

# A SOURCEBOOK OF INSPIRATION, SELECTED FOR WORKPLACES

You want to create a workplace environment that will help people to work in a way that best suits their needs. Which is why the choice of colour is so important.

With its natural ability to alter our behaviour and mood, colour plays a vital role in workplace design. Creating spaces that are conducive to concentration and focus, along with environments that feel uplifting, sociable and inclusive.

To inspire your creative vision, we've put together a series of palettes to highlight the top 3 colours influencing workplace design. Exploring the type of mood and experiences they evoke, and the kind of behaviour and activity they support.

Whatever the size and scale of your workplace, our visual sourcebook will help you to select the colours, patterns and textures that are guaranteed to set the right tone.



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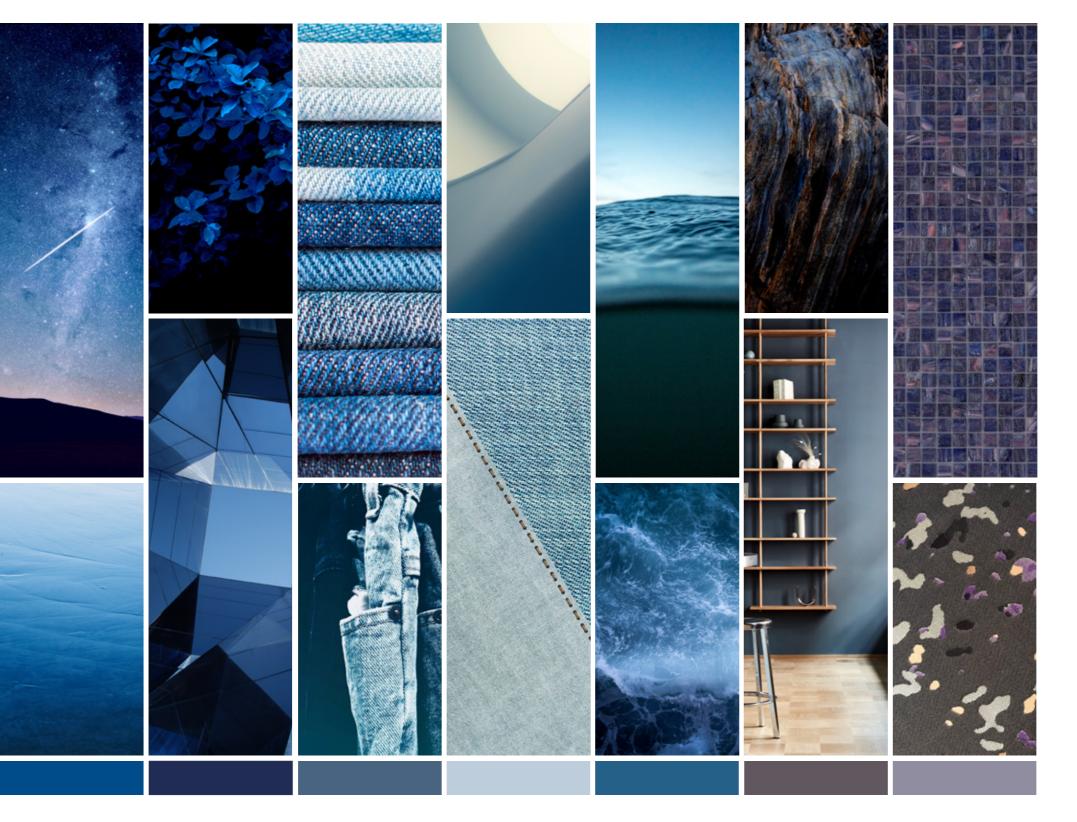


## INTO THE BLUE

Taking a deep dive into the naturally soothing shades of indigo, denim and lavender blue, our palette spans dark, rich mid-tones and pale hues and provides a reassuring and comforting backdrop to the workplace.

Rich and intense tones emulate the velvet inkiness and intensity of the deep pacific ocean, while crisp, light and bright shades of powder blue remind us of expansive clear blue skies and the wonder of cloud formations.

Frosted lilac, violet and blueberry tinged with lavender, signal a significant shift from the true blues that have dominated in recent seasons. Providing a new and perhaps unexpected shade to see in the workplace.



# ORIGINS & INFLUENCES

While so many shades go in and out of vogue, it seems our love of blue stays true. The world over, blue remains the most popular colour and is the most democratic and accessible shade of all.

Perhaps it's because blue is a colour that has so many positive associations in the natural world; reminding us of bright, expansive blue skies and warm, calm seas. It is also said to imbue a sense of peace and tranquillity. Indigo in particular is often referred to as the 'third eye', inspiring contemplation, mindfulness, serenity and calm.

It may also be because it's one of the only shades that is truly timeless. Deep inky and stonewashed hues are bringing the everyday beauty of denim into interiors. Much like your most cherished pair of jeans, it's a look you'll never tire of. In such uncertain economic and political times, it's perhaps unsurprising that blue has become one of the most popular shades of the day.

Blending comfortably into this palette are subtle, chalky shades of purple, mixed with blue and grey for intensity and depth. These paler hues represent the transition from Ultra Violet, which was Pantone's colour of the year back in 2018, towards paler, cooler, more liveable shades.

It's interesting to note the iconic beauty brand Aesop embracing subtle purple tones in their latest store in London.

### INTERIORS INSPIRATION

Indigo, denim and lavender were prevalent in Milan, with many of the most notable designers and leading furniture brands sharing collections in these shades.

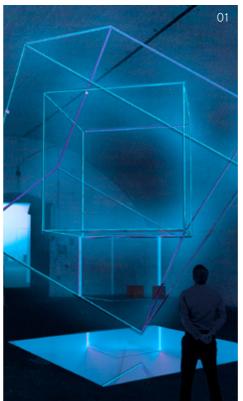
Celebrating the beauty of denim in all its glory, the Indigo Experience Lab by Moooi, in partnership with ECCO leather, Shin-Denim and Denim City, invited visitors to take part in interactive workshops and get acquainted with some of the new materials and methods the brand has been experimenting with.

The apartment installation named 'Perfect Darkness' was purposefully designed as the antithesis of the "cold" showroom, with every room in the apartment decorated in rich and intense shades.

As our affection for this colour strengthens, we're beginning to see these hues filter into our homes.

Ripples of blue have become a recurring theme in bathroom design, as watery and inky-tones create deeply relaxing and luxurious spaces.

Bolder blues are also adding character to kitchen design, with many designers opting for variations in tone, with irregular finishes or a mix of materials in the same shade. Flashes of bright white and metallics shine particularly well when backed by blue.





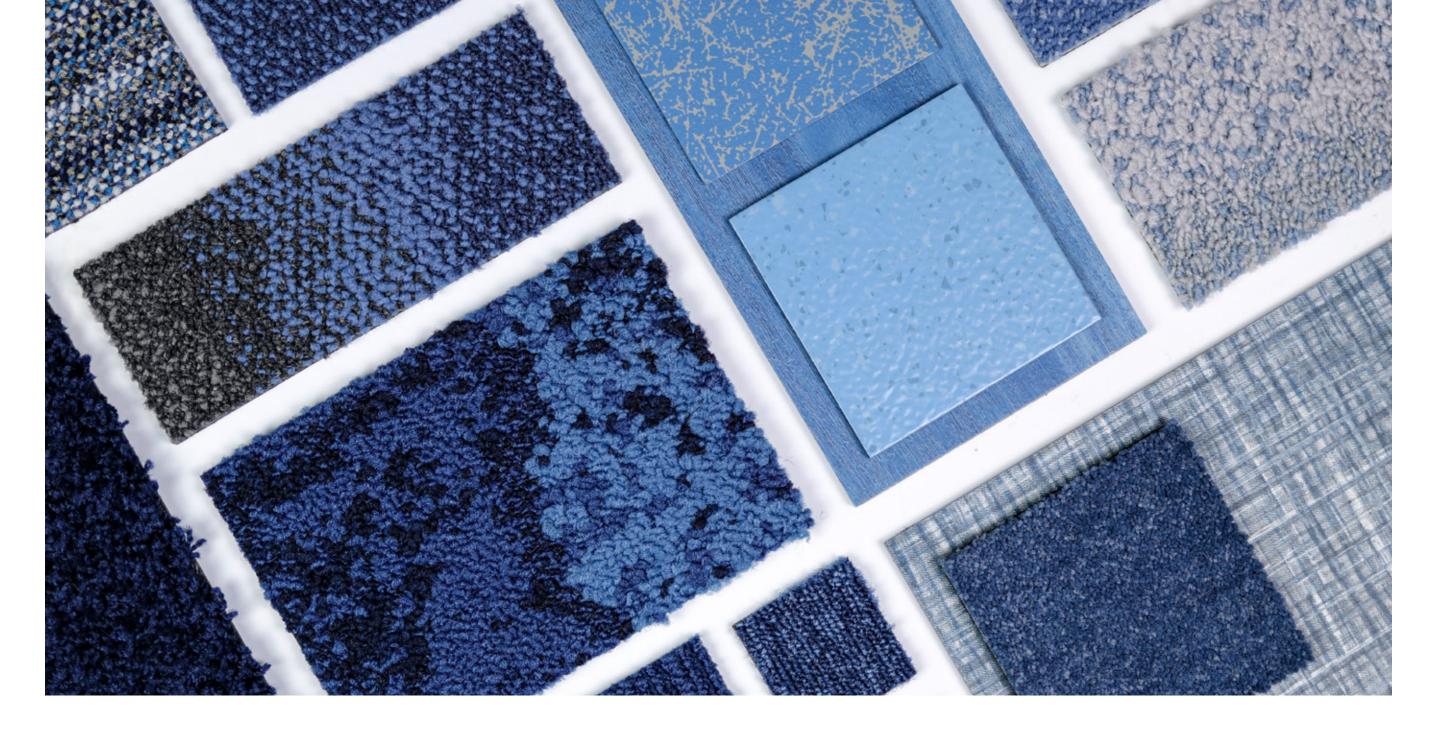








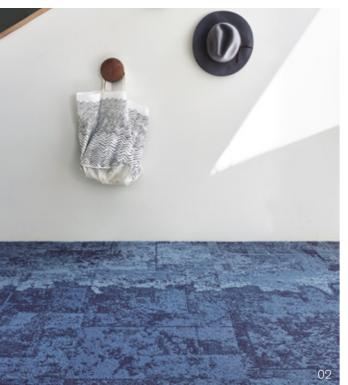
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# COMBINATIONS

Our colour palette reflects the differences between night and day, emulating the feelings and mood they create. From crisp and light tones that awaken our minds, to warm inky-tones which naturally aid concentration.





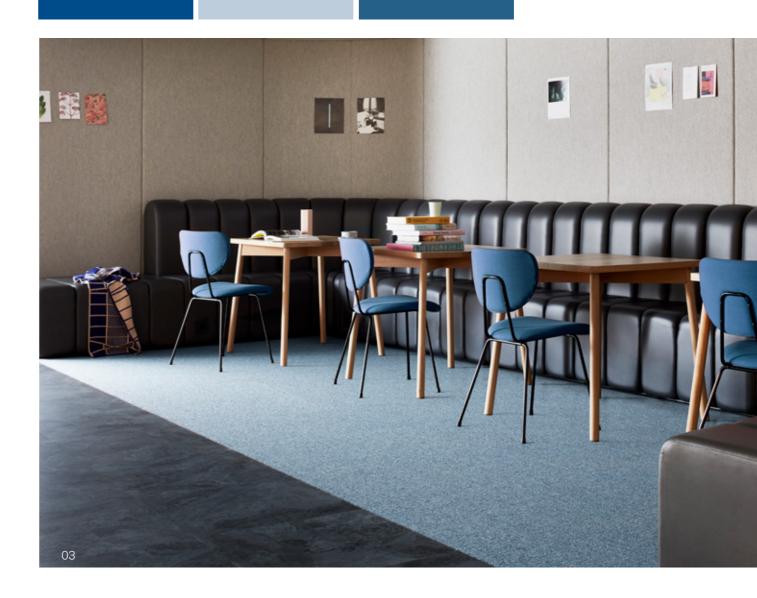
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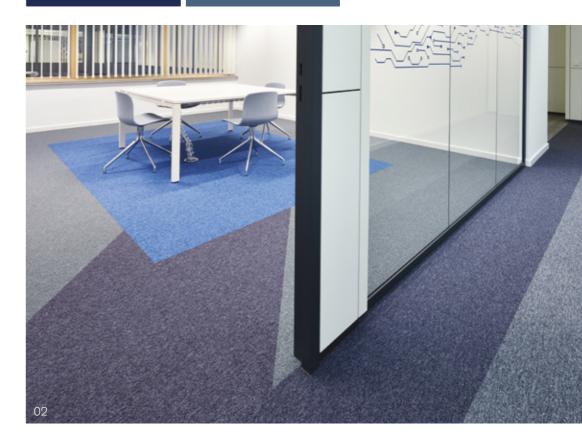
Brighter, lighter shades of blue pave the way for fresh thinking by creating an uplifting workplace that helps us to think calmly and clearly.



Swathes of deep, intense colour set the scene for more focused concentration and discussion.

A heavy dose of navy or indigo add a sense of depth, while clearly defining the space - ideal for open-plan areas.

Layer differently textured surfaces in these eye-catching hues to add further depth.



01

Polichrome

4266010 Distant

4265014 Infinity

4265003 Caviar 4266004 Liquorice

02

Case Study: Dimension Data - Belgium Heuga 727

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Look Both Ways - Step in Time 9403005 Indigo Walk the Aisle A01303 Cool Ash



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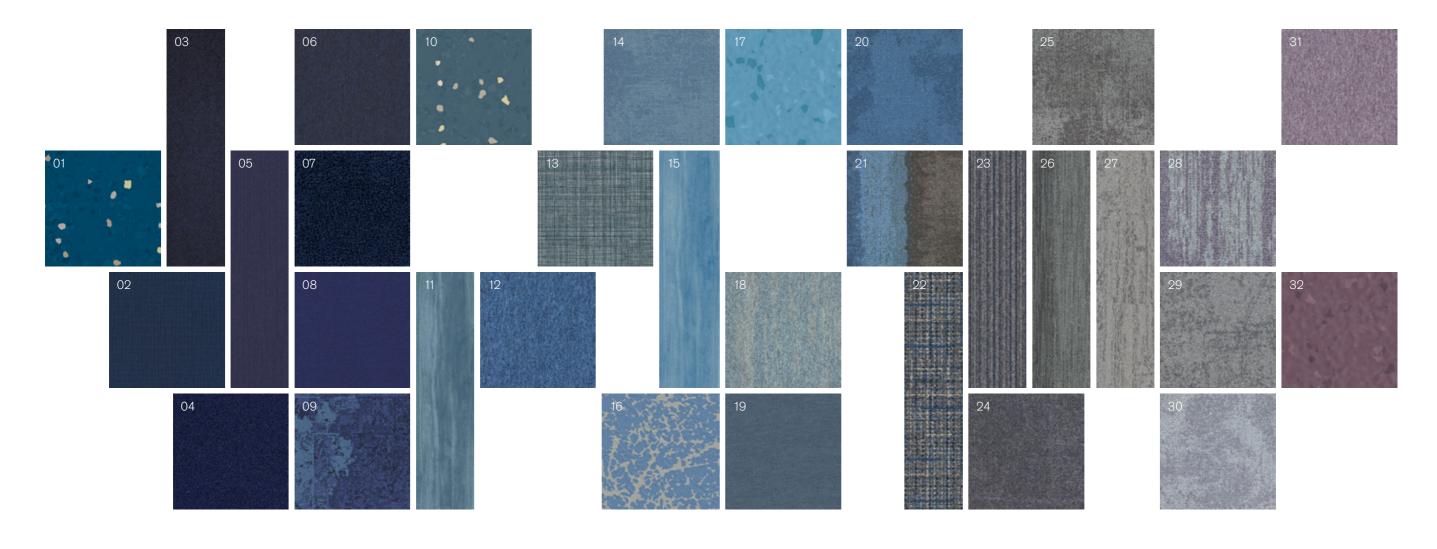
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03 Composure 4169063 Aubergine 4169062 Lavender 4169061 Pewter



Soothing shades of lilac, violet and lavender blue combine with pewter and neutral tones to create a calming environment with an unexpected twist.



01 noraplan® signa 7077 Rubber Flooring

02 Monochrome 346708 Lobelia Carpet Tile

03

Human Nature - HN830 608004 Cobalt Carpet Tile

04

Touch & Tones 101 4174013 Ultra Marine Carpet Tile

05 On Line 7335027 Cobalt Carpet Tile

06 Employ Loop 4197020 Oxford Carpet Tile

07 Touch & Tones 103 4176013 Ultra Marine Carpet Tile

80 Polichrome 4266015 Blue Nights Carpet Tile

09 Net Effect - B602 332914 Pacific Carpet Tile

10 noraplan® signa 7046 Rubber Flooring

11 Studio Set A00713 Slate LVT

12 Heuga 530 II 4288020 Blue Moon Carpet Tile

13 Native Fabric A00807 Bluegrass LVT

14 Composure 4169059 Marine Carpet Tile

15 Studio Set A00709 Ocean LVT

16 noraplan® lona 6918 Rubber Flooring

17 norament® 926 satura 5122 Rubber Flooring

18 Works Flow 4276012 Cobalt Carpet Tile

19 Polichrome 4266014 Powderblue Carpet Tile

20 Composure 4169058 Sapphire Carpet Tile

21 Composure Edge 4274006 Sapphire/Diffuse

Carpet Tile

22 World Woven - WW895 8114003 Highland Weave Carpet Tile

23 World Woven - WW895 8110003 Highland Warp Carpet Tile

24 Ice Breaker 4282002 Granite Carpet Tile

25 Composure 4169016 Reserved Carpet Tile

26 Touch of Timber 4191009 Blue Spruce Carpet Tile

27 Human Nature - HN820 308064 Limestone Carpet Tile

28 Works Flow 4276011 Violet Carpet Tile

29 Ice Breaker 4282004 Chalk Carpet Tile

30 Composure 4169061 Pewter Carpet Tile

31 Heuga 530 II 4288016 Frosted Lilac Carpet Tile

32 norament® 926 satura 5122 Rubber Flooring

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## SUBTLE BLUSH

Our warm and nurturing palette creates a welcoming and familiar working environment that has a softened tone.

A calm and serene mix of pale plaster-like pink, salmon and rose blush bring a sense of revitalisation and newbeginnings, creating spaces that feel sociable and spirited.

In contrast, sumptuous colours of the earth including red clay, terracotta, burnt umber and russet tones, radiate a sense of nostalgia for simpler times.

Collectively, these shades create workplaces that feel both uplifting and nourishing - inviting people to settle into their work with comfort and buoyancy.

# ORIGINS & INFLUENCES

Building on the seemingly unstoppable rise of Millennial Pink, Pantone's selection of Living Coral as their colour of the year in 2019 further amplified the popularity of these feminine shades.

For 2020, we see a natural evolution of these light-hearted and vivacious hues towards an altogether more grounded collection of muted, chalky and softened tones.

The naturally heart-warming qualities of this colour palette resonates very deeply with consumers today, many of whom are seeking the antidote to their digital lives and craving authentic, personal connection.

The fashion catwalks of London, Paris and New York were ablaze with rich, burnished shades of terracotta and muted clay, as many of the most influential designers shared their AW20 collections.

It's interesting to note the translation of these hues into restaurant and hotel design, with two of the most luxurious and iconic hotels in London - The Berkeley and The Connaught - recently unveiling new restaurant and bar concepts enriched with shades of salmon and dusty pink.

Equally, in retail design, these shades create an vibrant yet comforting space, with Gina Tricot in Stockholm and Le Cube skate bowl installation in Le Bon Marche, proving that pink isn't just for girls.













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### INTERIORS INSPIRATION

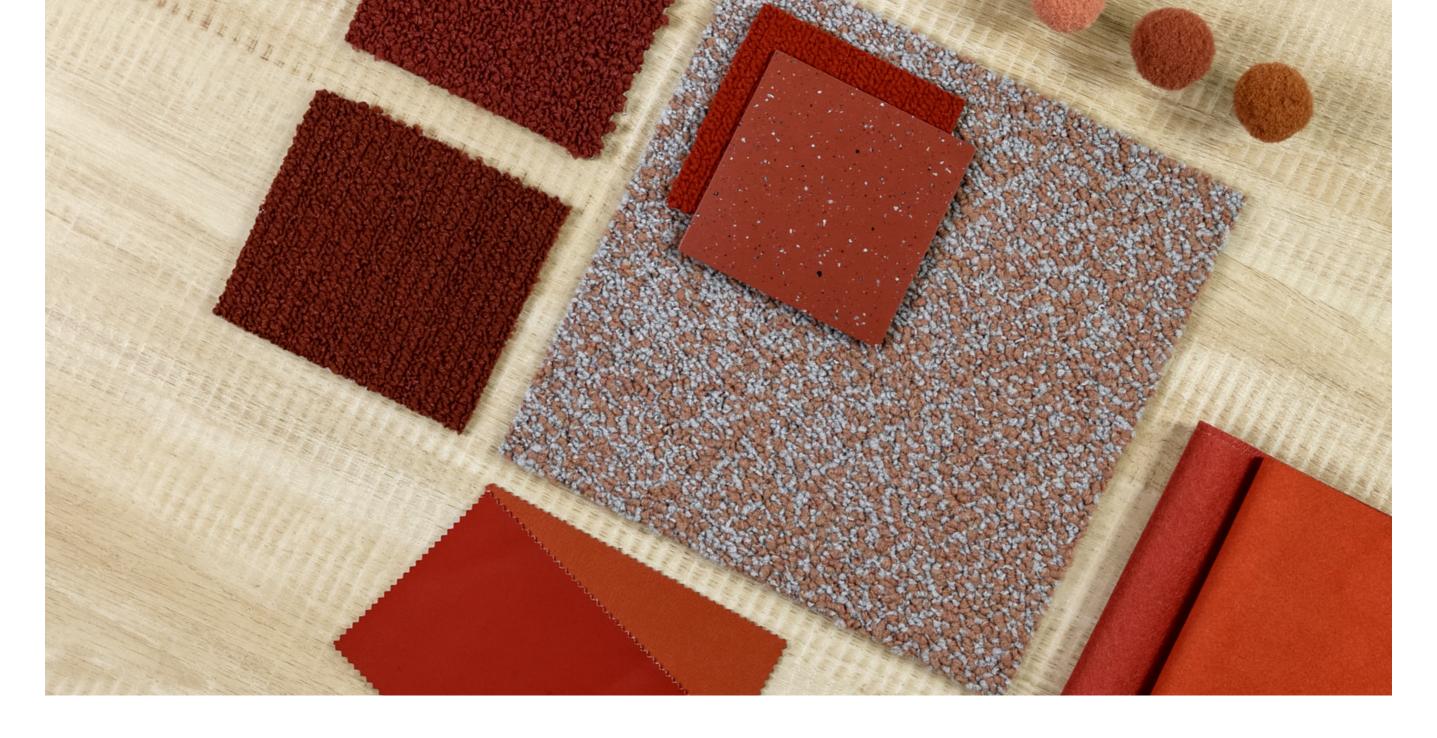
Ever the barometer of what's to come, Milan Design Week 2019 was rich with references to this light-spirited palette. Not only in the design of the furniture on display, but in the set-design of the exhibits.

The 'Tell Me More' installation explored the intersection of spatial experience and emotional connection. Inspired by the feeling of entering a beloved space, the two-part installation consists of an arrival chamber and expansive lounge, which served as a backdrop to explore human connection.

It seems that interior designers are also rapidly falling for these shades, bringing this powdery palette into the comfort of our own homes.

At one end of the spectrum, designers like Bergman & Co. are adding a burst of sunshine to bathroom design and creating a statement with hedonistic colours and a vibrant cocktail of shades.

Taking a more reserved approach, 'Rosa Perlino' tumbled marble brings a subtle rosy glow into kitchen design with putty and clay tones. Used sparingly, a barely-there blush provides a delicate, grown-up glow to contemporary kitchen design.



# COMBINATIONS

Louder than pink and softer than red, our colour palette creates a refreshingly different workspace environment.





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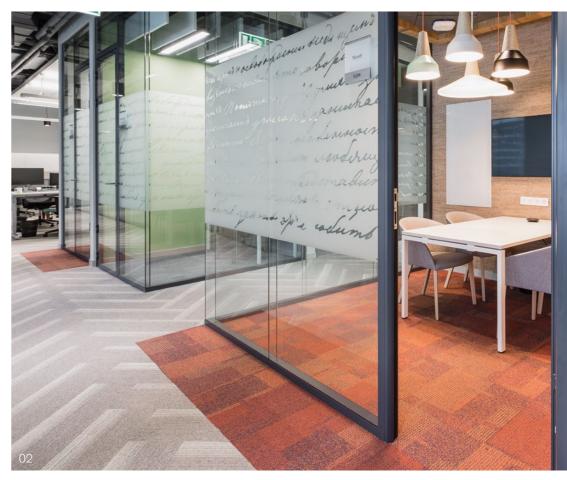
The lighter hues in our colour palette combine together to create an uplifting workplace that feels calm and serene.

To complete this look, explore tone-on-tone patterns, along with a thoughtful and considered selection of tactile and textural fabrics and materials.



Transform spaces into striking statement pieces by introducing playful accents and highlights.

Not only will this help to create distinct zones, it will naturally introduce character and warmth.



#### 01

Look Both Ways - Step it Up 9406006 Sienna Look Both Ways - Step in Time 9403003 Ebony

#### 02

Case Study: Microsoft, Russia Transormation 1628024 Lava Off Line 7559001 Mushroom/Biscuit

#### 03

Heuga 530 II 4288014 Terracotta





01 norament® 926 satura 5120 Rubber Flooring

02 Heuga 530 II 4288014 Terracotta

Carpet Tile

03 Look Both Ways - Step Aside 9404001 Alba Carpet Tile

04 Drawn Lines A00904 Smokey Quartz LVT

05 Radial 4272001 Axis Carpet Tile

06 Monochrome 346722 Malt Carpet Tile

08 Drawn Lines A00911 Amethyst LVT

07

LVT

Native Fabric

A00801 Flax

09 Heuga 727 672715 Camel Carpet Tile

10 Polichrome 4265024 Mulberry Carpet Tile

11 noraplan® ultra grip 6021 Rubber Flooring

12 noraplan® lona 6915 Rubber Flooring

13 Look Both Ways - Step it Up 9406006 Sienna Carpet Tile

14 Heuga 727 672718 Paprika Carpet Tile

15 Transformation 1628024 Lava Carpet Tile

16 norament® 926 satura 5119

17 Heuga 530 II 4288015 Dusty Rose Carpet Tile

Rubber Flooring

18 Boundary Metallics A00605 Fawn LVT

19 Human Nature - HN850 308086 Shale

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21 Radial 4272004 Signal Carpet Tile

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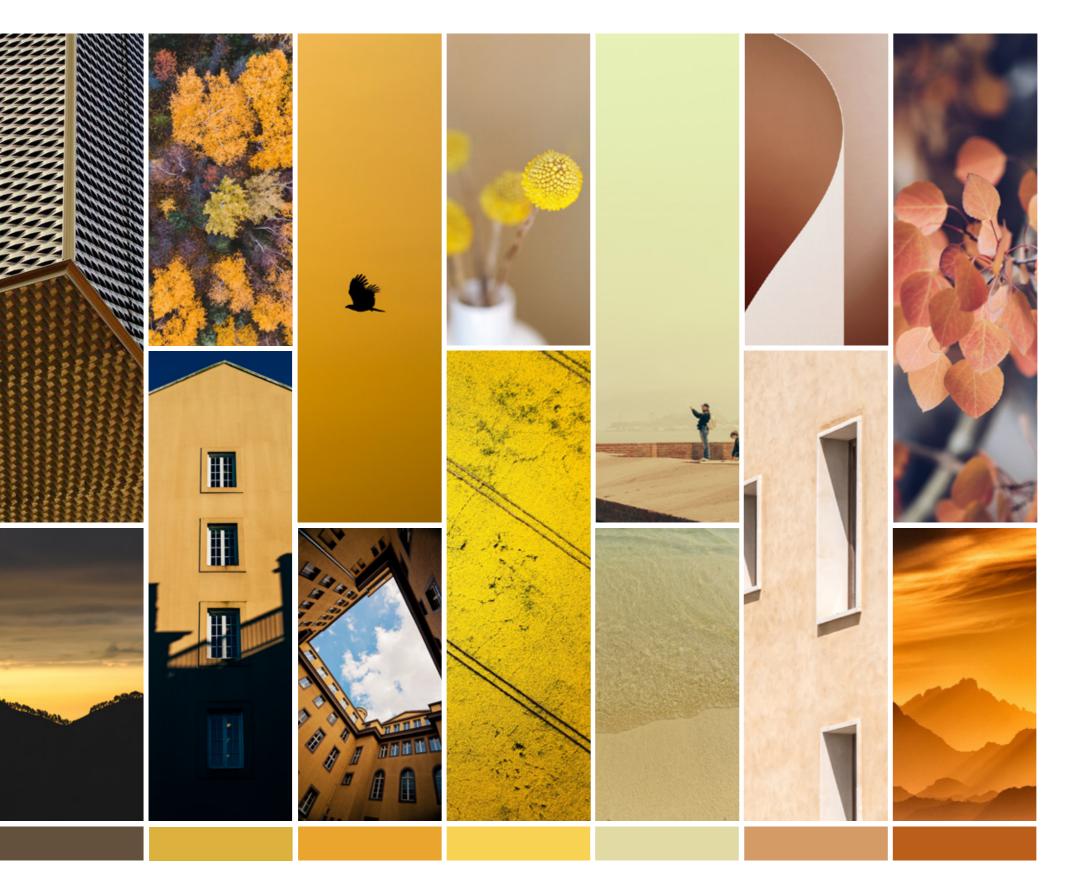
## GOLDEN OCHRE

A palette of classic new neutrals are uplifted with a dollop of spice to create an energising workplace.

Warm sunbeams of golden yellow, mimosa and citrine combine with a pinch of mustard to add a playful twist to softer shades of cream, barley, and cashew.

While a delicious mix of earthy and rich terracotta, saffron and tumeric creates spaces that ooze warmth and comfort.

These gleaming golden and ochre-based tones are guaranteed to take the edge of a stressful working day.



# ORIGINS & INFLUENCES

The zesty yellows of previous seasons make way for calmer, ochre-based tones, as yellow remains a key colour for interiors in 2020 and beyond. This is a deviation of pure yellows towards a palette of more muted shades.

In many ways they provide a subtle nod to the 70's revival we are witnessing in interior design today; with nostalgic shades with a deep, aged quality.

This colour direction also mirrors and reflects the uneasy economic and political climate, as we naturally welcome those colours associated with optimism. These rich jewel and spice tones ooze luxury and warmth, as they gather you in and naturally evoke positive thoughts.

In architecture, the burnished bronze hues of Thomas Heatherwicks' infamous and iconic 'The Vessel' in New York perfectly reflects the trend.

It's interesting to note the translation of these hues into restaurant, hotel and retail design, with the awe-inspiring restoration of the historic Fondaco dei Tedeschi department store in Venice, and the recent renovation of Harrods' food hall; whereby the designers salvaged remnants of the original tiles and painstakingly recreated the exact shades.

These golden shades instil a much-needed sense of light-heartedness within retail environments, with precious yellow onyx and inserts of gold leaf adding glimmers of warmth to the Forte Forte store in Chelsea, and homely pastel tones infused with bursts of sunshine yellow in the Ganni store in Soho, London.

### INTERIORS INSPIRATION

Golden, buttery tones are an instant way to energise interiors and lift our moods.

Many designers are opting for a single shade and sticking to it, using it over as big a space as they dare. Pairing with neutral accents, or picking out the same bright hue on patterned tiles.

Vogue Italia opened its office to a host of designers, who gave the Milan headquarters a temporary makeover for the city's annual design festival. The exhibition, called 'Life in Vogue', saw eight creatives reinterpret the interiors of the magazine's editorial offices, including JW Anderson who painted the fashion editor's room in a vibrant shade of yellow typically found in British stately homes.

These tones of mustard, ochre and burnished bronze are also overwhelmingly popular in furniture design, as almost all of the most notable brands have embraced these hues.

Reflecting the more earthy and neutral shades of our colour palette, the pared-back gallery and workspace for Kinfolk magazine in Copenhagen perfectly illustrates how a lightness of touch can create a calm yet uplifting environment.











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# COMBINATIONS

Whether used in moderation - with just a dollop of spice or a burst of bright - or embraced in it's entirety, our warming palette has the potential to create an energising and upbeat workplace.





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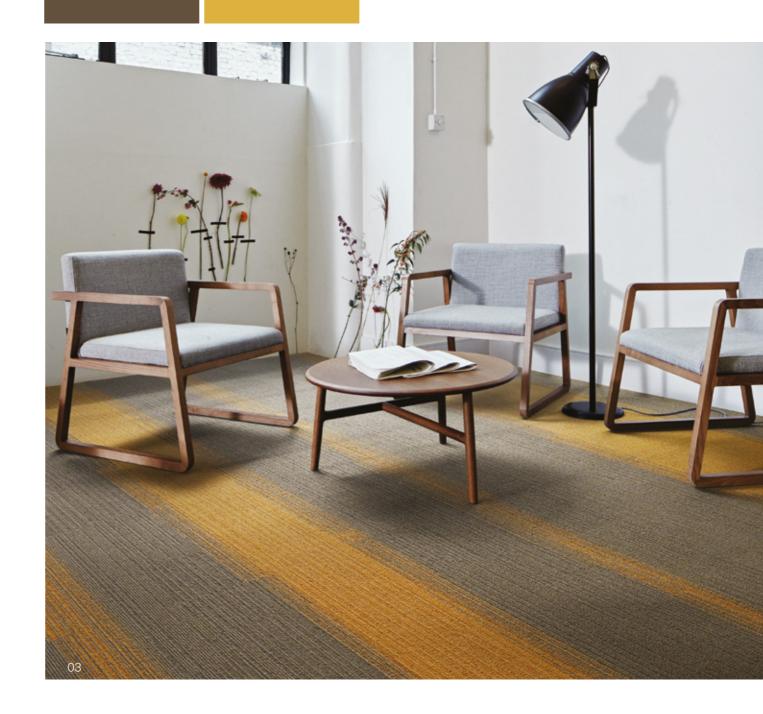
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Urban Retreat - UR501 327500 Gold 327514 Granite

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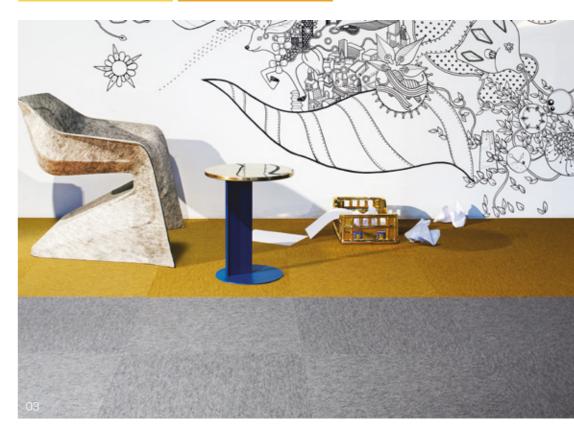


Nuggets of gold, saffron and mustard spice up an otherwise neutral interiors scheme.





Sunbeams of golden tones add a burst of brightness to workplace environments and zone areas in a playful, energetic way.



#### 01

Visual Code - Circuit Board 9280002 Yellow Circuit

#### 02

Composure
4169073 Sunburst
4169017 Seclusion
Composure Edge
4274004 Sunburst/Seclusion

#### 03

Superflor 9101 Yippee 9169 Siberian Frost

#### 04

Level Set - Natural Woodgrains
A00214 Bamboo





#### 01

Native Fabric

A00804 Straw

#### 02

On Line 7335003 Mustard

#### 03

Radial
4272003 Rays
Level Set - Textured Stones
A00301 Polished Cement

#### 04

World Woven - WW865 8110006 Autumn Warp







Warming shades of straw, opal and ginger provide a natural glow.



01 noraplan® uni 2144 Rubber Flooring

Polichrome
4266021 Marzipan

Carpet Tile

Level Set - Textured Woodgrains

A00421 Rustic Oak

04

Native Fabric

A00804 Straw

LVT

O5
Off Line
7559004 Sage/Canary
Carpet Tile

06 Superflor 9101 Yippee Carpet Tile

07 Composure 4169073 Sunburst Carpet Tile

08 Look Both Ways - Step it Up 9406004 Citrine Carpet Tile 09 noraplan® sentica 6513 Rubber Flooring

10 Visual Code - Circuit Board 9280002 Yellow Circuit Carpet Tile

11 norament® 926/825 6191 Rubber Flooring

12 Composure Edge 4274004 Sunburst/Seclusion Carpet Tile 13 Human Connections - Rue 8344004 Yellow Carpet Tile

14 noraplan® lona 6920 Rubber Flooring

15 Human Nature - HN830 608002 Maize Carpet Tile

16 noraplan® uni 6179 Rubber Flooring 17 norament® 926 satura 5124 Rubber Flooring

18 On Line 7335005 Canary Carpet Tile

19 Works Flow 4276007 Canary Carpet Tile

20 Studio Set A00712 Marigold LVT 21 Drawn Lines A00910 Opal

Monochrome
346726 Cream
Carpet Tile

norament® 926 satura 5101 Rubber Flooring

24 Level Set - Natural Woodgrains A00207 Washed Wheat LVT 25 Level Set - Natural Woodgrains A00214 Bamboo

26 Monochrome 346730 Barley Carpet Tile

27 norament® 926 satura 5123 Rubber Flooring

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