to the kitchen island and floor-to-ceiling windows, and offering impressive views of the bay.

The main level, in sequential order from left to right, plays host to a veranda, a cloakroom, a powder room, a main living area – with the aforementioned kitchen, a dining room, a double living room, a laundry room, and the masters’ quarters. The ground level, again in order from left to right, plays host to a lounge, a training room, a spa with a dry sauna, a whirlpool bath, and three bedrooms adjacent to two full bathrooms and a playroom.

The residence’s horizontal axis separates the technical and mechanical rooms from the primary living areas, allowing the occupants to take advantage of the natural light and exterior views. This design program allows guests to connect

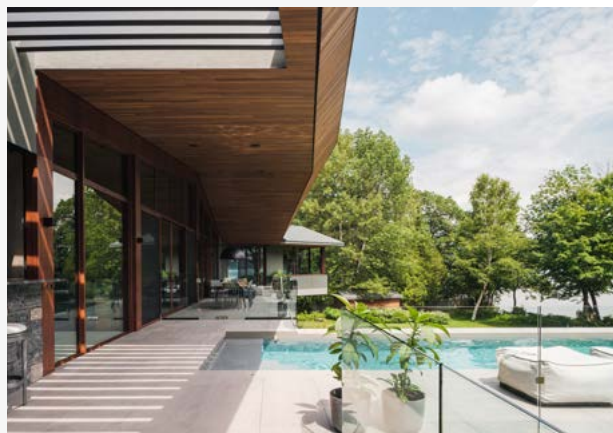
with their surrounding environment, while providing user comfort and spatial fluidity. This same axis, which follows the angles dictated by the natural topography of the site, creates a protected courtyard in which most of the outdoor activities are concentrated.

### A STRUCTURAL AND SCULPTURAL PROWESS

Owing to a real structural prowess, a reinforced concrete formwork allows the swimming pool to cantilever out 16-feet. A true extension of the main level terrace, the infinity pool terminates with a glass panel that creates the illusion of the pool extending well into the lake.

The residual space between the load-bearing concrete walls serves as a mechanical room for pool systems, as well as storage space for outdoor furniture and other items.





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## ABOUT MU ARCHITECTURE

Founded in Montreal in 2010 by Charles Côté and Jean-Sébastien Herr, MU Architecture is recognized for its elegant contemporary residences, its human oriented and creative office spaces, and its large-scale avant-garde projects. Capitalizing on experience in several world-renowned architectural firms, the founders of MU Architecture have been able to enrich their experience with the highest standards in Montreal, Vienna, Barcelona, and Dubai.

Firmly positioned as one of the leaders of its generation, MU Architecture, assisted by the latest design technologies, shapes spaces and structures in order to create a unique and infinite experience. Its refined and luminous style takes on a new form with each project.

MU Architecture, distinguished by its human approach and its emphasis on communication, handles elegance and creativity. Advocating ecological values specific to its generation, the agency promotes a balance between iconic architecture and the preservation of ecosystems.

In recognition of the firm's talent and passion, MU Architecture's work has been published numerous times on the world stage, with their bold vision earning them several international awards.

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## TECHNICAL SHEET

**Project Name:** Memphrémagog Lake Residence

**Location:** Memphremagog Lake, Québec, Canada

**Client:** N/A

**Architect / Designer:** MU Architecture, co-creation JS Bourdages Architecture

**Team:** Jean-Sébastien Herr, Charles Côté, Magda Telenga, Alexandre Arcens, Lou Émier, Maude Hébert, Andrée-Anne Godin, Baptiste Balbrick, Catherine Auger

**Cabinet Maker:** Ébénisterie AGR

**Structural engineer:** GenieX

**Contractor:** Construction Vincent

**Pool Consultant:** Girard-Hébert

**Landscape:** Les aménagements Yan Traversy

**Completion date:** June 2022

**Photos:** Ulysse Lemerise Bouchard

**Area:** 6700 sq.ft

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Katie was a secondary English teacher but her personal life led her into the world of surveying and construction. She said: "After my partner and I built our own house and started a small property portfolio, my head was turned! I left education and worked in estate agency to get some practical, 'on-the-ground' experience before deciding residential surveying was the route I wanted to take."

Fiona was previously a Senior Event Manager. She said: "I have always been interested in buildings and property and grew up on building sites with my Dad being a property developer. I had never thought of this as a career option until someone told me they were doing the course and told me a little about it. I will always be grateful for that conversation which has ended up being a life changing chat over tea and cake!"



Steve was a wine advisor/delivery driver and prior to that he had been a painter and decorator or several years. We asked Steve what made him consider a career in residential surveying and he said: "I had no experience of residential surveying at all...Ironically, in my previous role I was delivering wine to one of our regular customers. I mentioned to him

I was thinking of embarking on a new career to bring more fulfilment and satisfaction, but ultimately was not sure what path to go down. We chatted some more and he told me he was a chartered surveyor and had been for the last 30 years. I shadowed him on a couple surveys and got the 'buzz' for it. Over the following weeks I did manhours of research into the industry as a whole and felt a career in Residential surveying would be right for me. Nearly three years on from that decision and I haven't looked back!"

Rebecca Brydon says becoming a surveyor was the best thing she has ever done: "There is great course content, perfectly targeted for the job role after the course, excellent lecturers and easy to understand and progress through at your own pace. I enjoyed the course content and I love the job! I now have a great job, that I enjoy every day and after not quite a year I already earn nearly THREE times the salary I was on as an estate agent".

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## KEYLITE ROOF WINDOWS BRIGHTEN THE NEWEST ADDITION OF SURREY'S PRIVATE WENTWORTH ESTATE

The Wentworth Estate is a private area of properties and woodlands dating back for centuries, having been home to many historical and famous faces, the estate holds its fair share of history.

The latest addition to the Wentworth Estate is a bespoke family home, designed and built by luxury homes specialist, EAB Homes. The property boasts 6,500 sq. ft of statement architecture, contemporary designs, and stunning traditional interiors.

Peter Warren, Director at EAB Homes has been following this project from the beginning, working closely with the now homeowners to deliver the family home they'd been dreaming of.

Peter comments: "The aesthetics of the home were extremely important in this build. Within a location renowned for its neo-classical Georgian style architecture, this property pushes the boundary of design by using a sleek and contemporary mix of materials alongside traditional methods of construction."

With no less than 56 corners of brickwork in total, the front of the property creates a stunning multifaceted entrance, but it's the rear of the property that really brings the 'wow-factor'. Three statement gables crown each segment of the back outer walls, encompassing floor-to-ceiling length windows on each floor that look out onto a large heated outdoor pool with a covered entertaining area, gas BBQ and cooking station, and a wide expanse of manicured lawn and planting areas.

Peter continues: "As a family home built to be structurally as well as aesthetically timeless, it was important that we incorporated features that would ensure the property could stand the test of time, in which natural daylight and ventilation are two huge factors.





"Ultra-slim profile aluminium windows, doors and Keylite roof windows feature on all aspects of the property, maximising the light that flows throughout the space. The use of Keylite roof windows allowed our architects to let loose on the property design, without having to worry about whether the build would get the ventilation it needs, or whether certain building regs would be covered.

"You can find the roof windows in the master dressing room, cinema room and one of the second-floor bedrooms, but it's in the master bedroom where they truly take centre stage and are used as a feature, as well as a necessity.

"Keylite is the first-choice manufacturer for roof windows in many of our projects, including this property. The materials used and the fact the windows don't come prefinished means our contractors can finish the windows in the exact style as the rest of the property to really tie everything in – this is just something you can't do with most other manufacturers."

The property's modern architecture reflects the modern lifestyle of its homeowners, using a home automation system and electric Keylite roof windows and blinds, which allow the homeowners to open, close, vent and lock their windows and blinds at the click of a button.

The Wentworth Estate is well known for its stunning properties and peaceful surroundings, and this home is certainly no exception.

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**SAVING ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY** are at the top of the agenda. From heat retention covers and LED lighting to air source heat pumps and super insulated one-piece pools, there is plenty to catch the eye.

"We aim to bring energy saving into sharp focus and make it a forum for discussion and finding solutions," says SPATEX Organiser, Michele Bridle. "With education, the latest technological advances and careful management, there are effective ways to significantly reduce energy consumption and bills. Minimising energy usage is a consideration that needs to be factored in at the design stage which is why this show is of vital importance for architects."

Energy saving will also feature in SPATEX's free-to-attend, double seminar programme, along with the design and build of commercial pools. The ISPE (Institute of Swimming Pool Engineers), has curated a diverse workshop programme in

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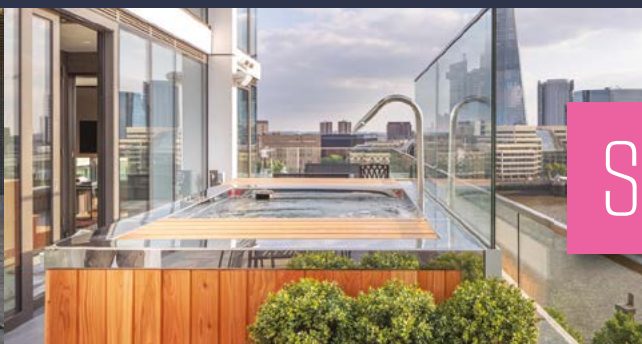
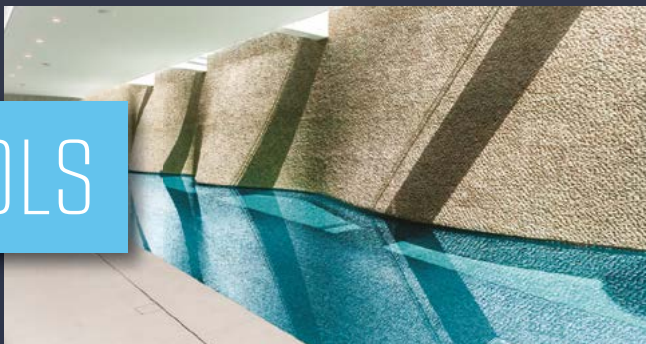
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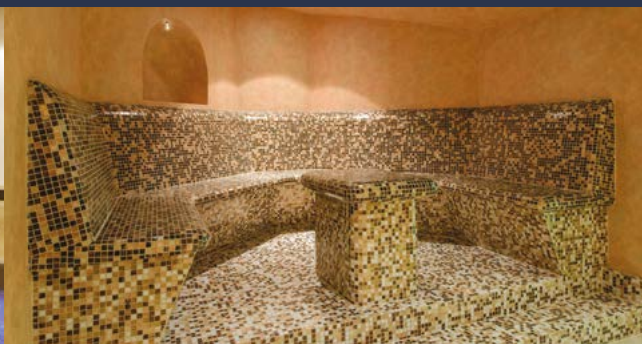
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Simon Boocock, Managing Director of CRL Europe, comments: "Bespoke doesn't need to be complex and time consuming. With CRL, retailers can provide luxurious quality at an off the shelf price, helping to improve design possibilities with better margins. Retailers no longer need to search around to pull all the elements together or stick to a boxed solution that isn't necessarily right for the space."

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## 2023 kitchen trends according to a design expert

Ruth Lavender, design expert at Benchmarx Kitchens & Joinery, outlines the top kitchen trends to look out for in 2023:

“Over recent years, the way we use our living spaces has changed, and the kitchen is no exception. Many of us are now enjoying more time in our homes, whether it’s remotely, entertaining, or relaxing. This shift in behaviour has not only influenced the role of the home and certain features that have become the new non-negotiables, but it has also had a more nuanced effect on emerging interiors trends.

“Homeowners are becoming more selective over the trends and styles they incorporate – they’re looking for a kitchen design that will not only add flair, but also work for them and their families for years to come.

“Here are some of the trends that are set to dominate kitchen design in 2023.

### SANCTUARY

“As we’re spending more time at home, there’s a greater focus on creating a space that makes us feel relaxed and at ease. This trend has trickled down from the bathroom, into the living room and is now making its way into kitchen design.

“Sanctuary-style kitchens are perfect for those who prefer a slower pace of life. It’s a ‘less is more’ approach which draws on influence from nature, bringing a sense of calm into the home amidst so much external uncertainty. This trend highlights the importance of self-reflection through serenity, muted tones and raw materials.



"Here, think of a colour palette that takes inspiration from the outdoors. Greens work particularly well due to their association with nature and wellness – helping to bring the outdoors in. Olive green pairs well with leathers, deeper forest greens and natural greenery, such as leafy house plants. Nourishing and balancing, this shade is incredibly versatile, possesses a trans-seasonal quality and is just so easy to live with.

"Forest green, which has grown in popularity in the kitchen, will continue its reign in 2023, whether it's incorporated through cabinetry, splashbacks, paint or accessories. Its popularity is down to its timeless, calming and cosy qualities. Pairing perfectly with light neutrals, other green hues and even dark greys and black for a bolder scheme, it's a colour that's here to stay.

"Midnight and navy blue can also play perfectly into this trend. Rich, mature and effortless, dark blue shades match beautifully with gold, silver and copper hardware and complement neutral tones effortlessly.

"For those wanting a softer aesthetic, driftwood blue is a great option – a hue for all seasons, it embodies the colour of sea water while carefully integrating grey and green undertones to evoke feelings of calm and comfort. As the kitchen is often the busiest room of the house, a gentle tone like this can provide a tranquil setting.



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**FLEXIBLE SPACES**

“Kitchen designs that serve a multitude of functions will continue to dominate in 2023. For many, it’s a no brainer to maximise a space’s capabilities to meet a flexible lifestyle, as this is key to creating an environment that works for our individual needs and requirements.

“Now more than ever, our kitchens are being used as spaces that not only serve as a place to prepare meals, but as daytime offices, dining rooms and entertaining spaces too. This means maximising space and finding new solutions has never been more important.

“I always encourage our customers to consider their lifestyle to help inform their kitchen design. Storage needs, seating options, smart technology, lighting and integrated appliances are a few of a long list of features that should be considered when designing a multi-functional space.

“Even the smallest of details can make real impact. For example, the layout of internal storage can be a gamechanger when it comes to the functionality of your space. Integrated carousels are excellent for convenience as they allow you to locate different utensils quickly without you having to scramble around at the back of the cupboard. Helpful details like accessible plug sockets by work spaces, wireless chargers and integrated bins can really facilitate a fluid lifestyle, ensuring that a kitchen design works in harmony with you. Not only do these details help a kitchen space to be used to its full potential, but make it easy to enjoy too.

**FREEDOM**

“The freedom trend is all about expression and individuality, and its colour palette epitomises this. Packed full of warm, bold colours, such as soft-toned pinks, yellows and oranges that fire up the imagination, as well as pastel blues, and warm-tone neutrals, these hues are perfect for making a statement that showcases personality.





"Showcasing a luminous, fantastical feel, we're likely to see more and more consumers opt for these colours to channel their creativity. They promote joy, optimism and provide the perfect antidote to the seriousness of modern life.

"This palette can be embraced in multiple ways, depending on your style. Muted sunflower tones pair well with deep blues, offering a calm, serene feel to a space. If you want to be bolder, opt for burnt oranges or deep reds on upholstery, statements sofas and other accessories. The trend can also be beautifully integrated into the kitchen through statement walls, graphic prints and wall art to create pops of colour.

"Incorporating freedom-inspired hues through kitchen cabinetry is a bold yet brilliant way of showcasing personality. Alternatively, opting for grey or white cabinetry can help balance colour used elsewhere in a space to ensure it doesn't overpower the senses. It all depends on personal preference, but the overall trend offers a vibrant feel and is perfect for modern creative spaces like the kitchen.

"If incorporated cleverly and tastefully, this trend can stand the test of time and provide you with a space that makes you smile every time you enter the room.



## ECO

"Similar to sanctuary, the Eco colour palette takes inspiration from the natural world, with blues, greens and earth tones dominating the trend. It's the perfect scheme for nature-loving homeowners who want to create a tranquil setting.

"Natural upholstery such as rattan, hessian and linen work well here, particularly when paired with rustic, oak furniture and an abundance of greenery – think ferns, palms and monstera.

"Key to this trend is not only aesthetic, but the functionality and efficiency of the kitchen too, making it a more sustainable and eco-friendly space. Those looking to be more mindful of their energy consumption should consider this in the early design stages.

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"When designing your kitchen, it's also important to consider the small things that can help you be more sustainable. For example, if you compost food waste and split out your recycling, you should think about incorporating a cupboard to house your bins and keep them tucked away.

"An island herb planter is another way to bring this trend into the kitchen, as not only does it offer an eco-friendly way to grow your own produce, but it adds a nice touch of greenery too.

"Flooding the space in natural light is a great way of bringing the outdoors in and helping your space feel more connecting with nature. Consider skylights and bifold doors to open up your kitchen space and make it feel airier. For the winter months, you'll want to ensure you have multiple light sources, as you're likely to miss the natural light as the evenings draw in. LEDs and strip lighting are energy-efficient options to keep your kitchen feeling cosy in the evening."

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# HYBRID KITCHEN BY BRANDT DESIGN

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Luxury kitchen and interior design studio, Brandt Design, create the ultimate kitchen living space for a new build, 5-bed family home in Hertfordshire, by accommodating four key functions across the ground floor: cooking, food management, laundry, and all-weather home access.

Julia Steadman, Commercial Director at Brandt Design explains, "With younger adults now living at home for longer and the rise of hybrid work patterns increasing, the evolution of the kitchen living space has to deliver the ultimate in practicality, luxury and efficiency for the forever family home. More and more consumers are taking a long-term, holistic approach to design with contemporary classic colours and materials coming to the fore in terms of rich timber effects, muted greys and bespoke in frame fitted furniture to provide resilient, structured zoning for family life in rapidly changing times."

**THE KITCHEN:** Designed to bring the family together for work, rest and play, a generous prep zone with luxurious quartz surfaces from the Brandt Collection is anchored by an island unit complete with an integrated breakfast bar. The back wall is framed with Brandt Heritage furniture to meet

all the cook's floor-to-ceiling storage needs with a giant American-style fridge freezer and wine cooler also housed in style. Farrow & Ball's Pigeon is the ideal complement to the soothing and harmonious vibe and was chosen for its soft, blue undertones, bringing an extra feeling of comfort and security to the scheme. The pale oak dining table was carefully chosen to complement the parquet-style flooring from The Engineered Flooring Company throughout and provides plenty of room for working from home or gathering around for an informal Sunday brunch or special occasion.

**THE PANTRY:** Highly desirable and practical, the pantry and walk-in larder are design cornerstones of forever family living in terms of providing extra storage for dry goods and long-life groceries as well as a home for small appliances away from the working zone. The addition of customised deep drawers in addition to more traditional open shelving gives the homeowner more options for storing multi-packs of food in ambient conditions and protecting it from sunlight or artificial light for greater longevity. Cut-out handles on the drawer fronts enable easy access which is vital when hunger pangs strike, or extra party guests arrive.





**THE UTILITY ROOM:** Anyone with a growing family knows that young people can create a lot of laundry so it makes sense to pre-empt wash day blues with twin-sets of integrated appliances so that you can get ahead of the game. By installing two Miele washing machines and two matching tumble dryers, it's much easier to keep on top of the laundry and deal with any spills immediately by putting garments, bed linen or a pet bed into a washer straight away.

There's also a generous ceramic Belfast sink for handwashing and soaking so that the kitchen sink is dedicated to food prep, preventing cross-contamination and ensuring that keen gardeners and dog walkers always have a space to clean up before coming into the rest of the house.

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**THE BOOTROOM:** A must-have for country retreats or busy urban environments, a bootroom serves as a user-friendly buffer between the outside world and the inner sanctum. Providing a space for shoes, coats, winterwear and pet supplies, this space instantly upgrades the back of the house and ensures that there is dedicated storage space for essential items, promoting a calm and ordered environment. Bench-style seating ensures that guests can remove their footwear in comfort and place their boots or shoes beneath, helping to prevent visual clutter and ensure a designated home for accessories, so it is easy to find what you need, so you can 'grab and go' when leaving the house on the school run, last minute trip to the shops or when taking the dog out.

Brandt Design is renowned for creating lifestyle-oriented kitchen living spaces with its range of custom furniture and made-to-order worktops in a variety of materials such as stone-effect quartz, solid surface and wood. Offering two different furniture options, customers can choose between the classic Heritage Collection or Urban Collection, which is contemporary by design: both priced from £25,000 +vat.

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# THE LINTON COLLECTION BY DAVAL

## New. Contemporary. Shaker.

Daval, award-winning British designer and manufacturer of quality fitted furniture is delighted to introduce Linton, a brand-new furniture collection made of solid ash with contemporary narrow-framed Shaker-style cabinetry.

Simon Bodsworth, Managing Director at Daval Furniture says, "Our new Linton range is driven by the recent trends-shift following periods of lockdown where homeowners spent more time online and could really hone in on their specific likes and dislikes. Our research shows that this freedom to explore and discover what else is 'out there' has led to UK interior design trends being influenced by other countries such as the simplicity of Scandi interior style design and more recently, Japandi trend where homeowners are adopting a less is more strategy. Launched 100% in response to consumer demand, Linton is not just another Shaker-style cabinet, it is a new furniture range heavily influenced by global design over the last few years."

Designed for modern living spaces, Linton is stylish yet subtle by providing a contemporary take on the iconic Shaker cabinet that perfectly blends modern design with

traditional features. Featuring a slimmer 68mm stile (frame height) and rail (frame width) on the doors, Linton presents a more delicate aesthetic when compared to more traditional shaker-style cabinetry.

Offering high-end design appeal, the Linton range includes full height doors with double cross rails, complementary 150mm skirting plinths and large 75mm island pilasters, which are perfect for grounding an island unit. You can even specify integrated accessories like a tray unit and chopping boards.

The new Linton Furniture Collection by Daval is both classic and contemporary in equal measure, fast becoming a firm favourite with designers who want to be defined by difference and have the freedom to explore their design ideas without being restricted by material or finish. Delivering quick lead times, Linton is available in the company's most popular range of painted colours including Porcelain and Fossil (pictured), Dove Grey, Navy Blue, Charcoal and Forest Green: solid painted ash shaker with 68mm frame.





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Lifestyle-oriented, Linton is made to order, and the doors are standard size with the cabinets tailored to customer requirements, ensuring the ultimate in custom made furniture design for the contemporary home. Not limited to just kitchen cabinets, the featured project reveals the universal nature of Linton including a large kitchen with breakfast island in Linton Porcelain, practical day pantry finished with a classic oak interior and adjoining bootroom with special dog station in Linton Fossil.

Simon adds, "We are thrilled to offer a new and contemporary take on the classic Shaker door, as the kitchen living space evolves at pace and consumer requirements for a flexible and upscale home environment, are on the rise. Our research and development team has worked tirelessly to deliver a universal Shaker design, which will work in all property styles with the scope to customise units in line with the latest lifestyle trends."





For instance, the latest bootroom designs lend themselves to the incorporation of everything from pet beds to handwashing basins for a cleaner, healthier home. With 2023 trends indicating a strong focus on a home-centred lifestyle in the face of continued economic uncertainty, creating the right balance of form and function has never been more important - especially when as homeowners want to add value to their homes through well-considered furniture design.

James Bodsworth, Design Director at Daval Furniture explains, "We will look back on 2020-22 as a sea change in the UK kitchen market as premium manufacturers fully embraced the importance of whole-house interior design and the possibilities of bespoke storage in every room. Our new and exclusive Linton collection is designed to help homeowners make the best use of the space available and provide a timeless cabinet style that delivers all of the advantages of solid wood with contemporary design appeal."

Made of sustainable solid ash, the Linton doors are sourced from Europe and the cabinets from the UK, both via FSC certified forests. Available with a five-year guarantee as standard, the new Linton Furniture Collection by Daval Furniture is priced from £12,000+vat.

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Surface Design Show which is held from 7-9 February 2023, will once again be showcasing the best in material innovation.

A well-established part of the design calendar for nearly twenty years, the show returns to London's Business Design Centre. It provides the perfect opportunity for material experts, and the architectural and design community to come together under one roof.

Visitors to Surface Design Show 2023 will be inspired by new product launches running the gamut of colour, materiality and sustainability, plus diverse displays of surface-based installations and a comprehensive speaker programme featuring accomplished industry professionals, passionate about the future of surface design.

Surface Design Show has already welcomed over 150 exhibitors to participate. Returning to the event once again is Armourcoat, renowned for its polished plaster, sculptural effects and innovative surface finishes. Innovations include Armourcoat Clime, which produces a stunning matt stone

surface finish and Armourcoat Sculptural panel systems which offer a seamless three-dimensional finish. Other long-term supporters of the show include Textura, specialists in contract wall coverings which can transform a space and Surface Matter which connect architectural materials with creatives for interior and exterior design projects. For Tile of Spain's 2023 stand, expect an eclectic collection of products from 12 manufacturers from small formats and mosaics to 3D surfaces and technical slabs.

Supporting emerging material designers has always been important to Surface Design Show. That is why the New Talent section will, for the fourth year in a row, be held in partnership with Trendeaze International. Its Chief Creative Director, Jennifer Castoldi, will be curating over 30 'New Talents' this year. The section will inspire and excite visitors with the 'class of 23' showcasing a fascinating mix of biomaterials, natural materials, digital print, textiles,





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furniture, wallcovering, weaving and biopolymers. This forthcoming edition will be the most international yet with New Talents coming from as far afield as Sweden, the Netherlands, Lebanon, Malaysia, Korea and China and will give them the opportunity to learn from each other and to connect for a better future.

Located right in the heart of the exhibition, Surface Design Show welcomes back Surface Spotlight Live (SSL), an area which gives visitors a chance to touch and compare the latest material prototypes. Centred around this year's theme, 'Shaping Communities', SSL will highlight the importance of new exchanges between surfaces, people and environments. From material transformation to inclusive design, co-creation to sensory wellbeing, SSL will present designs

creating thoughtful solutions for interiors and architecture. This section of the show will again be curated by leading trend and colour expert, Sally Angharad.

Stone Gallery showcases the possibilities with one of the most sought-after materials with this section of the show attracting companies from the UK, Europe and further afield. It is officially supported by Stone Federation Great Britain whose Knowledge Hub forms a focal point for its member companies. Stone Tapestry, meanwhile, is an installation curated by leading London-based architectural practice Squire & Partners. It explores innovative textures, light, colour and pattern to create a tapestry of inspiring materials from around the world.





The talks programme is always a particular highlight of Surface Design Show. The Main Stage, designed by Emily Skinner of recycling pioneers Smile Plastics, will host 18 different presentations and feature more than 40 speakers, inspiring a professional audience of architects and designers.

Setting the tone for the live events programme will be the Opening Night Debate, hosted this year by Jonathan Smales, executive chairman with Human Nature, a leading proponent of sustainable development. The debate, which has CDUK as the official partner, will question how architecture and interior design professions are dealing with the Show's theme of Shaping Communities.

Over the 2½ days, the Main Stage will host a range of debates, panels, trend forecasts and insights into the latest surface design innovations. It will also be the venue for the Legends Live series of 'in conversations' in partnership with Mix Interiors, where industry leaders interview someone they admire.

The PechaKucha evening also returns for 2023 having previously been an entertaining talking point of Surface Design Show. This fast and furious speaking format sees eight speakers battling to get their message across, presenting 20 slides for just 20-seconds each. The evening will be hosted by Nicola Osborn, creative director of design studio Basha-Franklin.

Another popular element of the show is the Surface Design Awards. Now in their 11th year, they continue to set a benchmark for architectural and design achievements across the world. More than 110 projects were entered into the 2023 Surface Design Awards, coming from an impressive 24 different countries. The BAFTA Headquarters in London by

Benedetti Architects, which scooped the Supreme Winner award in 2022 set the standard for excellence in surface design. Following the success of its debut last year, the Architectural Photography category returns once more for 2023.

This year the Awards' judging panel is co-chaired by Jonathan Hagos, Director of architects studio Freehaus and Nasim Koerting Head of Design at The Office Group, and features a diverse mix of industry professionals who have made a name for themselves amongst their peers.

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# RETRO RESURGENCE: THE PLIMSOL ROAD PROJECT BY HAVWOODS



Located in North London is this striking 70s-inspired home. Combining retro interiors with sci-fi accents, the large open plan living space was designed by Holloway Interior Architects and comprises a living room, kitchen diner, home office and the focal point – a freestanding bathtub at the end of the room.

A neutral base including limewashed plaster walls and light wooden furniture complements a bold and abstract colour palette of oranges and greens. The soft undertones of Havwoods' Douglas Fir Snow Select 300mm I-Strip boards sit perfectly against the earthy tones, introducing light and a feeling of space into the home.



The tall ceilings and large windows result in an airy and inviting space, packed with character. In the living area, a dark red sofa and bright orange armchair pair beautifully with leather dining chairs and an earthy coloured tabletop. The wide planks which span the length of the property naturally elongate the space, allowing for a seamless flow from the living room into the kitchen.

The Chef-style stainless steel kitchen cabinetry provides an industrial edge, running from the floor up to the splashback and into the overhead cabinets. The soft flooring from Havwoods is a welcome contrast, adding warmth to the kitchen, whilst still naturally zoning the room.

The limewash walls continue into the home office, where a beautiful bathtub stands freely, positioned next to the window. The natural elements of the floorboards reflect the greenery in the houseplants, ceiling light and desk chair, adding welcome texture and a cosy feel to the home.

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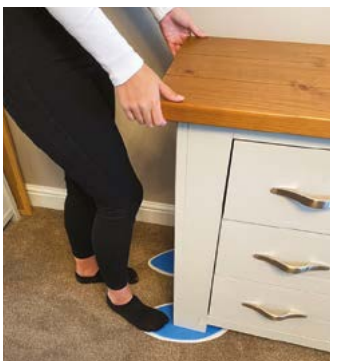
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The flooring company that takes sustainability seriously has just launched!

Entrepreneur of a successful flooring company, with 40 years in the industry, Matt Lech launched Flooring By Nature, the UK's first completely sustainable flooring and carpet company on Wednesday 16th November.

"Sustainability is my passion and I didn't feel the flooring industry was making sustainable flooring the standard practice for their customers."

The company's eco-friendly alternatives to standard flooring use naturally occurring materials that can be easily and responsibly sourced and produced. These alternatives include:

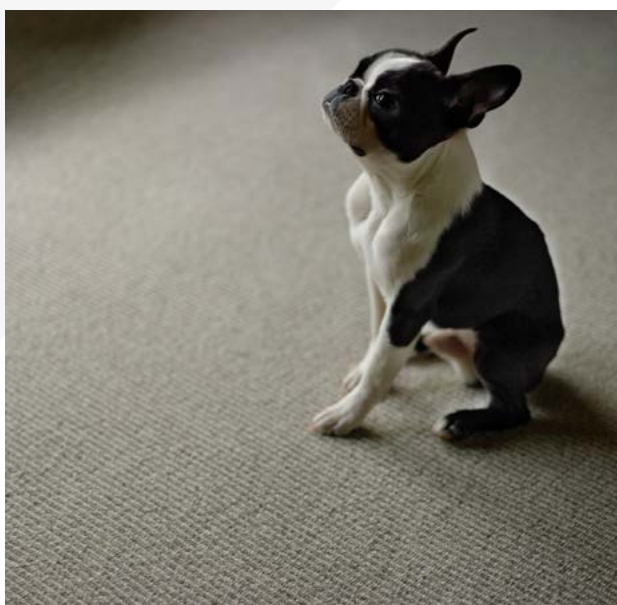
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"We're all used to reducing our plastic consumption when visiting the supermarket by using bags for life and avoiding products wrapped in excess plastic packaging. We believe the same principles apply when we're decorating our homes.' Matt Lech is passionate that the stances we take on recycling should be mirrored for home decor.





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A post-lockdown study found over a third (37%) of Brits agree the look of their home has become more important to them since the pandemic. It's important to Flooring By Nature that as people look to invest more in their homes that they are doing so in a sustainable way and the foundation of their homes, the flooring, feels like a good place to start.

Flooring By Nature puts sustainability at the heart of everything they do which is why they have partnered with Ecologi, a UK-based environmental project. Flooring By Nature has partnered with Ecologi to fund carbon offset programmes and support reforestation projects within the UK and across the world. As well as this, Flooring By Nature funds a tree to be planted by Ecologi for every order over £100.



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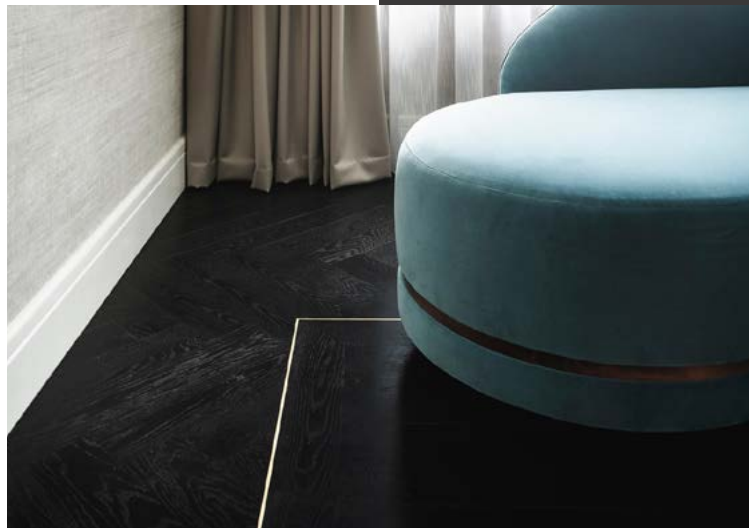
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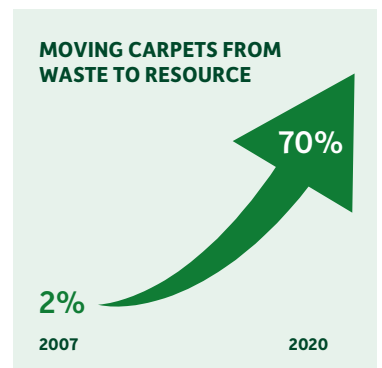
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# STEPHENS + STEPHENS BRINGS MIAMI-CHIC TO CORNWALL

## Stephens + Stephens Unveils 10 Stunning New Coastal Homes – Southshore in Seaton

Cornish leading Luxury property developer, Stephens + Stephens, in collaboration with multi-award-winning interior design agency Absolute, is taking its signature Stephens + Stephens style to Cornwall's forgotten corner with the creation of Southshore.

Stephens + Stephens is well-known for its team's skills, vision and new-wave approach to creating luxury properties in awe-inspiring locations. Its latest development Southshore, which will feature a truly unique collection of 10 detached four-bedroom houses, is no different.

Just a short walk from the beach and with mesmerising views of the surrounding countryside, the homes – which will be finished in 2023 – are perfect for those seeking a more tranquil lifestyle which, despite lockdown restrictions being all-but gone, more people in the UK seem to be embracing. In fact, the number of people leaving cities has reached a four year high.

Helen Stephens, Creative Director of Stephens + Stephens and Absolute, comments: "Our team has genuinely loved creating our new collection of 10 Southshore properties in Seaton, and that shines through in every aspect – from the design to the finishing touches. We have drawn inspiration

from both our immediate surroundings, as well as looking further afield and embracing elements such as the art-deco chic of Miami's stunning coastal properties. In addition to, of course, bringing it all into the 21st century and ensuring the luxury people have come to expect from a Stephens + Stephens property is woven throughout."

**The Southshore four-bedroom properties will start from £895,000. For those who want to pre-register or find out more information, please visit: <https://stephensandstephens.com/>**







## SOUTHSHORE – MIAMI-BEACH STYLE WITH ADDED REFINED GLAMOUR

The 10 Southshore homes will feel as though they have been carved into the hillsides themselves, connected by a sloping, curved driveway. Striking square, clean lined architecture gives the buildings a second phase art deco feel known as the streamline modern.

Crafted using a modern, sustainable timber frame method, the properties will feature the best-quality insulation within the walls and roofs. The external cladding will be a mixture of aesthetic timber from accredited sustainable forests, and traditional natural stone in order to allow the houses to blend in seamlessly with the biodiverse surroundings.

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The vast floor to ceiling windows will allow occupants to take full advantage of the breathtaking views, as well as enabling natural light to stream into the vast, open plan living spaces. All will be aluminum double glazed, offering low u values. What's more, each of the houses will incorporate green sedum roofs which come with their own biodiversity benefits, including capturing airborne pollutants and CO<sub>2</sub>, as well as acting as an additional layer of insulation for the home.





Each Southshore house will have a unique gargantuan balcony to offer, what feels like, endless space for alfresco socialising, as well as the best seat in the house to view those famous south coast sunrises.

Inside, each property will have a carefully designed interior scheme, featuring a palette of clean neutral shades. The deliberate décor will intertwine modern coastal abode with countryside chic. Soft down lighting adds a soft glow throughout, while the minimal, light and bright base is perfect for new owners incorporate their own personal style.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS

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### THE LOCATION – SEATON

The Southshore homes have been built on the lesser-known, quieter south coast of Cornwall in the hidden-gem village of Seaton. Surrounded by the perfect balance of rolling countryside and pristine shoreline, Seaton is just three miles away from the popular and historic harborside town of Looe, and a stone's throw away from the bright lights of Plymouth. Thanks to its tucked away position, Seaton's calmer waters are most-favoured by sailors, wild swimmers, and paddle boarders.

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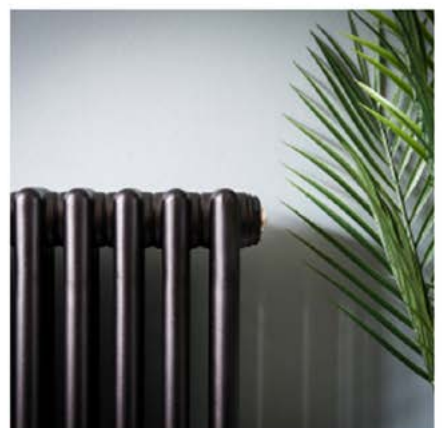
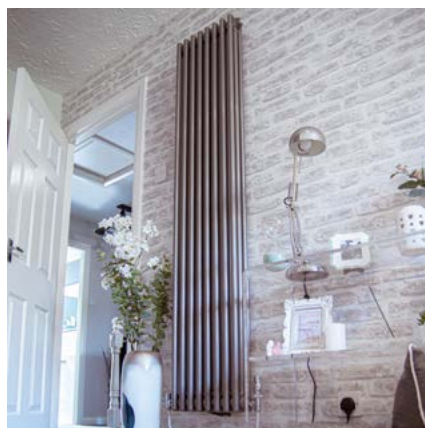
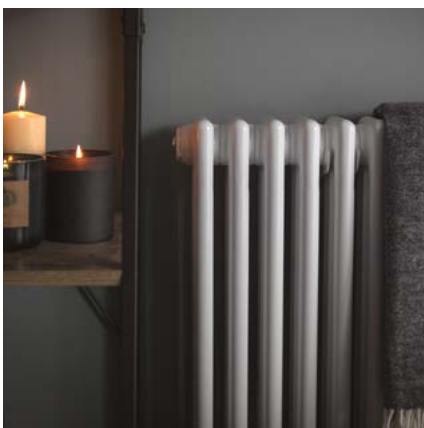
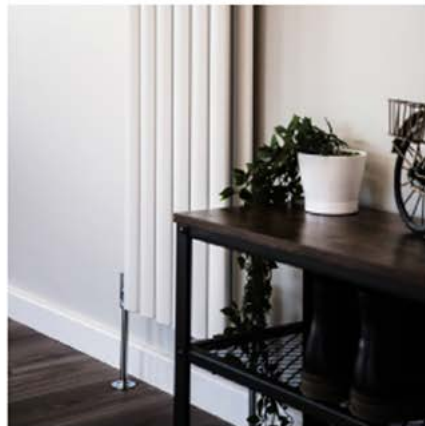
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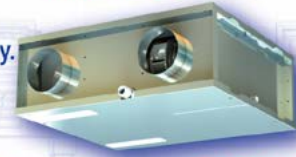
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# 9 INTERIOR TRENDS FOR 2023

From wellbeing related trends to the return of brown, red and pink - 2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for interior design. Rebecca Snowden, Interior Style Advisor at Furniture And Choice (FurnitureChoice.co.uk) shares 9 stylish trends and how to get the look at home.

## 1. BIOPHILIC DESIGN

In 2023, expect to see a few key interior trends bring a soothing touch to our homes. Biophilic design, which is all about incorporating nature into our homes through design, has shown that it can make us healthier and more productive. Focus on calming elements such as letting more natural light in, prioritising natural materials and greenery into our spaces. Biophilic design blurs the boundary between the indoors and outdoors and connects us to our surroundings.

Besides the core elements of biophilic design, get inspired by natural shapes and forms such as curves or circles. Soften the room with curved furniture like round tables or sofas for a cosy and comforting appearance. It also adds an updated spin on retro furniture shapes such as mid-century design. Another subtle way to highlight biophilic design is by introducing arches through chic alcoves, cabinets or hallways which add a natural flow to the interior. The stylish curves break up the straight lines and make the room feel more spacious.

## 2. THE RETURN OF THE ROOM (BROKEN PLAN LIVING)

With people spending more time at home, whether it's for work or relaxation, we've seen a rise in broken plan living. Loosely based around open plan design, broken plan living is all about creating distinct zones to give our spaces more purpose. While an open plan brings people closer (due to the lack of walls), it also lacks privacy and warmth if the open areas aren't styled properly.

There are many options to divide your space. Install Crittall doors or partitions for a stylish, modern way to create a separate room while letting the light continue to flow. Open shelving units work similarly – use a bookshelf as a room divider and fill it with a variety of greenery for a fresh and open look. Even a couple of tall, leafy potted plants can help zone an area and give it some privacy without closing off the space completely.

## 3. WELLBEING-LED DESIGN

With many of us staying in more than we used to, it's only natural that interior design will gravitate towards making our homes feel like sanctuaries. Start by paying attention to what makes you feel good at home such as by choosing a calming colour palette for each room and incorporating natural materials into your decor.



Make your space feel more inviting with curved accents such as a round dining table or curved sofa as it will make it easier for people to gather round and conversation to flow. Complete the look with indoor plants and personal touches like artwork or a unique souvenir from your travels. The more at peace we feel in our homes, the more we will thrive in our indoor spaces.



#### 4. JAPANDI

Japandi is a trend we've seen gain popularity every year. A style rooted in minimalism, Japandi uses natural materials and soothing neutral tones to create a zen-like retreat from daily stresses. Begin with a calming colour scheme of whites, greys and browns, with black accents for contrast. Use a mix of light and dark wood to bring warmth and organic texture to your home – for example, pair a natural oak dining table with dark wooden chairs for a rich, contrasting effect. You can also introduce fluted panels or wood slats on a feature wall (or a piece of furniture) to add texture and detail.

Japandi furniture is all about clean lines and simplicity in design. Look for modern styles in low profiles – like a low bed and side tables – to create that sense of openness found in Japanese design. Combine this with cosy Hygge touches like soft organic cotton or linen textiles

#### 5. THE RETURN OF BROWN

In 2023, we predict the return of brown to give our homes a sense of calm and comfort after a couple of tumultuous years. Tied to other soothing interior design trends like biophilic design and Japandi, brown can be used as a modern neutral to ground the room and let other colours stand out. On your walls, try light brown paint that's similar to taupe for a cosiness that would work well in the bedroom or living room. Or use a warm brown with a tinge of golden orange so the overall effect isn't too dark – style it with contemporary, light coloured furniture for a fresh and chic look.

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In furniture, we'll see browns ranging from light caramel tones to dark chocolate brown and rich dark woods across a variety of décor styles. For example, a tan leather sofa or a walnut dining set with black legs could form a modern industrial look. If you prefer a classic, formal style then set the tone with a dark brown leather Chesterfield sofa or a grand pedestal dining table in dark wood paired with elegant fabric chairs

## 6. SMART HOMES

Smart homes have become less of a novelty and more of the norm as we're increasingly using technology to make our lives easier. Adopt tech-savvy conveniences like a wireless charging dock for your smartphone or automated curtains that open and close at your preferred times. With voice assistants like Siri, Alexa and Google Home now mainstream, connect them to your other smart appliances like a television or refrigerator to make everyday usage more intuitive.

There's also more smart furniture available on the market, and in sleek modern designs too. For ultimate relaxation, choose an electric recliner. While some models need to be plugged in and others work on a chargeable battery, they all let you recline and relax with the touch of a button. As self-care and health have gained more attention, standing desks have also become more popular – adjust their height to suit your sitting or standing preference for better ergonomics while you work.

## 7. MULTIFUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

As our interiors continue to be multitasking spaces, we can expect to see multifunctional furniture as a rising trend in 2023. For instance, if you work from home, opt for a dining table that doubles up for tasks and meals at different times of the day.



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If you have the space, consider a dining table that you can extend when guests come over or if your tasks need the extra surface area. Meanwhile, in a compact kitchen-diner, you can utilise your kitchen breakfast bar as a makeshift work from home space and a place for meals.

There are also some double duty designs that might appeal to the Netflix generation. For a luxurious lie-in while bingeing your favourite shows, choose a TV bed - as the television is concealed when not in use, it also helps keep your bedroom looking neat and tidy. In the living room, you could opt for a sofa bed for lounging while watching TV, instead of sitting on a sofa.

### 8. GREEN AS A NEUTRAL

Green's association with peace, nature and relaxation serves as a refreshing replacement for muted neutral shades at home. For example, a light green shade such as sage on the walls will help set the mood for resting whether it's in the bedroom or living room. On the other hand, opting for a deep forest green shade invites the outdoors in and anchors the room with its vibrancy.

If you're going for a green sofa in your living room, it's best to decide what shade of green you're going for and what upholstery works best. Dark shades of green work well with leather or velvet while softer greens are a better match with lighter fabrics. You can also introduce green through smaller pieces in the home such as a sideboard or footstool. Green also provides a solid base for accessorising - aside from natural textures such as wood or clay, it is a grounding contrast for luxe finishes such as gold or brass.

### 9. ESCAPISM

After the chaos and confusion of uncertain times, escapist decor is all about creating spaces in our homes to retreat, heal and be experimental with our interiors. Creating a staycation element in your home is one popular way to make it feel like an escape from your daily life. Start by dedicating a corner in your home for relaxation and wellbeing. Choose a calming wall colour to set the mood and add a personal touch by showcasing items from your travels for that holiday feeling. You can even create this space outdoors with a patio area in the garden decorated with natural materials such as rattan and lots of greenery.



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Instead of clean lines, choose bold curves such as a sculptural coffee table or pedestal inspired by the round shapes we often find in nature. Aside from that, texture is another key escapist decor element. Jazz up your space with textured wallpaper or matt stone flooring finishes to add an imaginative touch to the home.

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# DECORATIVE PANELS LAMINATION TO LAUNCH FINEFLEX METALLICS - A RECYCLED PET COLLECTION



Decorative Panels Lamination, one of the Europe's leading suppliers of decorative faced sheet materials are launching a collection of FineFlex Metallic Designs from premium surfacing brands FineDecor and Schattdecor, to its dp-specialist range.

The dp-specialist range is a comprehensive set of quality gloss and matt surface finishes from market leading brands all of which are laminated straight from the roll onto MDF or dp-lite, perfect for trade and volume customers.

With the merge of two premium surfacing brands; Fine Decor and Schattdecor, years of design expertise in the field of solid colours and decor printing have come together, along with pioneering technology to produce sustainable lacquer laminate surfaces. The two companies are united in their first joint product – Fineflex. A quality surface made with a percentage of recycled PET.

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With growing awareness and an increased drive to provide sustainable options for the market, Decorative Panels Lamination are certain the addition of 6 FineFlex metallics will be welcomed by their customers. Metallics have been coming into trend for some time now, but it has always been difficult to achieve consistency within the colour. Fineflex metallic surfaces do just that, their iridescent shimmer is visible throughout the pigment creating a luxurious finish to both the eye and the touch. The super matt finish is distinguished by the 6 warm and subtle earthy tones perfectly suited to create focal points and feature panels throughout the home.

Schattdecor and Fine Decor have a unique process to recycle the manufacturing scrap from their own production cycle into new raw material, thus bringing it full circle back into the production process. Decorative Panels Lamination are now part of the solution offering the perfect combination of first-class design and surface quality with increased sustainability.

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# WHAT DOES 'BOOK MATCHING' STONE MEAN?



Supplied and installed by Stone Circle in Fine Watches, Harrods, London.

## How is it achieved and why is it so much more expensive than simply laying slabs side by side?

Often seen in high end residential bathrooms and corporate office entrances, 'bookmatching' is a beautiful pattern where two or four seemingly mirrored pieces of stone meet, creating a sumptuous 'butterfly' or 'open book' image.

To start, a quarried block of stone is sliced, like a loaf of bread, by huge multi bladed saws, cooled by constant water, gnawing back and forth, down through the stone. The raw slabs, now 20mm thick, are then polished, photographed and calibrated. It's at this point that the decision is made as to which faces of the slab to polish.

Heavily veined or patterned material is better for book matching. The direction and thickness of the veins giving the greatest effect.

If you imagine a closed book, you can only see one face - the cover. But if you open the book you can see two faces. So, like the open book, the faces touching each other in the sliced block are polished and a mirrored pattern or 'book match' is revealed.

If you then take four book matched slabs, cut next to each other, and turn two of them through 180 degrees and place

these on top of the others, you create the famous 'butterfly effect'.

And if the project has enough space, and you have enough material to fill that space, then you can create the most stunning finishes such as this elegant wall of marble fabricated by Stone Circle for the watch department at Harrods, London.

Of course, the process takes much longer than plain cutting, because the sawyer has to cut each slab in exactly the same position to create the perfect match. Wastage increases too, because reproducing the pattern limits the amount of the slab that can be used. And if you accidentally break one piece.....? You might have to start again. The risks are higher and so are the costs.

But the effects are exceptional and unique and, I would argue, worth every penny.

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# TOP TILE TRENDS 2023

## Baked Tile Co.

The Interior Design world is a bustling, regularly changing, landscape of newly emerging dynamics. Understanding these dynamics, features and trends is a key step to creating an exciting design within a home. The Baked Tile Co. has curated this essential press release to highlight the Tile Trends that are set to take 2023 by storm, helping to guide, educate and inspire home owners when designing their dream home.

## TERRACOTTA

We saw this organic style tile emerge a little while ago and demand continues to grow - the trend 'Terracotta Bathroom' has risen 98% in the last 12 months on Pinterest, and nearly 50% for 'Terracotta Kitchens'!

Suitable for a number of interior styles, terracotta has a rustic natural appeal, but traditional style terracotta also comes with a lot of maintenance. Baked Tiles have sourced a wonderful collection of terracotta-effect porcelain that boasts all the aesthetic beauty of natural terracotta, but with none of the laborious sealing or treatment. Furthermore, natural terracotta isn't suitable for use in UK gardens, but all Baked Tiles terracotta ranges are also frost proof, so perfect for creating beautiful garden schemes.

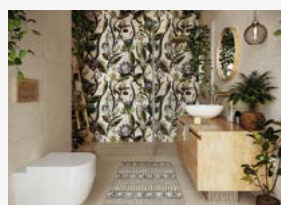
**TOP TIP:** Use wide joints for a rustic traditional aesthetic, or tighter joints for a more 'Moroccan vibe'

## MURAL DESIGNS

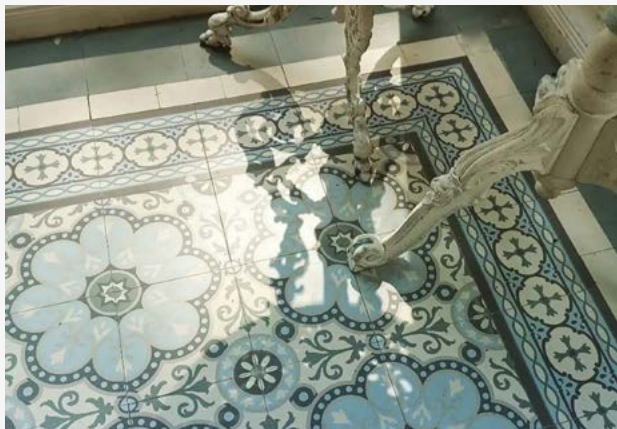
As pattern is becoming more coveted within general interiors, mural designs are now taking centre stage in beautiful bathrooms and kitchens. Thanks to advances in tile production, you can now use large scale flowing pattern in wet areas, and some are even suitable for external use due

to their frost proof qualities. This increase in production has led to a noticeable increase in demand - the 'mural wall tile' trend has flown up a staggering 135% over the last 12 months on Pinterest!

**TOP TIP:** To really make a mural POP, pair with a tile that contrasts with the background for prominence







## BORDERS, CORNERS AND MOULDINGS

Next year, interior schemes will be all about the detail. A fresh idea for those home designers under a certain age and a memory provoking flashback for those of us who remember the trend in the 90s. The same applies to tile design, we are seeing a glorious selection of tiles with coordinating or matching borders, corners and mouldings, all designed to add additional detailing.

Unmistakably nostalgic, this is a great way to add traditional or period style into a home. Following swiftly behind the popularity of timber panelled walls, we are about to see a return of wallpaper borders, elements that can be used to layer pattern within a design scheme.

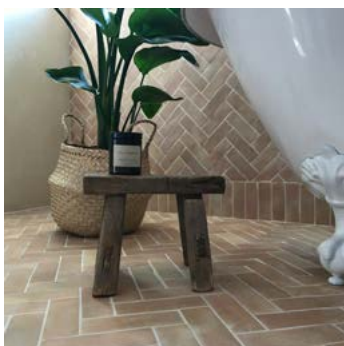
**TOP TIP: Use borders to define feature areas, such as a tiled panel behind a range cooker, or to produce a rug effect within an open plan space**

## SMALL FORMATS

For far too long we were limited to 40x40cm, 30x60cm and 60x60cm sized tiles - but now design trends have moved on and embraced more traditional small format tiles. 15x15cm floor tiles are all the rage, they can be used to great effect on their own, or when combined with other small formats like 5x15cm brick shaped designs.

Many designers are delighted to be introducing more intricate tiling schemes with the use of smaller sized, porcelain, terracotta effect and glazed product.

**TOP TIP: 'Use small format plain tiles to add detail and texture to a space, without having to rely on pattern.'**



"Understanding these dynamics, features and trends is a key step to creating an exciting design within a home."

## STRIPES

Have you noticed the return of small-scale prints, striped and checks within traditional homes? Pretty, detailed interior schemes require a dainty approach to tile specification and combining coloured tiles to create pretty stripes in one perfect option.

Don't just take our word for it - Living Etc magazine confirmed that 'adding stripes and depth leads to further texture' elevates your dynamic home design...

**TOP TIP: Striped layouts also give you the opportunity to add height to low ceiling, by running stripes vertically or width to a narrow wall by running them horizontally, pretty and design savvy!**

## LIGHT, BUT NOT WHITE!

If you love light filled, bright interior schemes, maybe this is the one for you. As an antidote to maximalist style, more designers are moving towards softer lighter schemes, but the secret to this trend is to use ivories and very pale peachy tones - stay well away from bright white! Think soft warm matt whites, bleached pale terracotta tones, or pale ivories.

Layer texture, and contrast gloss and matt finishes to creating interesting bathroom or cloakroom schemes. The demand of home-renovators seeking a minimalistic aesthetic has rocketed in recent times, with Pinterest highlighting a whopping 180% rise in searches for 'minimal living room' and 'minimalist home' together. Proof that less really is more...



**TOP TIP: 'When creating paler colour schemes, ensure you have layers of light colour and texture. If you match everything in the room perfectly, the results will be a flat uninteresting scheme'**

## COLOURED GROUT

Heck, why not go for it? Who wants white or grey grouts, when there is the huge collection of 50 colours available to the home designer from Baked Tiles?! Use contrasting grouts to add colour, highlighting tiling layouts or interesting shaped tiles.

Use the gap between your tiles to bring in extra detail and punchy colour to a room. Take the opportunity use it as a design detail, rather than just an understated and inevitable space between your tiles.

**TOP TIP: 'When using coloured grout remember the smaller the tile, the more impact the grout will have on the look of the overall space. Coloured grout used on really tiny tiles can sometimes change the perceived colour of the tile...so be aware!'**

# CULTURAL CONNECTION: INTRODUCING LACE MARKET POINT WITH DAVID PHILLIPS



Located in the beautiful city of Nottingham is Lace Market Point. A landmark development with stylish appeal, this residential project was a fantastic opportunity for leading furnishing provider David Phillips to work alongside Monk Estates on their first Built-to-Rent (BTR) project.

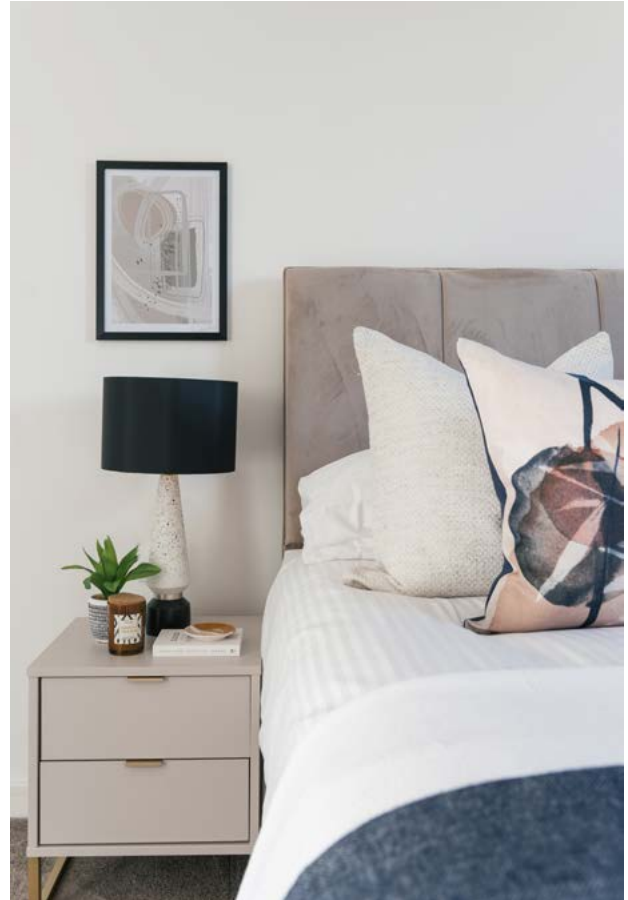
With over 90 apartments in the development, David Phillips was commissioned to furnish two show apartments in two different interior design styles. This approach enables prospective tenants to have more of a choice over the interior décor, selecting a scheme that aligns more with their personal style.

The design concepts were inspired by the rich history of Nottingham, with a focus on its lace production and nearby mills, to create unique interiors that offered a subtle nod to the past:

## MODERN SOPHISTICATION

The first aesthetic is based on the narrative of lace. As a refined product, David Phillips selected furniture that had elegant design details and a more feminine quality.

"Titled modern sophistication, this scheme features a rich terracotta sofa, brass metal accents with warm walnut wood and taupe finishes. Organic rounded shapes are found in the coffee table and armchair to help create a soft, inviting space." Mark McDonnell, Head of Design at David Phillips



## TEXTURED INDUSTRIAL

The second scheme embraced the industrial heritage of the area, selecting pieces with a bold design aesthetic, strong geometric shape, black metal work and a more masculine colour palette.

"We named this look textured industrial. Blue and rust were the signature colours in this concept to bring muted pops of colour to the upholstered items. In the bedroom, a modern oak and black finish was used on the furniture, helping to enhance texture and playfulness, whilst still retaining an industrial look and feel." Mark McDonnell, Head of Design at David Phillips

Full of life, these living spaces feature vibrant accessories that offer a hint of characterful colour, offset perfectly by the more neutral hues to create a calming space, perfect for escaping bustling city life.

In addition to the apartments, this luxurious development benefits from a gym, retail space, meeting room and communal garden. Creating a visual statement, the balconies are wrapped in ornate lace-inspired metal frames for a characterful finishing touch.

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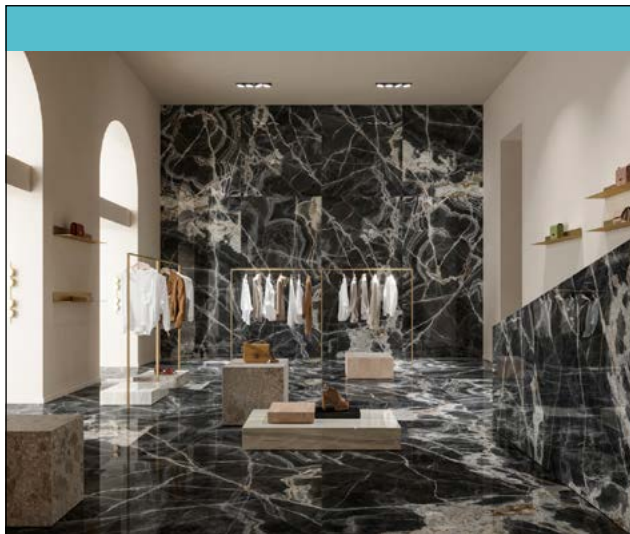
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# THE GREAT OUTDOORS GETS BETTER AND BETTER



Many, if asked, may consider the great outdoors as the countryside. But increasing numbers are investing in their gardens to create outdoor living spaces that offer many of the benefits of being outdoors while having the convenience of being located only a step away from their home.

Fresh air, exercise, relaxation and creating happy memories with family and friends are some of the benefits of spending more time in the garden. These benefits may be enhanced by carefully designing the garden to optimise enjoyment and utility. Stuart Middleton, Executive Chairman of Aquacut Limited has a few tips for those embarking on a landscape project.

Your landscaping project is likely to be used for a number of years during which families may change and plantings mature. It is important to think about the future as well as the here and now, so time spent researching and thinking will be time well invested.

- Sketch out a perimeter plan of your garden and pencil in any features you are determined to keep.
- Consider what you and others wish to do in the garden. Play, rest, utility and entertaining considerations can help shape your thinking on layout and features.
- Does there need to be different levels, such as raised decks or sunken sun traps?
- Take account of the sun and wind directions in your thinking and consider whether you wish to use your garden in different weather conditions.
- Consider your budget carefully and give yourself a maximum spend.
- Review a range of different styles to help you understand which you prefer.

There are many outlets selling a very wide range of natural stone, porcelain and cementitious products offering the most discerning of individuals the ability to create the landscape they crave. Take your time to visit a number of landscape suppliers as they all have their own ranges to suit different budgets and tastes.

There are also increasing demands for 'above ground' products that improve the experience of outdoor living. These products include pergolas, gazebos, outdoor kitchens, balustrades, entertainment walls, tables and seating, planters, fire pits, water blades/features, lighting and heating.

The choices available may be bewildering to even seasoned planners, but help is readily available. The UK has a rich resource of talented garden landscapers and designers and there is a wealth of information freely available online for DIY enthusiasts.

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Gökotta are part of the S-Zone group who have been supplying awnings, louvered and retractable canopies for prestigious projects across the UK for over 15 years.

Gökotta was launched by S-Zone in Autumn 2022 to introduce the finest brands and outdoor products to their discerning clients across the UK. The team at Gökotta will work with you, your garden designer or landscaper to seamlessly integrate their products in to your outdoor projects. Whether that's an outdoor kitchen designed by them to be a focal point for entertaining, sumptuous furniture to relax on or bioclimatic pergolas to create an outdoor space that can be used 365 days a year, come wind, rain or shine.

Handpicked by their team, Gökotta will only offer products that are renowned for their build quality, design and exceptionally high levels of customer service and after sales. Their range includes:

**CUBIC OUTDOOR KITCHENS** – Designed and manufactured in Germany, completely waterproof and capable of withstanding the worst the British weather can throw at it with an amazing 10 year warranty.

**COCO WOLF OUTDOOR FURNITURE** – Handcrafted by experts here in the UK, Coco Wolf Furniture styles range from the traditional to the contemporary. A brand equally at home on a fabulous super yacht as it is in the garden terrace of a country home.

**SHADE ZONE** – Retractable and Louvered Pergolas from leading European manufacturers Renson & Gibus.

Gökotta also have a range of BBQ Grills from leading brands such as Fulgor Milano, Whistler, the Big Green Egg and DeliVita wood fired ovens for the ultimate in outdoor cooking.



➡ To speak with a member of the Gökotta team email [info@gokotta.co.uk](mailto:info@gokotta.co.uk), call 01482 205125 or take a look at their website [www.gokotta.co.uk](http://www.gokotta.co.uk).

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## NEACO LAUNCHES NEW RANGE OF EASY-ORDER BALCONY PACKAGES

Neaco have launched a new range of Juliet balcony packages providing easy specification and fast turnaround from order. Comprising a range of precision-engineered modular components, the glass-fronted Juliet designs feature a top rail in a powder coated aluminium finish which is non-chip and rust-free, providing permanent aesthetic quality and maintenance-free use.



Their toughened glass panels maximise sunlight penetration and provide an unobstructed view out. Each panel is subtly secured in place by circular support brackets (with no stanchions needed) providing attractively minimalist looks. Neaco's balcony packages are fully compliant with all

relevant building regulations, including the 2018 Building (Amendment) Regulations prohibiting combustible materials on building exteriors. Designed for fast installation, they are ideal for renovations, refurbishments and projects which are subject to restricted timescales. Neaco carries out all manufacturing at its advanced factory in the UK.

**➡ The balconies are available to purchase via the company's ecommerce website at [neaco.co.uk/shop](http://neaco.co.uk/shop)**

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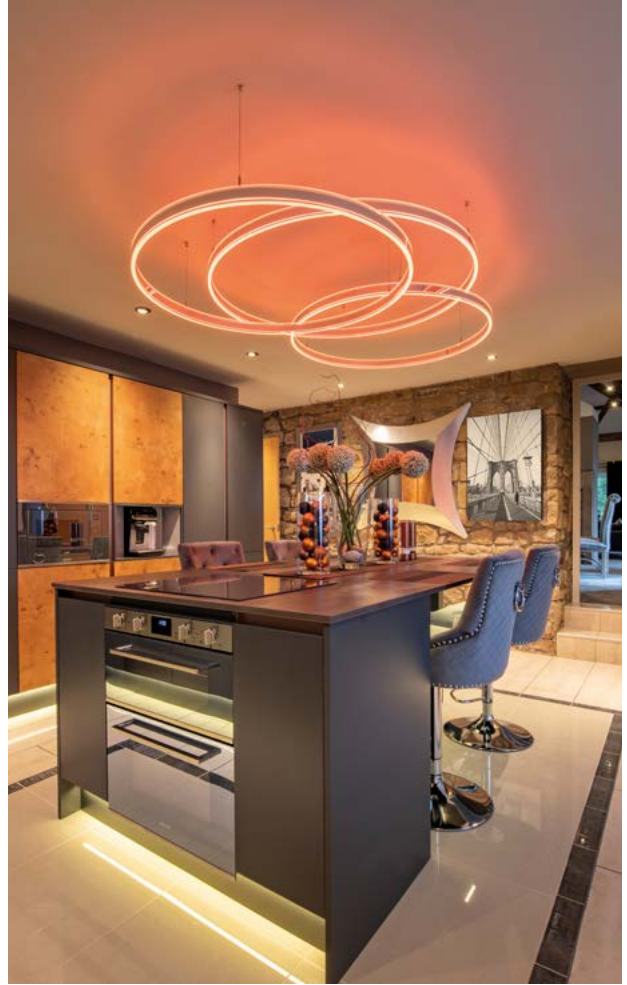
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All products are designed and manufactured in Hacer's purpose built facility in the UK and the company is independently certified under the PAS 2060 standard as Carbon Neutral. Hacer were rewarded with double ISO certification achieving both ISO 14001 for Environmental Management and 9001 Quality Management System.

The company's energy efficient luminaires are eminently suitable for a wide range of environments including; architectural, commercial and retail sectors. By working closely with clients, consultants, specifiers, architects, electrical contractors and their distributors, Hacer is strategically positioned to offer exciting new luminaires, bespoke lighting scheme solutions and the latest advancements in lighting control to support current and future market requirements.



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# LUNAWOOD COLLECTION: ARCHITECTURAL BATTEN-STYLE CLADDING MADE SIMPLER



Our acclaimed Lunawood Collection creates beautiful and intricate 'batten' style cladding through the Luna Triple and Luna Trio profiles, but simpler, more cost-effective and more sustainable.

Russwood have proudly partnered with Finnish timber experts Lunawood to offer the Lunawood Collection, a new range of contemporary timber cladding. Lunawood Collection is a portfolio of external and internal cladding products combining Scandinavian design, innovative chemical-free thermal modification and sustainability-led purpose. The collection features five distinct tongue and groove profiles, comprising Luna Panel System, Luna Triple and Luna Trio, as well as an open rainscreen option. With batten-style cladding becoming exceedingly popular with Architects and Interior Designers, Luna Triple and Luna Trio profiles have proven to be most popular so far.



The Luna Triple and Trio achieve a sophisticated and modern batten-style appearance with both the simplicity and cost-effective nature of a tongue and groove board. Both profiles have two deep grooves on the board, achieving the intricacy and architectural structure of narrow boards whilst eradicating the slower pace of installation.

The Triple and Trio are also ideal in interior applications. The all-natural, non-toxic advantages of the Lunawood Collection make it perfect for interior self-build use. Interior timber cladding is a great way to create a cosy, luxurious space, combined with the acoustic properties of timber to reduce noise.

The Lunawood Collection is also technically advanced. Thermally modified at 212°C using heat and steam, the process develops extreme dimensional stability and durability in the timber. This vastly increases the product life cycle, making it more ecological over time. Further, both Luna Panel System and Triple are approved for the use of Burnblock® fire retardant treatment, which is 100% natural, 100% biodegradable, pH-neutral and achieves fire classification up to Euroclass B-s1,d0.

As a PEFC certified company, sustainability is at the core of Russwood's purpose. The Lunawood Collection is PEFC certified, ensuring the chain of custody is meticulously controlled. The thermal modification process produces a timber which acts as a long-term storage point of CO<sub>2</sub>, with minimal environmental impact compared to non-renewable materials, chemically treated wood and tropical hardwoods.

➡ **Find out more about Lunawood Collection through our website, [www.russwood.co.uk](http://www.russwood.co.uk), or by contacting our sales team on 01540 673 648.**

**For Architects and Interior Designers, our dedicated Architectural Liaison Team (ALT) can help with design intention, specification and project requirements.**

**You can also schedule a CPD to learn more about the products that we offer, their processes and best application.**





# SOLTEQ UK ANNOUNCE THEIR LATEST SOLAR ROOF IN THE UK



SolteQ design and manufacture Solar Roofs in their state-of-the-art factory in Germany, roofs that can make Energy Bills a thing of the past, roofs that are now available in the UK from SolteQ UK.

The beauty of a SolteQ Roof lies in the fact that it looks like a high-quality conventional roof but unlike a conventional roof it produces a huge amount of free electricity. This entirely new roofing concept utilises very attractive and highly efficient PV-roof tiles to create a Photovoltaic (BIPV) energy roof with solar thermal capabilities. The roof provides the ultimate power package in these days of ever-increasing energy bills without the need to compromise the look of the building by the introduction of ugly solar panels.

The solar tiles are easy to install and once installed ensure maximum roof area utilisation and optimal cooling resulting in maximum electricity production. They are stylish and available in a variety of colours with a surface that promotes a self-cleaning effect. Proven to be up to 36% more efficient than conventional PV roofs, the product is 100% waterproof, storm-resistant and UV/weatherproof.

All SolteQ roofs have an expected lifespan of in excess of 50 years, incorporate anti-reflexion, prismatic safety glass with monocrystalline cells and can produce a massive amount of energy (171 Wp/m<sup>2</sup> depending on chosen tile and installation pattern). This PV energy source alone has the capability of meeting all a household's electricity needs, even before its solar thermal potential is utilised for the provision of domestic hot water and or underfloor heating, when used in conjunction with an air/water heat exchanger and appropriate water storage.

This roof of the future is a roof that allows the householder to become more energy self-sufficient and less dependent on the national grid for electricity. The SolteQ Energy Roof is the roof that can allow the householder to become free from power outages and ever-increasing electricity bills.



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# FUTUREBUILD 2023 TAKES A STAND FOR A BETTER BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Futurebuild 2023 is set to provide architects, designers, contractors and developers with the ideas, inspiration and innovative solutions that will help them create net zero buildings faster, more safely and more efficiently. Taking place at ExCeL London from March 7 – 9, the event will focus on our most pressing challenges in order to accelerate the shift to a net zero built environment.

Sustainability remains at the core of this year's show and is why Futurebuild 2023 is also urging design and architecture professionals to act now and 'take a stand' on an issue they passionately believe will help propel the industry towards a more sustainable future. By taking a stand, we can all achieve radical change and build a better future.

## SHOW SECTIONS AND NEW SPOTLIGHTS

Futurebuild is curated into eight show sections including Buildings sponsored by Steico, Digital sponsored by Zutec, Energy sponsored by Kensa Group & District Energy in partnership with UKDEA, Interiors, Materials, Offsite, Retrofit and Sustainable Infrastructure sponsored by ACO. The newly expanded Retrofit section, sponsored by Elmhurst Energy and in partnership with The Retrofit Academy CIC and Osmosis, will be showcasing the best solutions, technologies and services, that together, can unite and strengthen the delivery of whole house retrofit at scale. The event will also feature three new spotlights; Lighting in partnership with KNX UK; District Energy in partnership with UKDEA and FutureX Innovation in partnership with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

## SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

Curated and delivered by over 90 industry leading partners and featuring a stellar line-up of over 300 speakers, the expanded seminar programme is bringing the whole industry together to debate and learn from each other. The programme features practical and actionable CPD accredited sessions so architects, designers, contractors and developers can gain many CPD points in one visit and at the same time acquire the knowledge and skills that will help them in their day-to-day role. Industry leading partners and associations taking part include CIAT, BRE, Built by Nature, IOM World, RIBA and UKDEA (District Energy Association)

to name but a few. Stand out sessions on the Building and Offsite stage include Passivhaus and the cost-of-living crisis - curated by Passivhaus Trust, Minimising and mitigating overheating in homes - curated by Good Homes Alliance and a Materials Masterclass with Duncan Baker Brown on day three of the event.

## CONFERENCE IS 'TAKING A STAND'

The Take a Stand theme is central to the Futurebuild conference programme which will bring together an outstanding line-up of expert speakers who are distinguished experts in their field to deliver the best possible understanding of what collectively we all need to do to meet our climate challenges. We are pleased to have two notable sponsors of this year's conference; SNRG and Hub Brussels. The first day will focus on Looking Forward and why we need to develop the foresight necessary to break out of our current mindset and sees Sue Riddlestone OBE, Chief Executive and Co-Founder of Bioregional chair a discussion on How we can scale best practice in the planning system to create resilient communities. On day two, the conference will explore the nature of Changing and especially 'behaviour change' and Day 3 will move on to Taking Action, with an engaging session discussing Adapt, retrofit and reuse – priorities for design projects.

More than 15,000 professionals from across the entire supply chain including architects, housebuilders, developers, consultants, contractors and manufacturers will come together to discover these solutions and find new ways of delivering quality buildings more sustainably, whilst meeting and exceeding regulatory and compliance requirements.

Everyone in the supply chain has a solution that can make a positive change. Futurebuild 2023 will provide the ultimate stage to showcase that commitment to the creation of a better building industry and achieving net zero. By looking at the bigger picture, we can learn from each other's journey to sustainability and what we need to do to achieve net zero.

**▶ Futurebuild 2023 will take place from March 7th to March 9th London's ExCeL. For more details, visit [www.futurebuild.co.uk](http://www.futurebuild.co.uk) Don't miss out on next year's event. Visitor registration is now open.**





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