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# STUNNING MODERN NEW-BUILD IN HAMPSHIRE COMPLETED WITH KEBONY WOOD

#### Sustainable family home created with bold vision of artist homeowner.

Blessed with the surrounding natural beauty of two National Parks, a sensitively and sustainably designed new family home, located in the heart of Hampshire, has now been completed. The collaboration between the homeowner - famous illustrator/artist, Jennie Maizels, and the awardwinning Snug Architects, combines bold interior design with an elegant facade built with Kebony, a global leader in the production of sustainable modified wood.

Characterised by a contextual modern design, Kebony was chosen to clad the property, carefully blending with the home's verdant countryside surrounding to create a beautiful family home befitting of its unique location.

Snug Architects chose to design two pitched roof structures connected by a single-storey glass pavilion, making clear reference to the vernacular rural forms seen in the wider context. Wrapping around all the walls and over the pitched roof, Kebony wood, which develops a unique silver-grey

patina over time, echoes the silver tones of the surrounding birch trees and contributes to the stylish, clean exterior design of the property.

Paul Bulkeley at Snug Architects commented: "The project is sympathetic to its setting and sits harmoniously in its context. Kebony's hard-wearing and sustainable characteristics made it the perfect choice for the cladding, whilst its knotty appearance is an accurate reflection of the mature trees in the context."

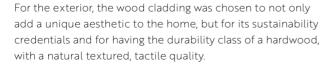
For illustrator and artist Jennie Maizels, it was vital that the interiors reflected her passion for bold design and creative flair. The interior is bright and full of colour, injecting life and energy into the new build. To realise her vision for her family home, Jennie worked with pioneering companies who have dared to be different, introducing splashes of colour to their products, ranging from fabulous bright sinks from Villeroy & Boch, to coral pink bathroom cabinets from Duravite.







"Kebony's environmental credentials and its natural weathered aesthetic made it the ideal material for the exterior cladding of family home."



Developed in Norway, Kebony's revolutionary technology is an environmentally friendly process which modifies sustainably sourced softwoods by heating the wood with furfuryl alcohol - an agricultural by-product. By polymerising the wood's cell wall, the softwoods permanently take on the attributes of tropical hardwood including high durability, hardness and dimensional stability. Kebony's environmental credentials and its natural weathered aesthetic made it the ideal material for the exterior cladding of family home.



Jennie Maizels added: "Collaborating with Snug Architects to create our new family home has been a passion project, and my daughters and I are really delighted with the final product! Our new home has been made particularly special to us through the use of fantastic products and materials like Kebony, which provides a beautiful and timeless exterior finish and really completes the home's natural aesthetic."



## INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME WITH THESE SIMPLE HOME IMPROVEMENTS!



Regardless of whether you're hoping to sell your home ASAP, or think you might want to in the future, it's well worth taking note of the multiple ways you can boost it's value. There's a multitude of ways you can do this - ranging from trimming your trees and building a deck to introducing more natural light to your space. Whilst major, expensive extensions and alterations will certainly add value to your home, it's worth knowing the smaller things you can do that will bump up the price.

Founder of Aliwood Roof Lanterns, Jonathan Hey, is no stranger when it comes to home improvements. Jonathan has provided us with some excellent ways to significantly increase your home's value!

You may be looking to get your house on the market as soon as possible, or perhaps you just want to increase its value for the sake of your own personal luxury. Either way, this feature will include something for you!

#### THINK OF THE LITTLE THINGS

It's not necessary to rip out and replace all your cupboards in an effort to add some value to your kitchen. Nor is it essential to have a whole new bathroom fitted in order to make your house worth selling. Sometimes a little change is all that's needed to completely revamp a space and make it look as good as new!

Try replacing the handles on all your kitchen cabinets with something sleeker and a little more modern. Installing new taps or a new showerhead are also excellent ways to give your bathrooms that new sparkly look that all homeowners strive for.

#### FRESH COAT OF PAINT

To build on the last point, it doesn't matter how sleek and shiny your new handles are - if they're attached to shabby cabinets, you're not going to be able to bask in their full benefits. And nor will any potential buyers! Between transitioning from your old handles to your new ones, consider darning your old cabinets with a fresh coat of paint - if they call for it.

But why stop there? If you want to truly up the value of your home, you should freshen up any wall that needs it. Maybe even modernize the colour scheme.

#### **CLEAN UP!**

Any house that gives off a great first impression to potential buyers is going to have far more saleability. A clean and tidy house is certainly going to help with this. This is, of course, something that needs constant upkeep throughout the selling process, but there are certain forgotten areas of your home that visitors may be far more likely to spot.

Walls can get quite grubby, and we often won't notice until we see the difference after cleaning them. The areas around switches, sockets and door frames are often ignored too and are certainly worth giving a good scrub. It's also advisable to touch up any mouldy sealant in kitchens and bathrooms, and also remove any limescale build-up on the kitchen and bathroom fittings. Give your windows a wash too. Clean windows will help to attract potential buyers before they've even entered the house!

#### **ROOF LANTERN**

On the topic of windows, any opportunity you have to introduce more natural light into your space should definitely be taken. A roof lantern is the ultimate way to do this as, along with the benefit of more natural light, it will also give the impression that a room is bigger than it actually is.

The architectural impact of a roof lantern alone will help to significantly up the value of your home. On top of that, it will ultimately help to reduce energy usage, which will be a huge selling point to potential buyers.

#### **CONSIDER YOUR GARDEN**

A great deal of value can be added to a property with a neat and tidy garden. Be sure to keep your borders trimmed, your pathways clear, and any overgrown trees and bushes trimmed back to an attractive shape.

If you can make your garden feel like an extension of your living space, rather than just an empty patch of grass, you're going to find it much easier to sell your home for a higher price. Adding a garden deck to your outdoor space will give any buyer more room to relax and entertain, and is sure to up the value of your home.

There are always more things you can do to increase the value of your home - we've barely scratched the surface. Why not create a driveway, if you have the space to do so? (Or at least power wash the one you have). You could even double glaze all your windows, or incorporate some energy efficient tech into your living space. In short, anything that improves the appearance of your home, or the quality of living for any potential buyers, is sure to up it's value.

## A SIMPLE GUIDE TO LOFT CONVERSIONS



#### by Rich Conlin and Paul Gibbs

Given the inconceivable costs of moving to a new house, it's no wonder that so many families opt to convert their loft instead.

Whether you're after a grand master bedroom, a cosy study or a playroom for the children, an attic conversion can easily and quickly add much-needed space to your home — without the extortionate costs or stress of moving. Plus, it will add serious value to your property if you eventually do decide to sell it.

However, there are a lot of seemingly complicated steps to getting your loft converted and knowing where to start can feel a little daunting. So, before you forge ahead with your project, we wanted to provide a simple outline of what to expect before, during and after your loft conversion.

The good news is that nearly all lofts are suitable for conversion! When it comes to deciding on your loft type, there are plenty of options. Most houses will come with an allowance for permitted development, meaning you can go ahead with your conversion without planning permission. When hiring someone to undertake your loft conversion project, it's always best to start with recommendations — from friends, family, neighbours or online review sites.

If you're unsure where to start on your loft conversion journey or need support on your current one please contact: the-loftroom.com | 0800 002 9291 | info@the-loftroom.com

## SIG DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY EXTENDS ONLINE CPD SEMINARS



SIG Design & Technology has now added more dates to their programme of free online RIBA approved CPD seminars. Delivered by SIG Design & Technology's specification managers, the four presentations, cover a range of roofing and cladding topics including roof specification, natural slate, roof refurbishment and hard metals. Working in the current climate. SIG has adapted how they are working and looking at how technology can help them to support their customers.

The four seminars you can choose from are as follows:

#### Mondays at 1pm:

A Structured Approach to Roof Specification and Design.

#### Tuesdays at 1pm:

Natural Slate for Roofing: Effective Specification.

#### Wednesdays at 1pm:

Roof Refurbishment: Choosing the Best Solution.

#### Thursdays at 1pm:

Specifying Hard Metals: Choosing the Right Product for the Project.

For more information visit www.singleply.co.uk

#### MODERN BARN CONVERSION GIVES LISTED STONE RUINS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

The historic listed ruins of a former farm estate property, dating back to the 19th century, required sympathetic repair whilst ensuring minimal disruption to the already fragile structure. These partially collapsed rubble stone walls had suffered from years of weathering and deterioration but were now to be incorporated into the annexe of a modern farm conversion.

Flexible HeliBars were used to stabilise the ruins as they

offered the ideal solution due to the irregularities in the direction of the mortar beds. HeliBars were also suitable for reinforcing the chimney breasts and fireplaces which were

important features to be retained from the previous split-level property the ruins once were.

Once the concealed installation was complete, the ruins were fully stabilised and reinforced. The original materials were retained, structural integrity restored and the ancient walls could now be incorporated into the new annexe.

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As we all change the way we are working, Ancon has extended its technical services offering to include 'on demand' webinars enabling you to keep on top of your professional development while working at home, or back in the office practicing social distancing.

The webinars complement our highly successful CPDapproved seminar programme of over 30 years and are delivered by Ancon technical staff who have considerable technical experience of applying seminar content in practice and in answering questions from both specifiers and contractors.

The following webinars, which cover masonry and concrete construction, are now available: Designing for Joints in Structural Concrete: Part 1 & Part 2, The Support of Masonry Cladding on Framed Buildings and The Correct Use of Wall Ties in Brick-to-Block Construction.

The webinars are available on demand from the 'Resources' section of the Ancon website here: www.ancon.co.uk/ resources/webinars

For more information, please contact Ancon on 0114 275 5224 or email info@ancon.co.uk



## NEOLITH® ACHIEVES CARBON NEUTRAL STATUS

#### Market-leading surfacing brand goes carbon neutral.

The pioneers of Sintered Stone has announced it has achieved carbon neutral status.

In 2019 the brand recorded no net release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from gate-to-gate emissions.

It's a significant milestone in the company's objective to become an internationally recognised green manufacturer, producing one of the most sustainable and ecologicallyfriendly materials available to architects, specifiers and end users alike.

#### **WORKING OUT**

To attain the highly-prized carbon neutral status Neolith followed the internationally recognized Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHGP) and implemented a dynamic, innovationled sustainability strategy coupled with tactical, high value carbon-offsetting.

This has led to carbon neutrality across the entire business, significantly seeing the brand receiving 100% of its electricity in 2019 from renewable energy sources. This measure removed a massive 7,690 tonnes of CO2 emissions .



Furthermore 90% of the waste generated by Neolith is recycled and given a second life either with company operations or through authorized 3rd party players. This demonstrates a robust commitment to the circular economy.

Neolith's surfaces also embody these principles, with up to 48% of slab composition obtained from recycled material.

Plant machinery has been upgraded to improve energy efficiency, particularly the 3rd line's furnace which has benefitted from the installation of an O2 and pressure control system, significantly reducing the amount of gas consumed.

This is complemented by a 40% reduction of forklift truck diesel consumption and a 20% decrease in hazardous waste.

A policy to reduce the amounts of single-use plastic used has also been implemented. A small, but significant step towards carbon neutrality, demonstrating Neolith's commitment to sustainable business.



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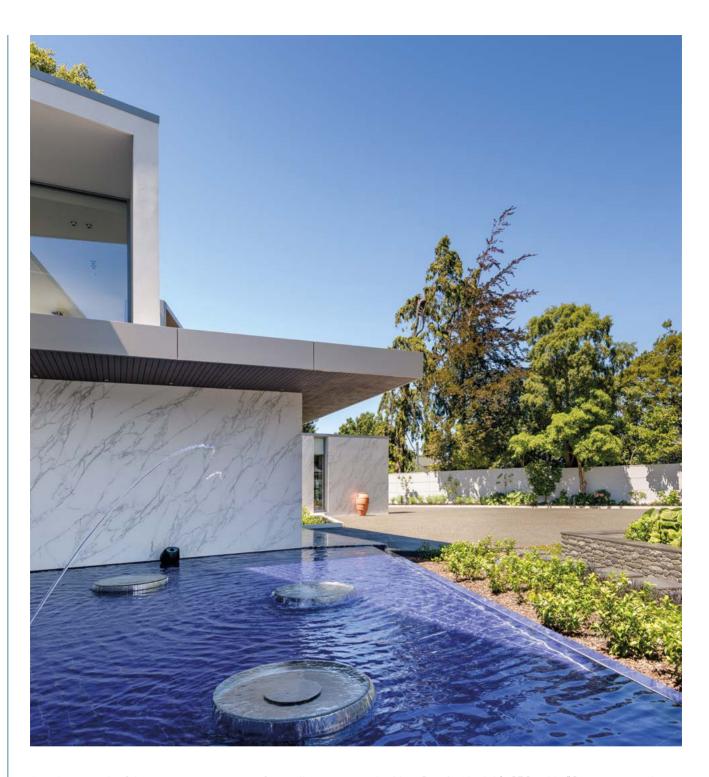
All these measures directly meet GHG's reduction objectives, which include: direct emissions company activity (e.g. natural gas, gasoil used in forklifts, cars in property), emissions from electricity used and other indirect emissions, generated from other day to day company activity.

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#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

In terms of carbon offsetting, Neolith has also undertaken a number of environmental projects, in line with its wider sustainability strategy. These projects compensate for and absorb a specific quantity of CO2e. Chief amongst these is an exciting, upcoming project in Central America to protect and maintain the unique biodiversity of the Guatemalan Caribbean Conservation Coast.

Specifically, the Guatemalan Caribbean Conservation Coast project will see Neolith working to protect the unique biodiversity within the remaining forests in the region. The brand will help to address the drivers of deforestation through effective law enforcement, land use planning, education, economic opportunities and sustainable agroforestry initiatives.



As a direct result of the project activities, over four million tCO2e will be avoided by 2021, the equivalent of taking over 440,000 homes off the grid for a year. When considering the lifetime of the project over 30 years, the tCO2e avoided will be closer to c. 22 million. There are also important biodiversity benefits, protecting over 400 species of birds have been documented in the project and the habitat of an abundance of mammals and reptiles, including 30 High Conservation Value (HCV) species.

Commenting on the announcement Mar Esteve Cortes, Neolith's CMO, says, "Given the brand's founding vision, achieving carbon neutrality represents the achievement of a core company objective. I'm proud that architects, designers and consumers can choose Neolith's surfaces, confident they are investing in the greenest Sintered Stone available. This will make their projects even more eco-friendly."

José Luis Ramón, Neolith's CEO, adds, "Corporate social responsibility is not only about ensuring your business practices are as sustainable and ethical as possible, it's also about giving back to wider society. Particularly, helping others less fortunate than yourself. Our work on Guatemalan Caribbean Conservation Coast project will have myriad benefits, not only for this unique region's biodiversity but also the people who live there. It will strengthen the natural habitat and provide a much needed socio-economic boost to the local population, which is one of the poorest in Central America."

To find out more about Neolith's sustainability activities and projects, visit www.neolith.com/en/carbon-neutral.

For more information about Neolith's collection of patterns, finishes, formats and thicknesses visit www.neolith.com



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## PASSIVE COOLING THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

#### WHY BUILDING ENVELOPE TES?

PCMs can be selected so that they freeze and melt at the appropriate temperature to ensure that the building doesn't overheat or overcool. By introducing PCM into the building envelope it is possible to vastly increase the thermal mass of a building, helping ensure that rooms are maintained within the thermal comfort zone.

By installing PCM modules inside the building fabric itself, the end-users gain the thermal and performance benefits of PCMs without even being aware that they are in place.

As the PCM module is a static system with no moving parts the passive cooling concept is considedred to be a maintenance and energy free option for improving the internal conditions of any built environment applications.



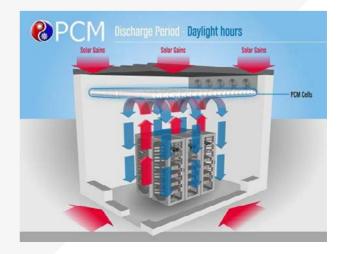
#### **BUILDING APPLICATIONS**

- Air Conditioning
- Free Cooling
- Passive Cooling
- Fabric TES
- Solar Systems
- · Tri-generation
- Flectronic / Shelter Cooling



Passive cooling takes advantage of the naturally occurring temperature swing caused by day & night. The excess coolth available in the night can be stored in the PCM, which is then released during the day, absorbing internal and solar heat gains.

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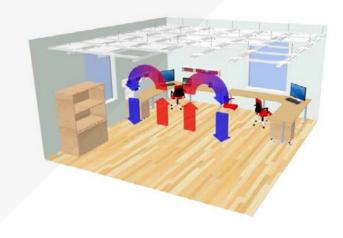


#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NATURAL COOLING

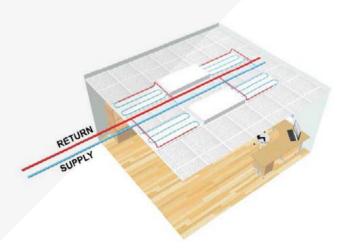
ThinICE modules can be installed at high levels so that heat goes up but doesn't come back down. This cooling effect can provide relief to building inhabitants or for electronic equipment.

If the site is located in a region where there are large daynight temperature swings, then it is possible to provide free cooling by ventilating the room at night to freeze the PCM modules by the morning. The size of the cooling machinery could then be greatly reduced leading to lower emissions, reduced maintenance costs and reduced operational costs.

For a standard 595x595mm ceiling tile, two ThinICE modules can be installed offering up to 0.96 kWh/m2 of energy storage. At an installed weight of up to 24kg/m2, most suspended ceilings are more than capable of handling this additional load. These are ideally fitted above a perforated metallic suspended ceiling. For more lightweight systems contact our sales team.



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## ACTIVE COOLING WITH A PASSIVE SAFETY NET

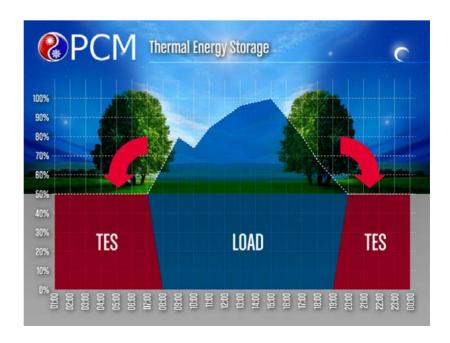
It's easy to upgrade these passive cooling systems into an active chilled ceiling. This greatly improves the flexibility of a conventional HVAC system. Should, for any reason the HVAC machinery fails the frozen PCM modules offer an uninterruptable emergency relief cooling system giving the facility maintenance team an opportunity to react.

This also offers load-shifting capabilities. Load shifting is a strategy, where a proportion of the peak cooling capacity of a system is shifted into off-peak periods.

The benefit of shifting cooling into the nightly off-peak is twofold, firstly it is possible to gain access to cheaper electricity tariffs and secondly, the refrigeration equipment can be operated in lower ambient conditions leading to a higher COP.

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## MANUFACTURERS ARE CRUCIAL FOR ACHIEVING NET ZERO



## FUTUREBUILD CALLS ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT SUPPLY CHAIN TO TRANSFORM THE INDUSTRY

Futurebuild is calling for manufacturers to join contractors, architects, engineers and more across the built environment supply chain in taking a critical role to achieve net zero carbon emissions. At the event, from March 2 to 4, 2021 at ExCeL London, exhibitors and visitors can debate issues, share ideas and showcase products to tackle the generation's greatest challenge — the climate and ecological crisis.

In 2020, the pandemic meant that many events for the built environment industry to meet and collaborate were either postponed or cancelled. We know that we cannot pause our progress in transforming the sustainability of the industry, so Futurebuild 2021 will be going ahead.

Our industry currently faces two main challenges — recovery after the current pandemic and achieving net zero carbon. The Chancellor's recent announcement of £3bn in funding to reduce emissions generated by current infrastructure brings us closer to the UK's target of net zero by 2050, but is it enough to transform the industry?

According to research, 85 per cent of the infrastructure we'll have in 2050 will have been built by 2030. Some even say that construction will need to transform itself by 2025. So, we have five to ten years to make the fundamental changes required to radically reduce carbon emissions. We must act now.

"Futurebuild is the platform to debate current issues, exchange best practice and showcase the solutions and technologies that can really drive change," explained Martin Hurn, event director of Futurebuild. "The Government's plan for green recovery is a good first step, but so much more is needed. We know that the entire supply chain must work together to make a real difference. Specifiers have the power to transform the industry — it is their products that drive our green infrastructure capabilities."

Futurebuild, previously Ecobuild, has led the way in tackling climate change in the construction industry for over ten years. The event brings together over 20,500 industry influencers to debate ideas, showcase products and drive real change across the built environment. For example, 73 per cent of visitors in 2020 reported that they attend the show with the intent to see and invest in the latest innovations and product launches.

In 2021, the event's stages will put a spotlight on six key areas to support industry transformation — whole house retrofit, digital impact, future installer, district energy, circular materials and intelligent buildings.

Are you a manufacturer that has ideas or technologies, new or existing, that can improve sustainability and help us meet net zero carbon? Net zero needs you to showcase it.

Register your interest to exhibit at Futurebuild 2021 www.futurebuild.co.uk/visit/register-your-interest/



## CUTTING-EDGE LUXURY DESIGN FROM AMARA PROPERTY



These developments are made even more impressive by the eco-credentials, as the industry's focus grows on the importance of climate change, Amara Property leads the way by identifying innovative ways to ensure sustainability sits at the core of its design approach.

Smart build techniques such as opting for recycled materials and increasing the construction fabric of the building dramatically minimises waste, while the installation of solar roof panels and Ecotricity meters creates long-term low carbon footprint homes. By further harnessing this green energy through the use of Tesla Power Walls, from which devices can be charged using stored solar power, electricity costs at its Kingwood development in Hadley Wood were reduced to as little as £6 per month.

Winner of an International Property Award, Amara Property's latest build, Aria, is an enviable £5million flagship home in Hadley Wood that pushes the boundaries of architectural construction and fuses luxurious living with state-of-the-art technology. Designed with entertainment in mind, the property features an expansive basement leisure complex that includes a home cinema with surround-sound system, games room, swimming pool complete with bar area, gym, steam and sauna rooms, all of which can be controlled remotely from a Gira central hub. Gira is an intelligent home automation system that Amara selected in line with its commitment to tech-focused design, allowing everything from temperature to security to be conveniently operated via a smartphone or tablet, proving yet another example of Amara Property's attention to detail.



Aria is an exceptional property that perfectly exemplifies the company's core vision of combining contemporary luxury, sustainable living and technology through both traditional and modern design techniques.

Currently, Amara Property are creating Waterside Mansions, a development of three exquisitely designed five-bedroom detached homes situated on Gordon Avenue - one of Stanmore's most prestigious roads.

Blending luxurious family living with contemporary architecture and carefully crafted design, Waterside Mansions are created with Amaras values in mind, and offer the lucky residents elegant light-filled interiors where classic form meets stylish functionality, and lavish finishes blend seamlessly with a sense of relaxed refinement.

www.amaraproperty.co.uk



## CORNWALL'S UNIQUE BOUTIQUE SECOND HOME INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY RELEASES LIMITED OPTIONS TO MARKET

To meet the post-COVID demand, a limited number of options within an optimum lifestyle investment opportunity have just been released in the UK's most popular staycation destination, Cornwall, by the country's fastest growing holiday company, Aria Resorts.

With all the signs showing that Cornish self-catering staycations are set to boom for obvious reasons, this week sees Aria opening up investment or sales options on a small number of its first-in-the-UK luxury two, three and four bedroomed boutique barns, set within the lush, green, lake-filled landscape at The Meadows at Retallack, within the 5 star Retallack Resort & Spa in Cornwall. All properties have a range of compelling earn-back options and packages.

Situated close to the UK's fastest growing airport, Cornwall Airport Newquay, culinary capital Padstow, and the Eden Project, the timelessly stylish boutique-barns, masterminded by Notting Hill-based House Nine Design, have a new world luxurious sophistication, blending architectural design and unique, bespoke interiors styling.

Complete with burnt black larch wood and floor to ceiling glass frontages, and some with rooftop hot tubs, the new boutique barns at The Meadows at Retallack Resort & Spa will provide an elevated level of holiday retreats for guest, holiday homeowners and investors alike. A lead-in investment price of just £225,000 for a two bedroomed boutique barn, including a furniture and fittings pack, offers significant value for money for this level of luxury and hotspot location.

Aria Resorts is pioneering the way in holiday and resort experiences with investment and ownership benefits. The highly lucrative Cornish staycation market is at the core of its fast-growth business strategy, given its leadership role in the UK tourism economy. Year-on-year, Cornwall continually adds to its trophy display, this year being crowned the Best UK Holiday County/Region at the coveted British Travel Awards in November, proving that it is undoubtedly one of the 'hottest' UK holiday destinations.

All of the boutique barns are mortgageable and under Aria's 'investment product' option, the properties are the perfect armchair investment. Services included in this programme include; annual ground rent payment, full lettings inventory, maintenance and cleaning and advertising. The net annual return that is payable to qualifying investors through this investment product option, for either the three or the five-year term option is 7% which is paid quarterly, subject to approval and terms and conditions apply. At the end of the chosen term, the investor has the option of switching to a variable annual return, expected to be a minimum of 7% per annum.

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Holiday home owners also have the option of entering the Aria Resorts' Managed Lettings Scheme which allows participating owners to control how many weeks they let their property. This plan operates with a 30% + VAT commission fee, with this fee covering all marketing (although there is an additional charge for cleaning). To give an indication of earning potential under this scheme, the average gross income on Retallack's currently existing two-bedroomed premium lodge is £38,140, and the income for the new barns in 2021 is anticipated to be higher at over £42,000. The average gross annual income on the existing four-bedroomed premium lodge (of which there are nine units) is £51,957, with the new barns set to offer an income of over £54,000 in 2021\*. The projected 2021 figures show an overachievement against the current performance examples for the new, unique, detached luxury barns, based on research and forecasting around the staycation and UK tourism market trends.



Aria has already invested over £100 million in Cornwall and is set to invest another £50m in the complete redevelopment programme of Retallack Resort & Spa. The demand for UK holiday properties shows no sign of slowing down, despite COVID-19. Quite the opposite in fact, with investors attracted to the growing staycation trend, the perceived safety and security of holidaying at home, and the tax benefits associated with holiday lets. In addition, Aria Resort investors will benefit from the tax conditions surrounding the 'furnished holiday properties.' Furnished holiday let (FHL) is the tax term which covers a whole host of different types of activities linked to short-term letting of residential property.



\*All of these figures are based on 100% availability. The anticipated increase figures apply to the new models only.



Recent surveys on the UK staycation market from leading bookings company Sykes Holiday Cottages, Mintel and Barclays Corporate Banking reveals that the Brexit factor is having a positive influence on people choosing more holidays 'at home' in the UK. The 'Sykes Staycation Index', which uses booking figures, consumer research and data to reveal trends in the UK holiday market, shows that 66% of Brits enjoyed a staycation last year, which is a 10% rise compared to 2017, benefitting holiday home owners significantly.

This, coupled with the reduction in investors purchasing buy-to-let residential properties as a result of Government changes to tax allowances around these types of properties, means that the Aria Resorts mortgageable, fully managed, luxury letting properties could be the ideal opportunity for both 'armchair' and lifestyle investors who are looking to use the property as a holiday home for themselves, friends and family



Paul Nicol, sales director for Aria Resorts, said, "We are delighted to bring a select number of these absolutely stunning boutique barns to the market for all manner of buyers and investors. An investment in one of our boutique barns at The Meadows at Retallack Resort & Spa offers a fixed return of 7% with all marketing and management requirements taken care of. All of the research from highly credible sources is showing that the UK holiday property sector is set to perform very well, be resistant to the cloud of Brexit and is set to benefit from increased demand now that lockdown easing means that holidays are approaching

again. Our first, discreet invitation to invest saw all of the initial released properties being snapped up, so we are now inviting the second phase of sales. For those who choose to make a positive and secure a coveted luxury Cornish lifestyle or armchair investment at this time, this is a fantastic financial opportunity."

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The S8 bean-to-cup coffee machine offers a choice of 15 expertly made specialities, at just the touch of its 4.3" touchscreen. From the perfect, classic espresso, to long coffee creations such as a latte macchiato, which you can create using either freshly ground coffee or whole coffee beans. Individual preferences can also be programmed, allowing you to rename, move, copy or duplicate specialities.

Taking your coffee experience to a whole new level and designed to suit increasingly connected lifestyles, the S8 can even be controlled by phone and it's self-cleaning too!

Thanks to its patented Pulse Extraction Process (P.E.P.®) the S8 guarantees the perfect coffee every time. To achieve this, the water is precisely pulsed through the finely ground coffee at short intervals allowing maximum flavour to be teased out of the fresh beans.

The high tech doesn't stop there, the S8 also features the AromaG3 grinder, which allows you to adjust the grinder setting to select the fineness of the coffee powder you want.

Equally show-stopping, the Z8, has the ability to produce more than 20 specialty barista-style coffees at just a touch of its 4.3" touchscreen. The Z8 will also let you change the settings on each of its programmed specialty coffees and save them under a personalised combination to ensure you get your prefect serve every time.

Innovation, precision, quality, reliability, sustainability and service shape the DNA of JURA. The Swiss company is the only brand anywhere in the world to focus solely on automatic speciality coffee machine and is clearly positioned as a specialist in this market. Coffee machines from JURA are associated with the best coffee result, simplest operation and stunning design.

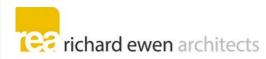
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Featuring state-of-the-art JURA technologies, the new GIGA 6 inspires even the most discerning coffee lovers and design connoisseurs – like Roger Federer. With two electronically adjustable ceramic disc grinders, two pumps and two heating systems, the GIGA 6 can prepare two speciality coffees simultaneously. A total of 28 different specialities can all be prepared to perfection. When it comes to trend specialities, the GIGA 6 is truly groundbreaking: coffee aficionados can now prepare the perfect cortado at the touch of a button. The large 4.3" high-resolution touchscreen colour display featuring artificial intelligence makes for simple, intuitive operation.













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### **MULTIPANEL MAKE IT BRITISH**



What did companies that saw significant growth during and after the previous recessions have in common?

In these challenging times, we need to look at those IPG suppliers who are not just flying their 'open for business as usual' flag but are continuing to innovate and introduce new and exciting products to the marketplace.



Multipanel, the UK's leading brand of waterproof wall panels for bathrooms, recently announced the launch of the Neutrals Collection, an exciting addition to their existing marine grade plywood panels which offers consumers greater flexibility in bathroom design and full room application.

Comprising five subtle colours: Creamy White, Parchment, Clay, Dove Grey and Pebble Grey, these contemporary decors are reminiscent of painted walls with a stunning eggshell finish and have been hand-picked to complement the best sellers from the existing Linda Barker, Classic and Heritage Collections.

As with all Multipanel plywood panels, this collection is 100% waterproof with no need for grout and thanks to Multipanel's unique Hydrolock® system, installation is quick and easy and makes is possible to join panels with

a virtually seamless connection.

Made using FSC certified materials, these panels are 100% recyclable, easy to clean and maintain and come with a 15-year warranty. And, importantly in the current climate, they are made in Britain

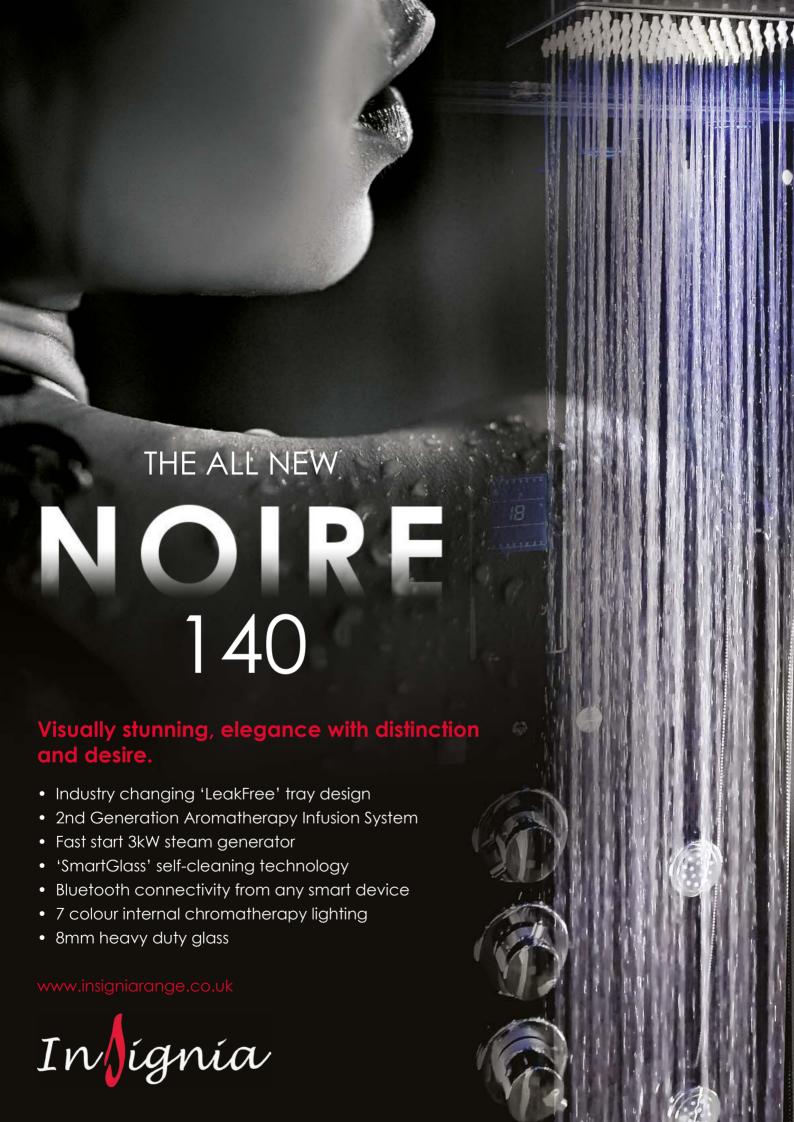
John Mortimer, Sales Director, at Multipanel said: "By introducing the Neutrals Collection we are offering consumers even more choice and flexibility in bathroom design. We are confident that our 'perfect pairing' solution will inspire consumers to become more adventurous in their choice of bathroom décor"

The launch is being supported by a complete brochure redesign featuring a step-by-step style guide and designer recommendations. Customers and Installers now have access to new digital assets via the Multipanel website (registration required) to support the launch.

Nike Lovell, Head of Marketing at The IPG said: "For any organisation in times like these, it is especially crucial to focus on good marketing and Multipanel have done just that. The British consumer may now appreciate the value of products made in the UK."

To find your nearest independent stockist visit: www.the-ipg.co.uk





## CISTERMISER'S NEW CPD PRESENTATION EXPLAINS THE BENEFITS OF IOT REMOTE MONITORING



IoT Water Temperature Monitoring

Intelligent washroom controls and water efficiency specialist Cistermiser has launched a new CPD learning module entitled: "Using the Internet of Things for Water Temperature Monitoring to Help Reduce Risk of Legionella".

This CPD fully discusses the issues around this important requirement and describes how the latest remote monitoring systems using IoT technology platforms deliver significant advantages for management of commercial buildings in the 21st century.

Key considerations include the threat of Legionella and other water-borne bacteria, why understanding water temperature is vital to building management, defining design parameters for water system monitoring, how the Internet of Things can be utilised and the practical benefits of digital analytics.

I hour in duration with an interactive Q&A to close the session, this CPD learning module from Cistermiser is presented in "short seminar" format and is approved by 3 third party organisations: The CPD Certification Service, RIBA and CIBSE.

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CRL also offers a square support bar that responds to the trend for geometric design, while its range of shower door hardware is available in a choice of finishes.

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#### CASE STUDY: FITZROY OF LONDON AT LOCKET'S WINE BAR, LONDON

In the heart of St James's in London, Locket's is a vibrant café by day and an ambient wine bar by night. For this popular hospitality project, accessible bathroom specialists Fitzroy of London was specially commissioned to create a range of fully compliant disabled bathroom products. Working closely with the designers, Fitzroy of London was able to create stunning disabled washrooms that now allow all customers to enjoy a firstrate visit regardless of their requirements

Designed by Fran Hickman
Design & Interiors, this retro
Italian café features modish
interiors and is one of the
most stylish sanctuaries in the
city. The brief was to create
accessible bathroom space
that would meet the high



level of quality and beautiful aesthetics of this elegant space.

Now the washrooms not only look exceptional, but also demonstrate outstanding functionality – ensuring that both ambulant and disabled customers can enjoy the same level of style while visiting this lively café and wine bar, whilst being assured that they're able to access and use all areas.

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## CCL WETROOMS LAUNCH NEW WETROOM INSTALLATION VIDEOS



#### LINEAR SCREED DRAIN INSTALLATION







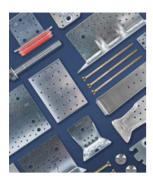
The task of installing drainage and waterproofing solutions into a wetroom has been simplified, thanks to the new CGI animated videos from CCL Wetrooms.

Providing a visual step by step guide to installing a Linear Screed Drain & Tilesure Waterproofing & Decoupling Membrane onto a solid wetroom floor, the cutting edge wetroom videos have been designed to aid the installation process onsite.

The BBA approved Linear Screed Drain has a unique 55mm waterless Lo-Seal Trap that has been developed for installation into shallow screed depths. Tilesure Waterproofing & Decoupling Membrane creates a secure waterproof barrier that is guaranteed to remain waterproof for the life of the wetroom tiles.

To watch the full installation video simply scan the QR link or visit www.ccl-wetrooms.co.uk

#### SIMPSON STRONG-TIE LAUNCHES CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER CONNECTORS AND FASTENERS RANGE



Simpson Strong-Tie, leader in engineered structural building solutions, has launched a comprehensive range of connectors and fasteners to serve the growing demand for CLT construction, along with a brand new 'Connectors & Fasteners for CLT Construction' catalogue.

The CLT product range is backed by a robust distribution system, along with first-rate service, technical support, and training, enabling design flexibility and ensuring projects can be built stronger, faster and more easily than ever

"With over 25 years of designing and manufacturing here in the UK, Simpson Strong-Tie is proud to now offer smart solutions for CLT," says Jon Head, Sales Director. "We're looking forward to bringing our product range to this fast-growing sector; particularly our brand new structural angle brackets, hold downs and beam hangers, along with a heavy-duty connector screw and a Quik Drive collated screw system for timber frames."

To learn more about how Simpson Strong-Tie can improve your Cross-Laminated Timber project call 01827 255 600.

The new catalogue is now available to download at www.strongtie.co.uk

#### THE VERSATILITY OF STERLINGOSB ZERO TRANSFORMS I-JUMP TRAMPOLINE



i-Jump is Mansfield's popular trampoline park frequented by great numbers of ecstatic children and their accompanying guardians. When designing the interior, i-Jump needed to create a practical and easily managed space while still being fun. In order to achieve this i-Jump has covered the walls using Norbord's revered SterlingOSB Zero. It is the UK's only manufactured OSB that doesn't contain any added formaldehyde making this an ideal choice for somewhere like i-Jump. Stephi Grayson ilumn's Operations Manager has described the versatility of SterlingOSB Zero as one of its most unique features. With its high adrenaline atmosphere i-Jump has benefitted greatly from the use of a material that Stephi has described as "totally self sufficient and effective"

Now that the decoration itself is completed Stephi, her colleagues and all their enthusiastic customers can simply enjoy the inviting appearance of the park without having to worry about degradation and upkeep.

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## BRINGING SCANDINAVIA TO NORTHERN IRELAND

#### Incorporating Keylite's roof windows into a Scandinavian style living space.

Gareth Boyd and his wife Lindsey had always dreamed of building a home for themselves and their young son. Working as an Architectural Technician at 2020architects, Gareth had spent many years helping people to design and build their ideal home, and so in October 2017, decided it was time to put their own plans into action.

The couple put their house on the market in late 2017 to help fund their self-build, and found it was sold just seven days later, meaning the pressure was really on to find a plot to build on and somewhere to live in the meantime.

They found the perfect spot in the Northern Irish countryside at the end of 2017 where planning was already live, and building commenced in July the next year. Large and remote, the plot featured a lane leading to the edge of the site, a preinstalled water pipe, and an electric pole in reach.

Gareth designed the home himself, saving on both time and architectural fees, and based the design on a simple barn shape, managing to fit everything they needed into 1,700 sq. feet – again minimising fees and any potential issues.

"Because of the job I'm in, I see people building their ideal homes all the time, so we really fancied doing it ourselves too. We also wanted something a bit more remote than where we'd left, somewhere out in the country."

The Boyds first approached a mortgage advisor to ensure there were no potential or obvious issues that may put off lenders, before the chosen lender checked over both the site and design to confirm.

After a few tests to analyse the conditions of the groundworks, all legal checks and necessary approvals were granted.

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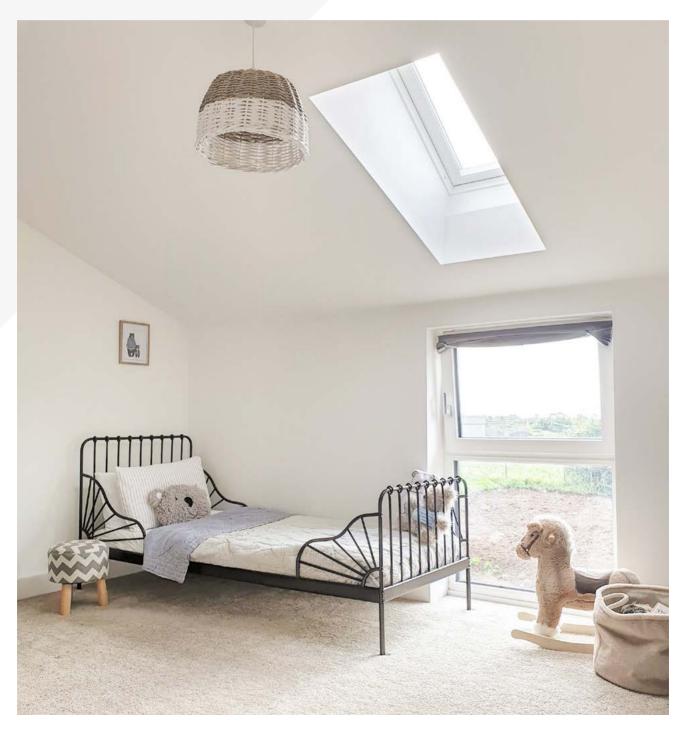
A call from the couple's Planning Officer explained how they were happy with the overall design of the house, but the concrete chimney they had included in their original designs had been rejected. The Boyds decided to sadly discard the idea of a chimney, knowing that fighting the decision could have caused significant delays, with no real guarantee of success.

It wasn't long after then when planning was fully approved, having taken only two months from submission to approval – a very quick process for an application on a greenfield site in their area, and the build could commence.

"We wanted a home where the inside was connected to the outside. That's why we opted to use plenty of timber to create a Scandinavian feel, while the open plan spaces and large windows would allow us to look right over the landscape and fill each room with natural light."

The family finally moved into their new home in July 2019, with only the finishing touches to the interiors and landscaping left to complete. The end result is a quaint, rustic home filled with natural materials and home comforts.

Lighting is one of the stand-out features in Gareth and Lindsey's home. The open plan, Scandinavian style living space is flooded with natural daylight from the windows and the light bounces off of the timber flooring and white walls to create a bright and fresh feeling throughout the home.







Due to his work at the Architect firm, Gareth was well acquainted with roof windows specialists Keylite. "We chose to incorporate Keylite's roof windows as I've worked with them many times before on projects in my day job. I knew without a doubt we would be getting quality products with minimal hassle.

"From an efficiency point of view, we put a lot of emphasis on a fabric-first approach to design throughout the home. This involved maximising the thermal efficiency of the envelope of the building, investing in generous amounts of insulation, good quality windows and air-tightness. If these areas are specified and installed properly, the amount of energy required to heat the home is greatly reduced. With this in mind, the Keylite expanding thermal collar is fantastic for minimising any heat escaping around the window, making the overall window far more thermally efficient.

"The whole process from ordering to installation was so easy. We ordered from the builders' merchants, JP Corry who had the windows we wanted in stock already and were sent to us right away. I know that the joiners we work with like using Keylite products because of ease of installation too.

"We chose three centre pivot roof windows with blinds to go in our son's room and over the mezzanine landing, which looks over into our open plan living space – without a doubt these are the brightest rooms in the house. The roof windows shine natural light right down into the living area setting off the whole space; we're honestly chuffed with the end result."

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## VICAIMA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE STRENGTHENING THE USER'S EXPERIENCE



Always aiming to build the perfect online experience for its customers and partners, Vicaima, one of the largest European players in the production of sophisticated solutions for interior doors, wardrobes and panels, has just launched a new website, which aims to improve the ease of navigation for its users, providing spontaneous and differentiating interaction with all features and tools. Yet another innovation, from a company which is continuously investing in a close, modern and intuitive digital footprint.

Among the new features, Vicaima highlights the speed of the platform and the contemporary, functional and responsive redesign, strategically created to facilitate the search process for users, in line with their intentions, needs and desires.

Thus, the new website is characterized by dynamism, accompanied by carefully selected content, as well as a wide range of products, performance and solutions, with a view to boosting the digital presence of the brand in the national and international arena.

This redesign includes aesthetic improvements allowing for more immersive experimentation and improved navigation, which allows visitors to easily find the information they need.

"After many months of work and dedication by our entire team, we are very pleased with the launch of the new Vicaima website. This latest step reflects the company's ability to anticipate trends, innovate, propose complete and exciting proposals to the market. With the new website, the user can easily and intuitively access the commercialized products, news, catalogues, technical information, projects



and news, as well as request the download of BIM solutions from Vicaima, quickly and effectively. We believe that we will strengthen our position as one of the dominant players in the market. With the new design, we expect an increase in the number of visitors and consumption of content on our page. We look forward to feedback and the new and exciting developments to come ", stresses Antonio Moutinho, Director at Vicaima Group.

The new Vicaima page thus highlights the company's willingness to invest in a digital sphere that provides the best user experience for its customer. The renewal follows, precisely, the thought provoking attitude of the brand towards the different markets in which it operates. This is also related to an integrated multichannel strategy, which reconciles the company's multiple digital tools, placing it, once again, at the forefront of the sector.

Vicaima is currently one of the biggest European players in the design and production of sophisticated solutions for interior doors, technical doors, frames, wardrobes, panels and furniture parts. Its positioning is based on the ability to develop integrated and customized solutions, oriented to different sectors, namely housing, hotel, health, education and commercial. Innovative and trendsetter, Vicaima has a constant concern for sustainability, being the first Portuguese company in the sector to obtain FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) certification. Founded in Portugal, it has a direct presence in countries such as the United Kingdom and Spain and exports 95% of its production to markets ranging from Europe to the African continent, passing through the United Arab Emirates and the American continent.

### For further information, visit the Vicaima website www.vicaima.com



#### BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF STEEL WINDOWS AND DOORS



Now that the architectural and building world is moving once more, we are pleased to see all Steel Window Association manufacturing members and associate organisations fully up and running. Sites are open again and homeowners' plans are coming to fruition.

The challenges endure, of course, and, if ever there was a time when the membership of a leading professional association is invaluable, it's now. Throughout the past few months, SWA has been the source of independent, comprehensive advice when

members were busy trying to optimise and amend operations.

There are always good reasons why a manufacturer or associate should become a member of The Steel Window Association (SWA). As well as having access to the latest product developments within the industry, members also receive information from organisations such as The Glass & Glazing Federation (GGF) and the Construction Products Association (CPA) The GGE issues daily updates giving members guidance within the housing, construction and building maintenance industries - including the job retention scheme, small business grants. deferred VAT payments and business rates holidays. The SWA receives these updates and immediately forwards them to memhers

For enquiries about membership of the Steel Window Association, please visit www.steel-window-association.co.uk or email info@steel-window-association.co.uk.

#### PLUMSTEAD LIBRARY'S NEXT CHAPTER WITH A STORY OF STEEL

Plumstead Library, originally constructed in 1903 and located in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, has recently undergone a dramatic renovation project. Having previously been under-used, the building is now a fully fit for purpose 21st century public library. This impressive transformation involved the creation of a community centre, a sport and gym centre and, of course, the restoration of the libraries for adults and children.

For this important and large job, Steel Window Association member ASWS were entrusted with the completion. The library is a Grade II-listed building and so the work required careful consideration, planning and unparalleled expertise. Modernisation has been carried out in a way that bridges the gap between old and new, preserving traditional charm and increasing functionality at the same time.

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## HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY ADD VALUE TO A HOME



## HOME IMPROVEMENT UPDATES THAT PROVIDE A RETURN ON INVESTMENT

In the UK, first time buyers typically save for eight years for a deposit to buy a home. While most buyers choose a home that accommodates their current lifestyle, considering its potential resale value is also important. However, with complete home renovation being a costly project, which home improvements will provide a significant return on investment? Here, Nick Cowley, managing director at leading window and door manufacturer Euramax, explains how to add value to a property.

People who are interested in renovating a property often fit into one of two categories: homeowners who have already lived in the home for a long time with resulting wear and tear, or buyers purchasing a neglected home for a cheaper price. In either of these circumstances, it's important to weigh up which home improvements will yield the most transformative result and resale value.

#### Extensions, conversions and renovations

Adding an extension is likely the most expensive home improvement project, but could also yield the most profit. In fact, a survey conducted by Zopa, of 1,550 UK homeowners who had recently taken out a home improvement loan, found that extensions generated the most profit, generating an average of £17,090. The extensions that add the most value are those that add an extra bedroom or bathroom to the home, raising its occupancy potential.

If outdoor space is limited, or the homeowner desires a simpler project, loft conversions can have a similar effect. In fact, Nationwide found that, whether through an extension or loft conversion, adding a double bedroom and bathroom can add 20 per cent to the value of a three-bedroom, one-bathroom house.

However, significant results can also be achieved through room renovations. Most real estate experts agree that if you are going to renovate one room, make it the kitchen. According to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), 65 per cent of homeowners renovate their kitchen before selling.

With kitchens becoming increasingly used as a social area rather than purely just for cooking, creating an ergonomic space with an inviting atmosphere is a must. Renovating a kitchen can increase the value of a home by around five to ten per cent.

#### Windows and doors

Updating the interior of a home is important, but it must be emphasised that the face of the building determines the buyer's first impression. According to research conducted by Strutt & Parker, 76 per cent of property purchasers surveyed agreed that first impressions are everything when they visit a property.

The best way to improve the exterior appearance of a house is to update windows and doors. Not only is this a quick way to get a substantial transformation, but there are lots of different design options available, from the frame material and its colour, to the style of glass.

The improved appearance will add value to the home, and this will be enhanced by the functional benefits. With many buyers looking for environmentally friendly features, upgrading to efficient, double glazed windows will add further value to the home. In fact, Zopa's home improvement survey found upgrading windows and doors provided a 23 per cent return on investment.

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Buying a home is the largest investment many of us will make in our lives. This is why it's especially important that we invest in a way that delivers the most value and ensures that our time and money is well spent. Adding extra rooms, renovating the kitchen and upgrading windows and doors can significantly increase the value of a house — transforming a fixer-upper into hot property.

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One of the World's most famous hotel-chains, DoubleTree by Hilton part of Hilton Worldwide, has selected a high-performance fire system from industry leader Advanced at their eight-storey, 366 room hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

The challenge was to replace an existing system, integrate speakers to all guest rooms and ensure that all audio messages and strobes were fully synchronized across the hotel, in the event of a fire situation, without the need for costly re-wiring.

Christopher Whitmarsh, President at Hayden Systems, Inc., commented: "I was confident that the Advanced equipment could meet the



application requirements based on my knowledge and experience with the equipment. In this case the Axis AX system was the preferred choice of the client too thanks to its voice communication system, coupled with PerfectSync, ensuring the hotel adhered to strict guidelines. The system integrated seamlessly into the fabric of the building and provided the client with a solution that met their needs as well as satisfying the rigorous demands of the local fire authority."



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Designer Contracts, the UK's largest flooring contractor, has launched a brand new, sustainable underlay made from recycled plastic bottles. An eco-friendly alternative to PU foam, felt and rubber underlay, SpringBond is manufactured in the UK and is made from 85 percent recycled fibres. Designer Contracts worked closely with the manufacturers

to develop the exclusive offer of the 7mm and 9mm underlay products for the new build market, which is fully recyclable at the end of its life. Said Designer Contracts md, Peter Kelsey: "We are excited"

by this brand-new product, which demonstrates our passion and commitment to the environment, and we feel that homeowners will be just as enthusiastic. Interestingly, if the average three-bedroom household used it throughout their property, they would divert the equivalent of 1000 500ml PET plastic bottles from landfill!"



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## PICTURESQUE VIEWS FROM SANCTUARY HOUSE

Situated within the picturesque scenery of Devon, Sanctuary House is a phenomenal example of dynamic architecture designed precisely for the owners', Rosemary and Ian, needs.

Making the move was brought about by necessity after Rosemary was diagnosed with macular degeneration, meaning she is slowly losing her eyesight.

They had already decided to move and were considering what sort of design choices to pursue on their new home when, whilst driving up to Scotland, they were passing the PORCELANOSA showroom in Braehead and decided to pop in. "It was at this point we started to realise just how wide the PORCELANOSA range is and that we could source almost all that we wanted from just one place", states lan.

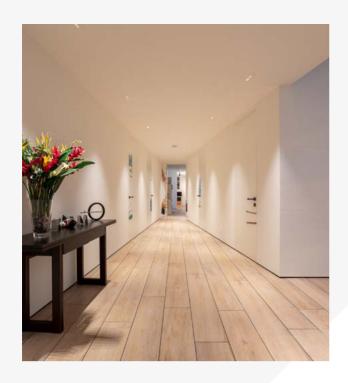
Rosemary first noticed something was wrong with her eyesight when she realised that she could not differentiate the edges of stairs. As such, controlling the effects of light and contrast in their new home is essential.

"In the kitchen, which is all PORCELANOSA, we have a lot of contrasting colours, for example the grout is all dark and the STARWOOD™ planks are light. The kitchen is white with dark rich brown wall units; everything is matt, and that's essential for my eyesight, so I don't get reflective glare. The use of KRION™ was also really important as the material is completely matt. In addition, and for the same reason, the sanitaryware is also mainly KRION™."

Because of Rosemary's deteriorating eyesight, they needed the same surface to be on the inside as the outside and at the same level, which is difficult to find within the market, but PORCELANOSA can offer this.

By providing the same style tiles throughout but ensuring the external tiles are anti-slip, Rosemary and Ian could maintain a consistent design throughout the house without mitigating practicality. "It's great being able to have the same products inside and outside, as well as on the walls and on the floors. We've ended up with a house that is very congruent throughout because similar products, all from PORCELANOSA, have been used".

The couple said that when they first applied for planning permission, neighbours didn't understand why they wanted to change the house that was already there. Since seeing their new home and the manner in which it effortlessly blends in with the landscape, Rosemary exclaimed they've received a number of compliments "We have a wildflower meadow, and we have people stopping at the house to come and tell us how wonderful the house looks in the context of the wildflower meadow and the bird sanctuary across the road!".



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The personal touch offered by all of the PORCELANOSA team involved with the project was something that really stood out for Rosemary and Ian. Rosemary stated "All of the people involved from PORCELANOSA Scotland maintained a really intense interest in making their products usable by someone with my particular needs.

"They investigated what would be possible, what would make it work, so to have people who are prepared to take the time to conduct research themselves in order to help a client has been brilliant. I couldn't recommend them enough!". Ian added "they understood what Rosemary's needs were whilst creating really interesting designs.



When somebody comes into the house, they don't see the alterations for Rosemary's eyesight, they see the spectacularly equipped kitchen, or beautifully designed bathroom".

When getting onto the topic of favourite element of their new home, there was a bit of debate! Ian is particularly fond of the great sense of space achieved by using the large format PORCELANOSA tiles, "the fact that we've got this wide STARWOOD™ planking gives a sense of space that a different style of floor tiling would not give. We've also got very big tiles in the bathroom also providing a sense of space".

For Rosemary, it is the overall congruence of their home achieved throughout their home "I love the continuity from the inside to the outside, they blend into one another and, for me, that gives me a great sense of peace and contentment".



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#### RINNAI CELEBRATES ITS FIRST 100 YEARS OF MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS TO SERVE ITS CUSTOMERS

Rinnai, best known in the UK for its comprehensive range of hot water and heating home units, is globally celebrating its first 100 years of manufacture in serving its customers with a three-year period of planned anniversary related events to connect to the start of the company's next centenary.

The Rinnai Corporation was founded in Nagoya, Japan in 1819 and today operates in 17 nations and regions around the world with sales of kitchen appliances, air conditioners, hot water heating & home heating units in over 80 countries

Says Rinnai UK Managing Director Tony Gittings, "The company has evolved and developed into a group that produces a diversity of products and services that directly benefit ordinary people in their daily lives. "Our policy is to help enrich the lives of people in local communities by providing optimal solutions that fit the lifestyle culture, climate conditions, and the energy situation of each country around the world. The three-year period is aimed at connecting the first century to the next one. The theme will be named - Connected in passion for the next 100 years."

This follows the other significant corporate developments on the global presence of Rinnai - the issuing of a new logo and a new brand statement – 'A Healthier Way of Living'.

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# THE SECRETS TO DESIGNING YOUR HOME, ACCORDING TO AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Designing your house to create a home takes a certain eye. Pulling a room together and transforming the features to make it functional yet stylish is a big task.

Each room in your house must look consistent with style, a lot of consideration needs to go into choosing the furniture and accessories to create a beautiful masterpiece. It's not only about practical tips, but simple things too! From how to display objects you've brought on your travels; what paint works best in different rooms to the lighting options that come from blinds and curtains.

Whether you're redecorating an entire home, sprucing up your kitchen or looking for a splash of colour to freshen up your bedroom you've come to the right place. We've enlisted the help of interior designer Vanessa Arbuthnott to share her designer tips and secrets so you can gain that insider knowledge and transform your home like a professional.

#### 1) IT'S YOUR HOME

There are no rights nor wrongs in interior design, everyone has the potential to design their own home, it's just a matter of getting an eye for it. Remember that you are in control, taking the latest trends into account is worthwhile but always put your own personal spin on something to make it

special. There used to be the exception of your office, but with that seemingly out of the equation for a while, your home is where you spend most of your time, so the space needs to reflect you.

#### 2) FIND DESIGN INSPIRATION

Transform your interiors from tired to revitalised by gathering inspirational images from magazines, Instagram, Pinterest etc. Once you have a strong collection you will begin to see the look you would like to achieve. Creating a mood board is a great way to use your creativity to unleash any hidden design inspiration you may have subconsciously seen. Buy a large foam board and pins from your local art or stationary shop and collate samples,

images, samples of the fabrics, wallpapers, furniture and flooring that you might want to use. This way you can see how they would all sit together. Within the room, it is important to add textures through flooring, rugs and fabrics such as velvet, wool, and tweed. Place the mood board in the room and live with it for a while.

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#### 3) ANALYSE THE LOOK

Collect pieces as you come across them, this way you will purchase things you've fell in love with rather than settling for what's available in certain stores or online at the time you need something. This way you can spend time analysing the look and colours of your room with accessories. The more time you take to add things into your house, your interior design knowledge will expand as you can understand what works best with certain features.

#### 4) COLOUR AND FABRICS

Start to home in on the colours you want to use – three colours are always better than two: use these colours throughout the room: for the painted walls or wallpaper, furniture, blinds and curtains. The third colour could be a highlight for cushions, lampshades, bed quilts and accessories such as a tablecloth or even a painting or sculpture.

#### 5) PAINT AND PAPER

Remember that colours can change depending on lighting so buy sample pots and paint. Paint at least A2 sized paint patches, on the lightest and the darkest walls in the same room, to see how the natural light affects the shade. Tape wallpaper samples to the walls and drape large returnable samples over existing furniture or pin them to existing curtains and blinds. Stand back and see what you think!

#### 6) OLD TO NEW

If you have a blank canvas it's easier, but more often we must work with existing sofas or rugs etc. Look closely at the rug and see if you can work with the colours within it. Maybe you can reupholster the old favourite sofa to give it a new lease of life? Decide if you are someone who likes pattern or plain; traditional or contemporary; and look at a colour wheel or nature itself to see what colours go with what. For instance, pinks and reds with greens, orange with duck egg, yellows with grey and blues.

#### 7) FURNITURE

Decide on the furniture you want in your room. Think about scale, in a large room you need a big sofa and footstool. Most designers recommend that even small rooms should have one large statement piece, even if it is a headboard in a bedroom. A balance of large and small pieces will create an appealing living space.





#### 8) RETURNABLE SAMPLES

Once you have narrowed your choice right down and have a good idea of what you might want, order some returnable samples. These are half metres of fabric which works best draped over backs of chairs and pined to existing curtains and blinds. The test will see if you're still happy with them after a few days. This is also a great way to see how fabrics look against the paint colours.

#### 9) MEASURING

Decision time happens when you measure up your windows. If you need help to decide between blinds or curtains in particular rooms don't forget you can book an half hour WhatsApp consultation with one of our designers where you can show us your windows and rooms so we can talk you through the measuring process. There are also many how to videos online to ensure you have the correct measurements.









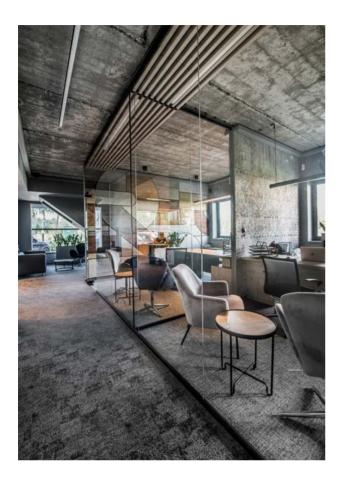
#### 10) FINISHING TOUCHES

The finishing touches are the fun bit! Lampshades, rugs, cushions, paintings and plants can all make a huge difference, but are sometimes hard to choose until you have the walls painted or papered and curtains hanging. Even the colours on the spines of books in a bookshelf, a throw on the back of the sofa, or in a kitchen ceramic, tablecloths, create opportunities for accents of colour.

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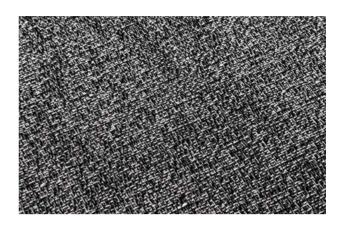
#### SMART, STURDY AND STYLISH: 2TEC2 IS THE FLOORING INNOVATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROJECT



2tec2 specialises in high-quality flooring that combines the assets of both hard surface floors and carpet. The Belgian company is known for its impeccable quality and personal service, while continuously setting the bar for the industry a little bit higher. The products are almost entirely made inhouse. From there, in the South of Belgium, they've found a way to upscale projects all over the world.

A smart combination of woven vinyl and fibreglass gives 2tec2 its characteristic, durable, easy-to-maintain qualities. Joining functionality with elegance, 2tec2 boasts the look and feel of textile flooring with the excellent properties of hard surface floors. It's sustainable, easy to clean, hardwearing and waterproof while still looking fresh and stylish. This makes it an ideal flooring choice for larger projects - hospitals, offices, hotels, public spaces - in which the floors need to be able to withstand some wear and tear. Moreover, the acoustic properties of 2tec2 are excellent because of the innovative Comfort-Backing®system that is built in the flooring system. An additional layer of felt, which is 100% recycled, makes sure sounds are absorbed and adds a welcome additional level of underfoot comfort.

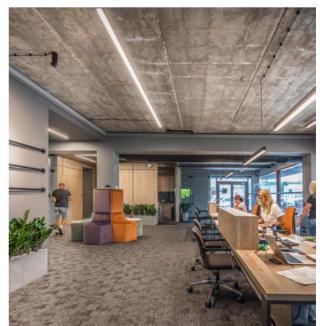
2tec2 is continuously improving its products through thorough research and development. In its own research lab, the products are continuously tried and tested, looking for even better flooring solutions.



The product itself was the result of a five-yearlong search for perfection, resulting in a major innovation in the flooring sector.

Sustainability is key in these processes, and the production process is optimised to reduce the environmental footprint. For starters, vinyl is a thermoplastic that can be recycled over and over again. All products are free from dangerous chemicals and metals, making them suitable for healthcare facilities, and can be cleaned without the need for aggressive chemicals. Solar panels provide all the energy needed for the production, and a heat recovery system makes sure it is used efficiently throughout all daily activities. 2tec2 also invests in pre-consumer waste recycling, meaning that all materials which enter the facilities are fully used, either manufactured to an end product or used as a base for other materials.







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The family-run business is committed to providing a truly bespoke, personalised service, producing unique furniture of the highest quality, from the finest materials. Each piece is handmade to order, with every detail subject to the to the client's individual specifications – or that of their interior designer. Once finished, the tables are meticulously assembled on-site and set-up by the company's experienced fitters.

This truly bespoke approach, and the quality of its work, has led the company to be widely known within the Interior design industry, Internationally, as well as in the UK. Many of their tables have been uniquely specified by top Interior and are as likely to be found in a Luxury hotel in the far East, or boutique Bar in Dubai as they are in a private Alpine Chalet or a Mayfair basement.

As a result, their table designs have become increasingly diverse and contemporary, and the finishes, craftsmanship and attention to detail are subject to the scrutiny of this most discerning audience. The appeal to these clients is clear – every table is meticulously made to match the interior design of the property it's being made for.

In recent years, working with commercial clients such as luxury Property Developers and boutique Hotels, the company has also started to offer their unique tables on a lease, rental or sale or return basis. Developers can therefore furnish their property with a stunning piece of furniture, and hotels and bars can offer a luxury feature - beautifully suited to their space, possibly offering alternative use of this space – without the capital outlay typically involved in owning such a piece of furniture.

If you're interested to find out more, the company welcomes visitors to its workshops and showrooms by appointment.

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#### FORMICA GROUP DESIGN COMPETITION: WINNER ANNOUNCED

This year Formica Group, manufacturer of interior surfacing solutions and the original inventor of Formica® laminate, launched an exciting pan-European furniture design competition. They called for budding art and design students to enter and submit their concepts.

Formica Group is delighted to announce that the Winner of Formica® Formations 2020 is Miriam Antón Ganzález from INSENIA Design School in Madrid, with "Working Station".

Now, more than ever there is a growing demand to have a practical, comfortable and stylish workspace in the home. The winning design is a compact work station that can be placed anywhere in the home. It allows for an independent workspace with ample storage when open and can be forgotten about when closed, providing easy separation between work and leisure



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The Formica Group judging panel were impressed with the simplicity of design which perfectly matched the brief of changing and enhancing life.

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#### THE FREEHAND COLLECTION BY CTD ARCHITECTURAL TILES

New for 2020, CTD Architectural Tiles introduces the Freehand collection. Replicating the spectacular shading and craquele effects typical of traditional Raku ceramics, the high-impact wall tile range will create standout design statements within any manner of residential or commercial space.

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### 'LINEN-EFFECT' WITH THE NEW LANGHAM BEDROOM BY DAVAL

Leading British designer and manufacturer of quality fitted furniture epitomise style and sophistication with the launch of its latest bedroom collection.

Defined by the markets enduring love of mixed materials, the new Langham made-to-order furniture collection will create high contrast when paired with rich materials like the natural Smoked Oak interiors and feature Mayfair drawers in new Bronze, a super matt metallic finish.

"Having the luxury of a dual bedroom space has become a must-have addition for the modern home, bringing a greater sense of wellbeing and organised luxury to the bedroom. Able to serve multiple needs from one space, a dual bedroom scheme will work to serve you; much like our new Langham bedroom concept that combines a full bedroom suite, custom walk-in wardrobe and private dressing room area" says Simon Bodsworth, Managing Director at Daval.

"Incorporating dynamic materials and deluxe tactile finishes also work to enhance the comfort level of this bedroom, providing key areas of intrigue throughout the space and identifying different functional areas. Practically configured for the modern lifestyle, our new Langham furniture and supporting storage solutions and accessories make dual bedroom design a straightforward proposition for anyone wanting a high-performance, custom-made furniture solution that emotes luxury" says Simon.

The new Langham linen-effect furniture is seen pictured in Silk Beige by Daval, across a double set of full height under-eaves fitted wardrobes. Designed to maximise the available storage space in this loft-style bedroom, the Silk Beige finish provides a contemporary backdrop that is practical and beautifully tactile: you can even colourmatch the cabinets to avoid additional cladding on the end panels. The contemporary brass bar handles provide the perfect finishing touch and become an ideal accent to the fair-coloured wardrobe doors, chest of drawers and beside cabinets.

"Unique by design, this ultra-chic shelving system features new Lead Grey shelving with Smoked Glass inserts."

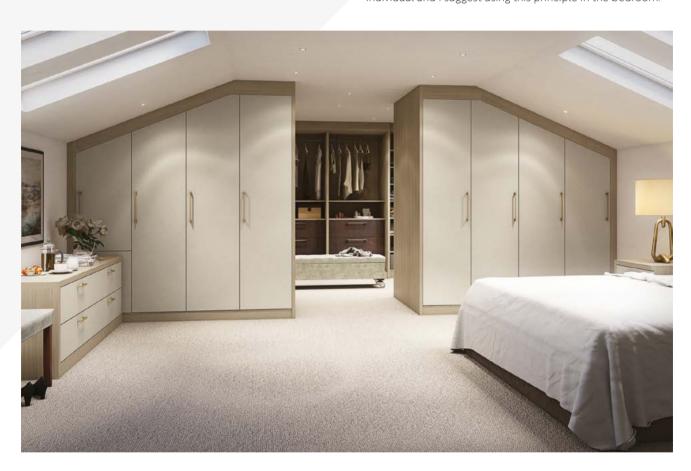
The walk-in dressing room makes way for a series of low-level Mayfair drawers, which introduce the brand new Bronze finish by Daval: a metallic super matt finish that delivers a modern, urban feel with authentic natural patina. A natural Smoked Oak interior complements the rich exterior perfectly and provides a pure foundation for the new specialist wardrobe system also by Daval. Unique by design, this ultra-chic shelving system features new Lead Grey shelving with Smoked Glass inserts: other custom accessories and storage solutions also available.

#### Step 1. STYLE:

Whether contemporary, traditional or a mix of each style, think how this will influence space planning. For instance, if you're working with a compact space then opt for an open contemporary style as this will organise and display everything from 'every day to occasional' and not overshadow the space. Should you have the luxury of lots of space, then I recommend a clever balance of materials and textures to add warmth and character to your dressing room and soften the large expanse of furniture and door fronts.

#### Step 2. STORAGE:

You now need to decide how you wish to use the space and what it will be storing? The bathroom cleverly takes a 'his and her' approach to interior design which caters to the individual and I suggest using this principle in the bedroom.



For him, think about storage designed to organise belts, ties and cufflinks, as well as a half-height clothes rail at the top and midway for shirts, jackets and trousers. For her, opt for a full height clothes rails to look after those long dresses, along with display shoe storage or an integral vanity unit with mirror and strategically placed lighting for optimum illumination.

#### Step 3. DESIGN:

Maximise every inch of space and consider full-height furniture solutions that are designed to fit the room from floor to ceiling and/or spans the length and breadth of the room. Daval has a cast-iron commitment to delivering designs without compromise and its exclusive 'Option-i' technology means it can create made-to-measure bedroom furniture with the utmost of ease.

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grey surface, Supreme Ash
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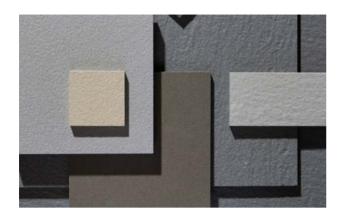
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### THE FIGHT FOR MARKET SHARE - MAN-MADE OR NATURAL!



There is a debate raging in the stone industry.

With the increase of market share by man-made materials, in areas traditionally occupied by natural stone, the choice for the consumer has increased. But not always in the full knowledge of what the choices contain and how they perform. What are the true ecological credentials of either and should we be using them at all?

The main battlefield is kitchen work surfaces. Traditionally made from natural marble, and in more recent years granite, limestone and slate - man-made quartz (or engineered quartz) has taken a large chunk of the market.

Is the natural stone industry just bleating about a successful rival, when they have long neglected to promote natural stone in any meaningful way themselves?

And if man-made quartz is the all singing, all dancing alternative to natural stone, why does it have to assume the names of natural stone, claim it is a version of stone and try to look like stone?

Man-made quartz (not to be confused with quartzite, which is a natural stone): a composite made from quartz mineral (approx. 75% by volume), bound together with a binder resin, (approx. 24% by volume), and then coloured with pigments, (1 to 2%). Heated, calibrated and polished. The finished product tends to come in singular colours, some with sparkles. Manufacturer's claim it is chip resistant, moisture and stain resistance and hygienic. There are warnings about placing hot pans directly on the surface as they may crack the material or leave burn marks.

The market is becoming saturated with choices and there is an unhealthy market for unbranded material, without the manufacturer's mark printed on the back, appearing as a cheaper alternative, and therefore without the manufacturer's guarantee.

There is also another man-made product on the market called Lapitec which is a "sintered stone", available from the Marble and Granite Centre in Rickmansworth, which uses 100% natural products, is inert, recyclable and has excellent ecological credentials.



Natural granite is igneous rock, formed at high temperatures in the earth's crust, made up of varying quantities of feldspar, quartz, and mica. The name is applied to a variety of igneous rock, similar in structure, but not all the same. Generally, it is hard wearing, heat resistant and can be sealed to resist liquid ingress, which makes maintenance simple. It can be highly polished or honed. Colours can be uniform pinks and creams - salt and pepper or wild and unique.

Marble and limestone are increasingly specified for high end luxury apartment work-tops. These look beautiful, but the materials are calcium carbonate based and can be susceptible to acid etching from citreous fruit, wine and household cleaners. Though some prefer the natural patina that develops on the surface of these stones with age and use

What can you do with all those the old worksurfaces once you decide to replace them in 10 or 20 years' time? Will an indestructible pile of inorganic resin bonded material pile-up somewhere, like the fridge mountains of earlier this century? What is contained in the resin that binds the man-made quartz together? Certainly Lapitec and all natural stones can be crushed and returned to the earth, naturally.

More questions than answers? Ultimately, the beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Perhaps, like imitations gone before, natural stone will shrug off the competition in time. After all, its been around for millions of years and will probably be around for a few more. Will its rivals?

#### What's your choice?

Robert Merry is a Director of the Stone Consultants. A member of the Stone federation of Great Britain, Chartered Institute of Building and the British Standards Institute. The Stone Consultants offer specialist advice and guidance on all aspects of using stone, both natural and "unnatural", as well as expert witness services.

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# LIGHT & BRIGHT TIMELESS WHITE KITCHEN BY BRANDT DESIGN

#### Contemporary, open-plan kitchen expertly designed and fitted by Brandt Design.

Offering a modern take on the timeless white kitchen, this new-build project was designed as one complete open plan scheme, which needed to cater to all home-disciplines: cooking, dining, relaxing and socialising. It was therefore essential to ensure the space is ergonomically designed to create a clutter-free, well organised kitchen living space, where each area is strategically zoned through custom-built handleless furniture and series of integrated appliances.

The hero feature in the main kitchen area is an industrial style l-shaped island unit, which has been cleverly designed to encompass a generous hob and create ample food preparation space on the 20mm Platinum White Quartz worktop fabricated by Brandt Design. Crisp white kitchen units in high-gloss white lacquer pose the perfect contrast against the grey oak flooring and Neolith Basalt Grey Satin breakfast bar. Thoughtful space planning led to Brandt Design positioning the high-rise bar stools in close proximity to the dining area so the architectural breakfast bar with distinct mitre joints can service the kitchen, as well as function as overflow-seating when entertaining.

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The l-shaped island is grounded by a highly reflective supporting pillar that is clad in mirrored glass from worktop-to-ceiling and this creates a lovely focal point in the room. Ultra-modern pendant lights sit overhead, to ensure the worktop space always has the right level of task lighting, subject to mood and/or occasion. Beneath, Brandt Design include an integrated wine cabinet and position it directly opposite the living room area for easy access and a heightened sense of luxury when relaxing at home or entertaining guests.





Bathed in natural light, the high-gloss white kitchen cabinets create an abundance of storage space and being discreet and handleless in design, the furniture never feels excessive or visually overbearing. This run of cabinetry makes way for a tall bank of cooking appliances and fridge freezer, to the left beneath the sink and tap area, base units cleverly conceal extra utilities including a practical dishwasher and washing machine. Maximising every inch of available storage space, custom floor-to-ceiling storage units keep the kitchen wellorganised and the worksurfaces free from clutter: essential when living open plan.

Designed and fitted by Brandt Design, this project embraces the homeowners love of clean lines, modern art and unique design features. Scott Davis, Director at Brandt Design, says "Creating this kitchen for a new-build ground floor, meant we could design a full open plan arrangement that brings three separate areas of the home – kitchen, dining and living – into one inclusive space. Principally, our aim was to create a user-friendly, ergonomic kitchen living space that captures the homeowner's personal style, home architecture and social lifestyle."



- Kitchens designed by Brandt Design start from £25,000 +vat
- Featured kitchen is priced at £33,000 including vat and is available from Brandt Design – Price includes all furniture, appliances, worktops & fitting

#### This modern, timeless kitchen scheme includes:

- · Furniture: Brandt Design high-gloss, White lacquer
- Worktops: 20mm Platinum White Quartz from the Brandt Collection by Brandt Design
- · Breakfast bar: Neolith Basalt Grey Satin
- Built-in Appliances:
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  - Siemens CM676GBS6B Built-in iQ700 Compact45 Oven with Microwave, Stainless Steel
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  - Siemens BI630CNS1B Built-in iQ700 Warming Drawer 14cm High, Stainless Steel [two]
  - Siemens SN66L080GB Built-in iQ300 60cm Fully Integrated Dishwasher, Stainless Steel

- Siemens KI81RVS30G Built-in iQ300 177 x 54cm Fridge
- Siemens GI81NAE30G Built-in iQ300 177 x 54cm NoFrost Freezer
- Siemens Fridge freezer
- Bora CFIII BoraClassic surface induction cooktop [two]
- Bora CKAS Bora Classic cooktop extractor system
- Bora CKAABO Bora 1 piece cover plate, Stainless steel
- Caple WI6120 Undercounter Wine Cabinet 595mm, Stainless Steel Door

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### CONTEMPORARY OPEN-PLAN KITCHEN AND FAMILY ROOM EXTENSION

Alison and Phil Ball, both working at family company Heating & Boiler Services Ltd, had always dreamed of creating a light and contemporary family living space in their home in Rainhill near Liverpool.

When the couple moved into the early-'80s detached property in 2011, they soon realised that the existing layout would not suit their requirements for a family home. With no doors from the conservatory at the back of the house to the adjoining living area, the downstairs of the property was boiling hot in summer and freezing cold in winter – so much so that the conservatory actually doubled up as a wine cooler in the winter months!

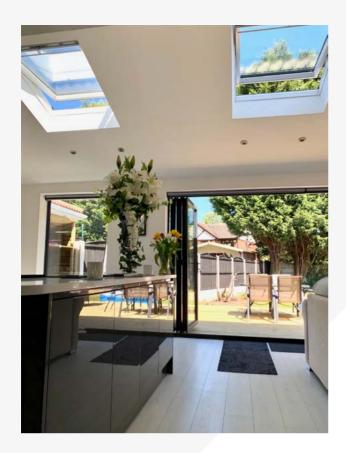


A few years after moving in, Alison and Phil made the decision to knock down the conservatory and extend the back of the house, in order to put their own stamp on their dream home.

In July 2017, the couple enlisted the help of local architect Dave Price at DP Design Services to help them realise their vision of creating one big open-plan living space, spanning the width of the back of the property. This would comprise a large kitchen with a breakfast bar island and a contemporary yet cosy family area.

Planning permission went through fairly quickly, even though the couple had to apply to two councils due to the location of the home. Alison said: "The only requirement was for all the windows and doors at the back of the property to be triple-glazed, which we duly did. This does make it nice and toasty when they're all shut, but luckily we designed the space so that when they are open it's perfectly airy."

Phil set about with father Graham – a joiner by trade – to undertake the majority of the building works. With the help of friend John Kingdon, the trio dug the foundations for the extension while roofing and plastering were completed by Andrew Cross at local company Xperia Construction.





Due to his contacts from his work as a joiner, Graham specified the best building products for the project, ordering Keylite Roof Windows from his builders' merchants Huws Gray in St Helens.

Graham recommended Keylite's Roof Windows as the ideal solution to complement the style of the extension and to let light and air into the space, and although Alison also

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loved the look of Keylite's Roof Lanterns, she felt that the roof windows worked much better in this setting due to the sloping roof of the extension.

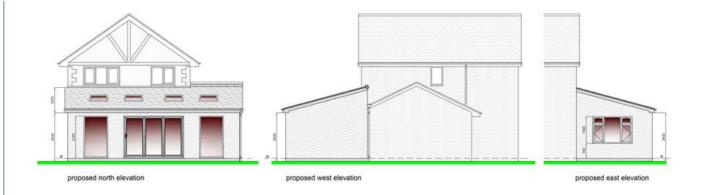
Alison and Phil settled on the Keylite triple glazed, centre pivot PVC roof window, installing four into their pitched roof.

Alison said: "My vision was always for a large open-plan kitchen and living area that had a clean and contemporary feel, while also being really cosy and a great place for the family to spend most of our time.

"Sadly, Graham passed away during the course of the build, but Phil and various friends of ours continued to work tirelessly to finish the job – laying the bricks, building the roof, fitting the windows, doors and kitchen, and undertaking all rendering and plastering themselves."

The project took the best part of three years in total, and just recently the couple fitted decking to the outside patio and tidied up the garden, so that they can use the outside space as an extension of the indoor living area.

Reflecting on their self-build journey, Alison said: "The sheer scale of the building process was quite daunting but well worth the upheaval in the end. My only advice to anyone who wants to undertake a similar project is to perhaps commission a local builder to do the work if you wanted it completed in a shorter timescale.



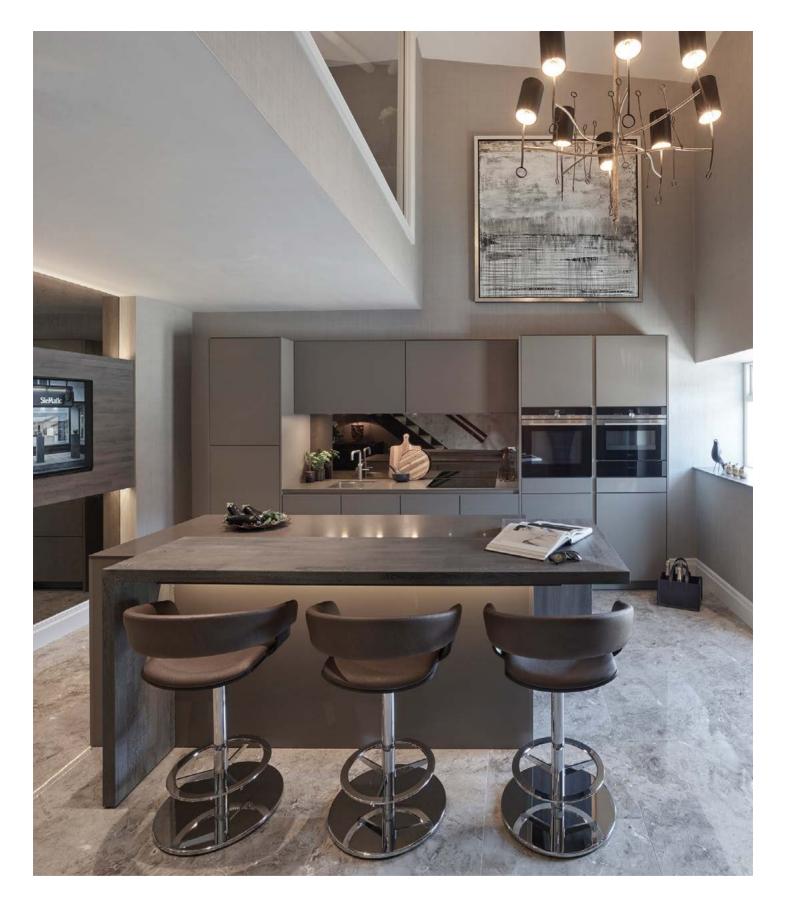


"Phil and friends have been fantastic, but with two young children at home the worry of living in a building site for so long was quite difficult at times. In hindsight, we perhaps should've moved out for a bit, but with Phil working on the extension as well as working on his day-job full-time, we always knew it would be a lengthy process.

"My favourite part of the entire extension is Keylite's Roof Windows. I just think they set off the space so beautifully and cast a wonderful light across the whole space, which we wouldn't have been able to achieve without them.

"The fact they are triple-glazed with expanding thermal collar and warm edge glazing supplied as standard also means the thermal performance is second-to-none, and the aesthetics of them really set off the room so nicely – fully transforming the space and helping bring the outside in."

For more information about Keylite Roof Windows, please visit www.keyliteroofwindows.com, call 01283 200 158 or email info@keyliteuk.com.

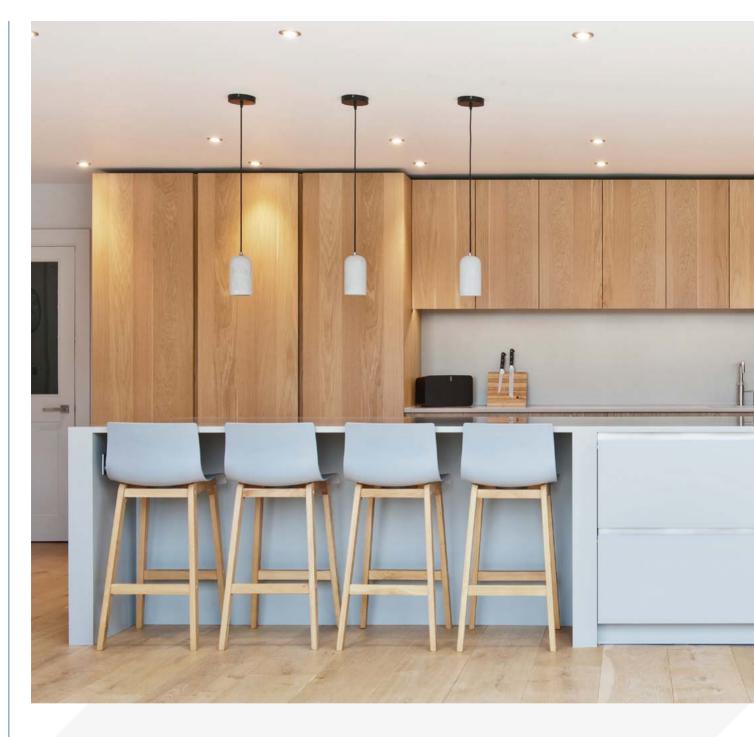


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### GREAT LEIGHS CASE STUDY

When the client came to en masse with a brief for an extensive refurbishment at a property in Great Leighs, Essex, there were only a few walls left from the original building.

A liveable social kitchen was requested but the designers were asked to create a space that could easily be refinished at a later stage, if they so desired.

The kitchen ceiling was a particular problem as there were bulk heads and columns which were needed to support the roof. These ruined the flow of the open plan area and broke up the view.

After a first consultation with David Conlon, en masse's head designer, a hand cut roof was proposed, creating a much stronger solution which supported itself. Updating the ceilings to form one uniform area, and then mirroring this throughout with the flooring also levelled, created a blank canvas and a vast space for the kitchen to be placed.

Really wanting the kitchen to be the hub of the home the space was designed with entertaining in mind. A seated area for breakfast and informal dining was also requested.



"In a contrasting warm colour, the bank of units running across the back of the kitchen are specified in hand laid oak veneer."



The final design utilises the two-module look, which is particularly timeless and a design that is favoured by homeowners and designers alike. The symmetry with the island and the bank of ovens creates a pleasing balance to the eye and makes the perfect space for entertaining.

A stylish yet simplistic look and feel was used with natural materials balancing harder more man-made composites to create a striking yet sophisticated space. Designed to be minimal but very functional with numerous appliances and lots of drawer and cupboard space.

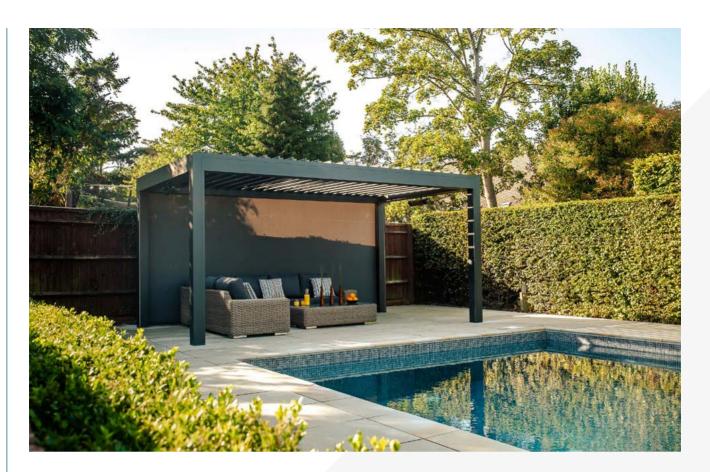
Worktops created from concrete were originally specified, however the function of a corian worktop was appealing. In the end a grey corian was chosen, reminiscent of the concrete that had first appealed.

A vast island is the centrepiece, created from corian. The doors on the island are sprayed in a grey lacquer to match the corian which creates a wraparound seamless flow. Over the seating end hang three pendants which are made from concrete, these add a focal point to the space.

In a contrasting warm colour, the bank of units running across the back of the kitchen are specified in hand laid oak veneer. All the cabinetry is handmade and bespoke, with the appliances fully integrated. Corian is used to surround the oven bank, the grey colour simply highlighting the area from the surrounding wooden doors. Solid oak flooring from France completes the design, bringing a warmth and a natural material that compliments the harsher, solid finish of the corian.

en masse met the brief for a liveable social kitchen that could be re-finished and last the test of time. Both the floors and the corian can be refinished meaning the kitchen will last the lifetime of the property.

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### CARIBBEAN BLINDS' OUTDOOR LIVING POD™ ALLOWS CUSTOMERS TO 'HOLIDAY AT HOME' THIS SUMMER

External shading experts, Caribbean Blinds, are celebrating the continued success of one of their most popular products with the completion of another residential Outdoor Living Pod™ installation.

As the exclusive brand name for the original louvered roof pergola canopy, the Caribbean Blinds Outdoor Living Pod™ provides the ultimate luxury, all-weather, outdoor living space that gives the customer complete control of the elements, 365 days a year.

Ingeniously designed for those who want to live life outdoors, the innovative rotating louvered roof permits the user to play with light and shade, offering an open-air alfresco feel when left fully open, and ensuring a completely water, wind and even snow-tight roof when closed. Optional windproof screens, ambient LED perimeter lighting and instant infra-red heaters mean a cosy and pleasant environment can be achieved all year round.

Built for durability and longevity, the low maintenance Outdoor Living Pod™ is constructed from super strong, corrosion resistant, powder coated aluminium and adapts to any outdoor lounging or dining space, especially complementing hot tubs, swim spas, outdoor kitchens and even gyms.

Stuart Dantzic, Managing Director of Caribbean Blinds explained: "In April this year, we installed the Outdoor Living Pod™ for a client who, after last year's heatwave, required a solution to keep their south-facing terrace cool, along with the adjoining internal room of their newly built property.

We completely transformed the existing outdoor living space, leaving the customer with a terrace that can be used all year round, but most importantly remains cool, even on the hottest of days. The structure's rotating louvers allow the user to play with light and shade, creating the perfect environment to sit back, relax and unwind."





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Caribbean Blinds' entire product offering has been expertly devised with a range of variables in mind, allowing the firm to cater to every customer's needs and fulfil any project brief, no matter how complex. The Outdoor Living Pod<sup>M</sup> is no exception, with each bespoke structure manufactured to meet the individual requirements of the client.

Stuart added: "The Bures project differed to our typical installation, as the Outdoor Living Pod™ was to be built as an extension of the property rather than as a freestanding structure within the garden. However, in typical Caribbean Blinds style, the end result appeared integrated and part of the original landscape package, providing a seamless addition to the living space."

Caribbean Blinds halted all production and closed its factory doors from mid-March to late April 2020 due to the restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, once re-opened, the Bures project was swiftly undertaken with minimum disruption, with the installation taking just one day to complete. In addition to this, the expert team undertook a full photoshoot as part of the project agreement.

Recent research carried out by the family run firm shows that when designing their garden, people are keen for covered areas that provide flexible shade and shelter, enabling them to make the most of their outdoor living space. These results combined with the current temporary travel ban persuaded Caribbean Blinds to launch its Holiday at Home campaign, intended to help customers create their very own "slice of paradise" in their garden by providing a realistic and affordable alternative to travelling abroad (or in the UK) this summer.

Since its launch in 2011, the Caribbean Blinds Outdoor Living Pod™ has become one of the firm's most popular products, particularly for consumers looking to create a relaxing space in their garden.

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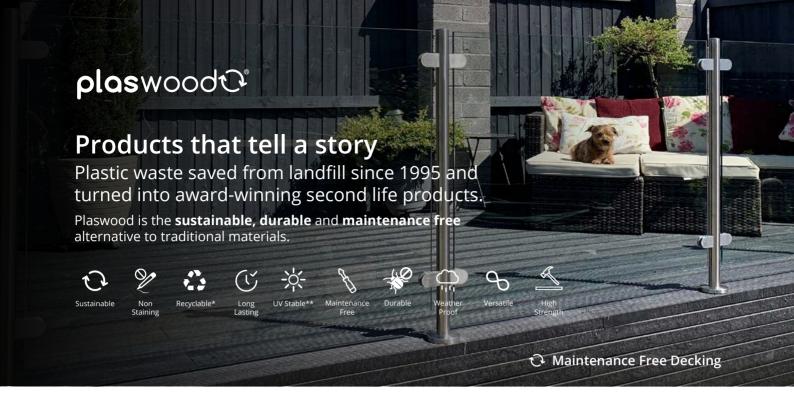


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# INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR MAXIMIZING AND PRESERVING AN OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE

Two Easy Upgrades that Add Function, Protection and Client Satisfaction

#### By: Simon Thomas, TrexPro and Owner of Simon Thomas Deck and Design

It's no surprise that we Brits love our gardens! And with many people spending more time at home these days, outdoor spaces have become more important than ever. From small extensions to major renovations, consumer interest in deck and patio



remodeling projects is at an all-time high, and homeowners are more willing to invest in elements that expand and extend the use of their garden spaces.

One of the easiest – and often overlooked – ways to add value and function to any outdoor area is to create usable, dry storage space beneath a deck. As long as the space is accessible and properly protected from the elements, it can be used to store virtually anything. And who couldn't use a little more storage space?

#### GO BELOW: UTILIZING UNDER-DECK AREAS

For years, homeowners – not to mention architects, builders and contractors – have neglected to take advantage of under-deck spaces. And, for those that have used the space under a deck for storage, odds are it hasn't been pretty – especially in light of our often wet and rainy U.K. climate. I've certainly seen my share of outdoor storage spaces filled with deteriorating items covered in mud, mould and mildew due to being exposed to too much moisture.

Still, creating useable space beneath a deck is one of my favourite add-ons to any garden project. The secret to success and customer satisfaction is adding a deck drainage system. Using a network of troughs and downspouts, these systems capture and divert water away from a deck, not only preserving the studwork but also making the area under the deck useable for storage or as additional living area.

There are two main categories of drainage systems available, depending on whether they're installed above or below the joists. For optimal protection and aesthetics, I prefer an above-the-joist system, such as Trex® RainEscape®. This system uses an ultra-durable, rubberized membrane that drapes down into each joist bay. The membrane pieces are shaped so that they can be stapled to the top of the joists yet hang lower at one end of the bay to facilitate drainage. When the joists cantilever past a bearer, separate pieces are installed on each side and sloped to direct water to a gutter on the inner face of the beam.



"The secret to success and customer satisfaction is adding a deck drainage system."

The main advantage to this type of system is that it protects the entire substructure and the area beneath the deck from water damage and deterioration. Trex RainEscape also includes a heavy-duty waterproof tape that protects joists and bearers from moisture penetration, helps to hold screws in place longer and serves as a shield between galvanized metal and timber. Furthermore, the membrane material – compared with metal, vinyl or PVC – accommodates a broader range of ceiling options for homeowners seeking a finished look.

Among the biggest advantages of Trex RainEscape is that it is very easy and efficient to install – whether during a new deck build and when replacing existing deck boards. Any contractor or DIYer can do it. The entire system includes just five SKUs – a 40cm and 30cm drainage trough sheet, a downspout, butyl waterproof caulk and butyl waterproof tape. Additionally, only three tools – scissors or a utility knife, a staple gun hammer and a caulk gun – are needed for installation. Each trough is clearly labeled with staple markers to expedite the process, which takes no more than a few hours to complete. And, the system is backed by a 20-year warranty from Trex® – the world's #1 decking brand.



#### **LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES**

Once protected from the elements, the dry space beneath a deck can be used for any number of purposes from storing lawn equipment, gardening tools and patio essentials to serving as additional living space outfitted with everything from upholstered furnishings and decorative accessories to ceiling fans, entertainment components and Trex® RainEscape® soffit lights. Thanks to the innovative above-the-joist application of the Trex RainEscape system, gas lines and electrical wiring can be run safely and discreetly between the deck surface and a soffit ceiling.





From a storage standpoint, there are endless possibilities for making the most of the area beneath a deck no matter the size of the area. Following are just a few of the ways that my clients use the bonus storage space that I've integrated into their decks using the Trex RainEscape system:

- Storing seasonal items such as pool equipment, patio furniture, cushions, hammocks, camping essentials and yard games
- Tucking away outdoor toys like bicycles, scooters, water tables and yard games
- · Sheltering grills and smokers from moisture and corrosion
- Housing (and hiding) lawnmowers, garden tools and hoses, along with leftover seed and fertilizer
- Keeping sports equipment handy, protected and ready for action
- Parking and protecting a boat, snowmobile or ATV from the outdoor elements
- · As a workshop for crafting and DIY projects
- · As a playhouse for the kids (my favourite!)





#### PROLONG THE LIFE OF STUDWORK

The U.K. receives more than its fair share of precipitation, and these wet, rainy days can wreak havoc on the substructure of a deck. Easily one of timber's worst enemies, moisture contributes to mould growth and can accelerate structural deterioration. When joists and beams are exposed, water seeps into screw holes and sits on the wood causing it to rot and the screws to rust. Additionally, the natural expansion and contraction of wood due to seasonal freezing and thawing can cause beams to split and weaken over time, posing serious safety concerns.

This is especially important if a homeowner is investing in premium, composite decking, such as Trex, which is engineered and warrantied to last for several decades. It's only logical that a customer will expect the substructure to last just as long. Unfortunately, that's not always the case when working with timber. In fact, a recent survey of builders revealed that nearly all timber substructures show signs of splitting, rotting or decaying after just eight years.

If a complete drainage system is not viable for a deck project, it is still important to protect the studwork from moisture penetration that can lead to rot and deterioration over time.

Deck flashing tape is designed to shield the tops of timber joists, rim joists, bearers and ledger boards from water damage. It also acts as a moisture barrier between wood and galvanized metal and helps deck screws and fasteners hold longer and stronger for enhanced structural integrity.

My go-to product is Trex® Protect™ Joist and Bearer Tape. I use it on every deck I build – no matter the size or design – because I want my decks to last.

Trex Protect is a self-adhesive butyl tape available in two widths – 40mm x 20m for joists and 100mm x 20m for bearers. Designed specifically for use on decks, it works on horizontal and vertical surfaces and is applied as a "cap" (vs. wrapping), which allows the timber to breathe. The peel-and-stick application is simple and requires almost no trimming. The tape lies directly on the boards and requires minimal cuts and little overlap making installation a breeze.

Furthermore, the butyl adhesive is super sticky, yet pliable, which allows it to create a tight seal around fasteners to prevent water from infiltrating screw holes. It doesn't dry out or curl up like other construction tapes and performs extremely well in a wide range of temperatures. Trex Protect tape also features a non-skid surface, making it easier and safer to walk across during construction. This non-slip coating helps to prevent falls which are one of the most common potential hazards of deck construction.

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## DRIVE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND REFERRALS

Sometimes it's what clients don't see that makes all the difference. Trex RainEscape and Trex Protect are products that sell themselves by adding considerable function, protection and value to a deck without adding a lot of time or cost. For homeowners, this translates into increased satisfaction and return on investment. For builders, they are great ways to boost revenue and referrals. I recommend one or the other to all of my customers and can tell you from my own experience, these minor add-ons can have a major impact on your bottom line.

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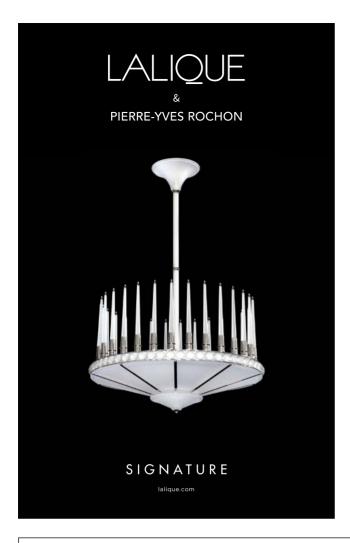
SURF features a unique edge-lit light guide with embedded honeycomb lens that offers comfortable, glare-free lighting not typically found in surface-mounted fixtures. The luminaire mounts directly over a standard or fire-rated junction box and has a thin 11/16" finished profile. It includes a DC dimmable driver (Triac / ELV).

SURF can be specified in 4'' (650lm) or 7'' (1000lm) round and 4'' (650lm) or 7'' (900lm) square. The series is available in a white finish with an aluminum back plate that dissipates the heat away from the luminaire.

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#### **Top Tips for Building Green**

Decide on your energy systems and on-site generation

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#### Specify your Thermal Insulation in relation to your:

- Site location, building orientation and surroundings
- Heating / cooling / climate systems
- Preference for natural, recycled or other sustainable materials

#### Assess the health and comfort factors

#### Choose materials, like wood, that:

- Are good natural insulators
- Are easily and economically recycled
- Have good 'end of life' value

## Consider prefabrication of components and building elements:

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