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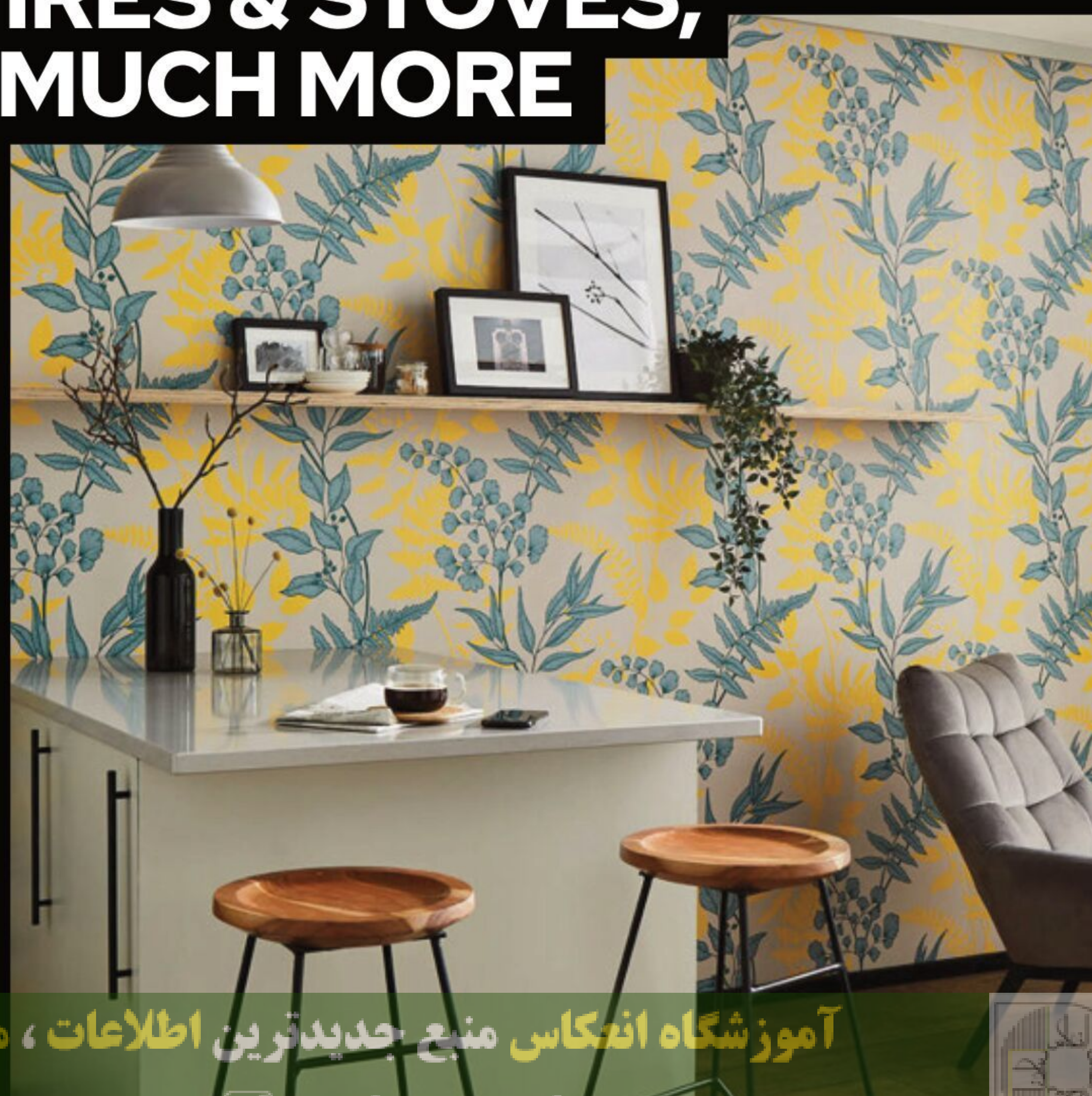
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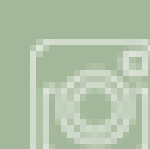
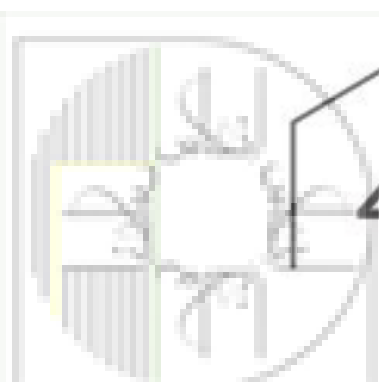
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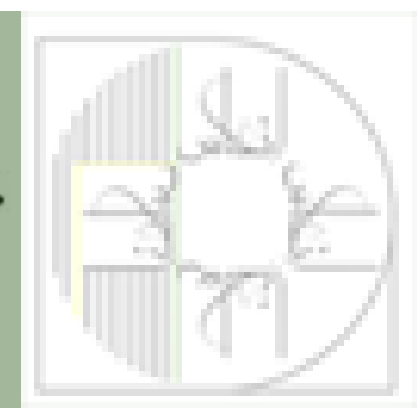
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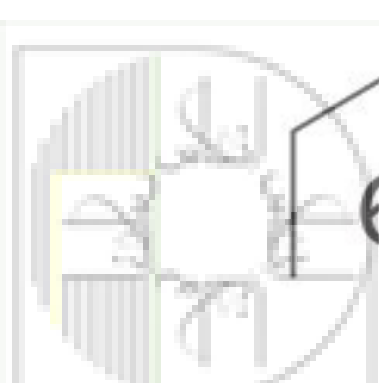
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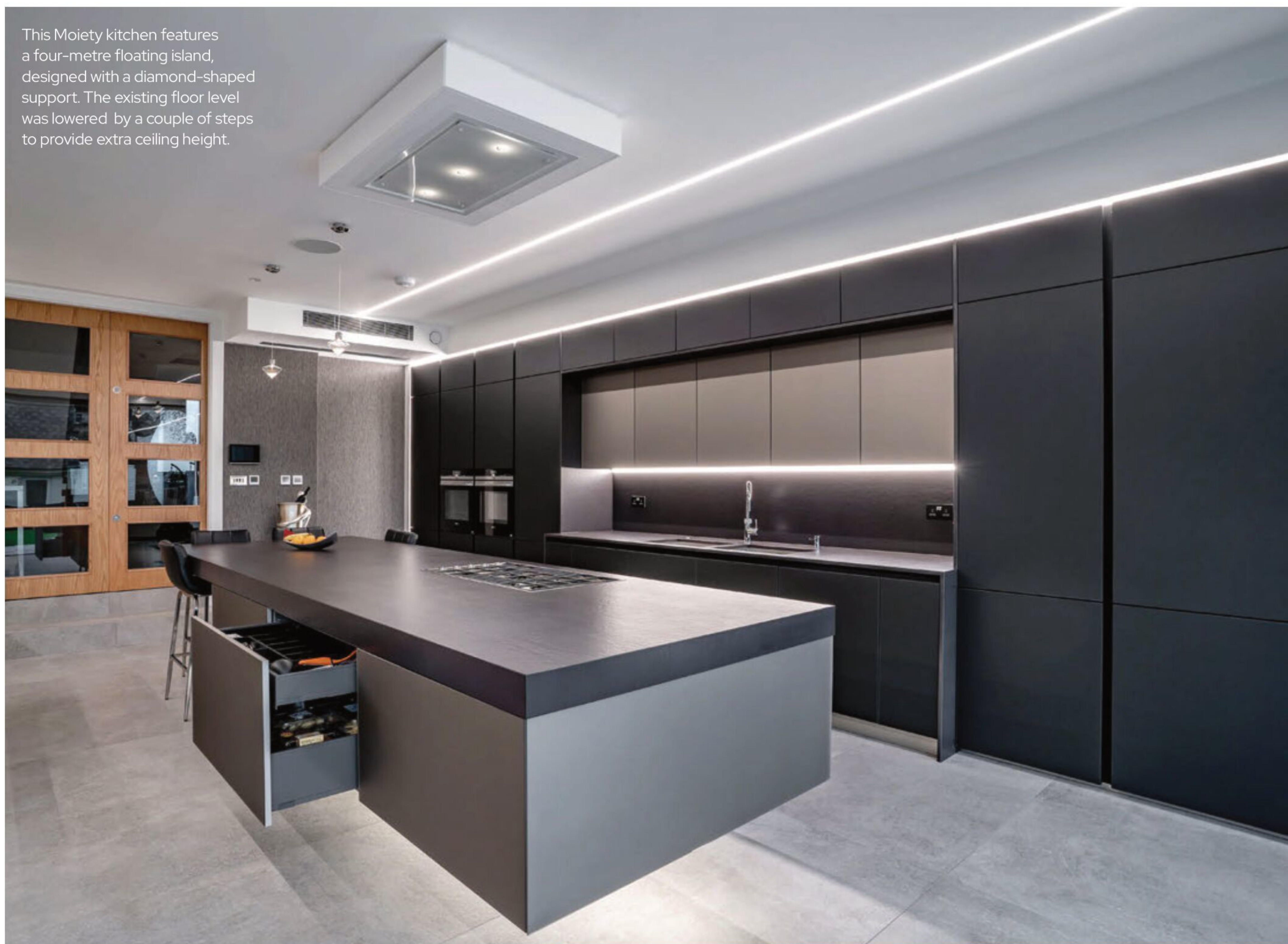
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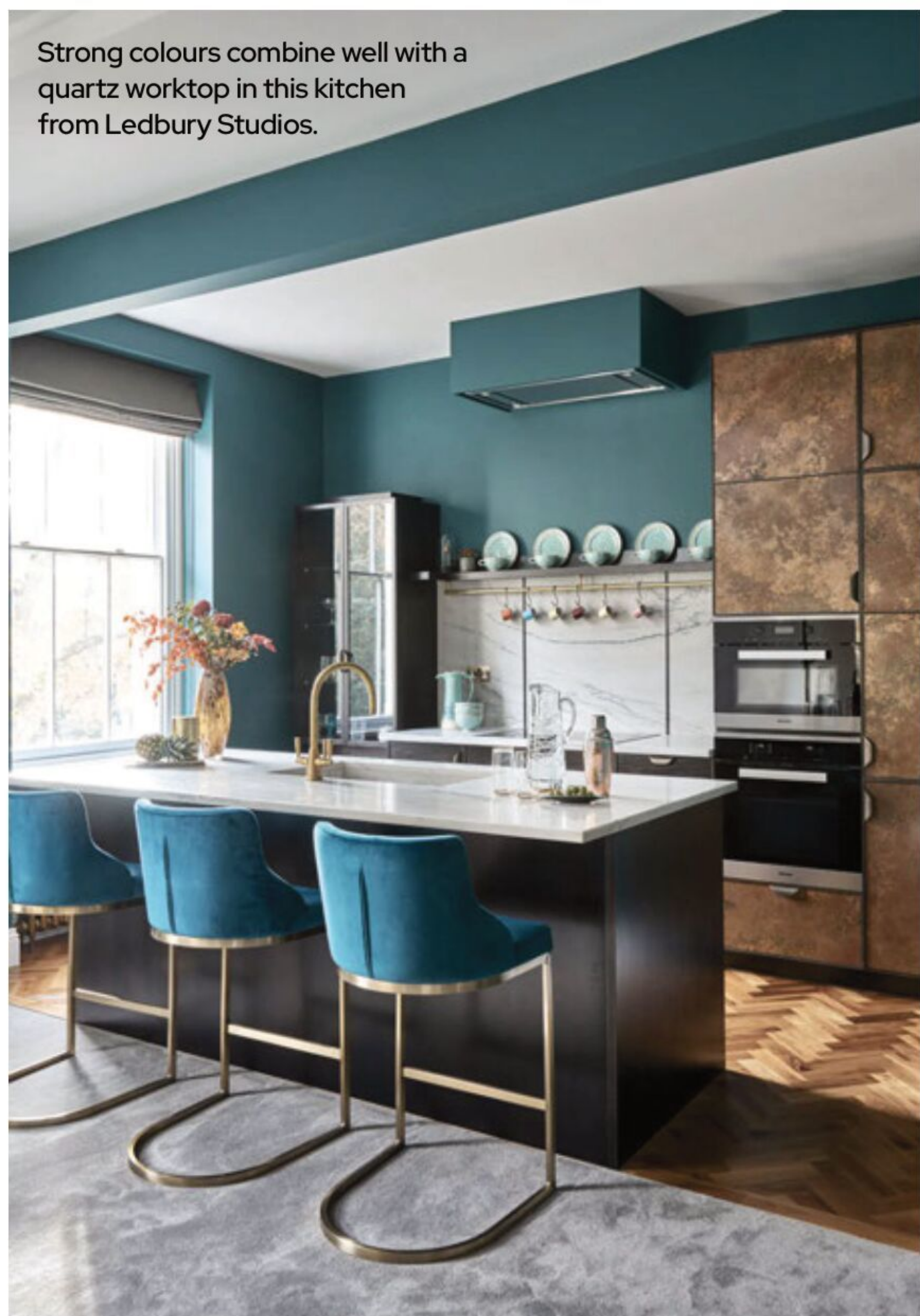
An extension provides the perfect opportunity to redesign the kitchen and embrace natural light.



This Moiety kitchen features a four-metre floating island, designed with a diamond-shaped support. The existing floor level was lowered by a couple of steps to provide extra ceiling height.



Strong colours combine well with a quartz worktop in this kitchen from Ledbury Studios.



KITCHEN STYLE



KITCHEN ISLANDS, RANGE COOKERS, EXTRACTORS, WORKTOPS, TAPS, SINKS, LIGHTING, TABLES & UTILITY ROOMS

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Kitchen islands provide valuable workspace, and you don't need a huge kitchen to have one. Even in smaller spaces, an island can help create that all-important working triangle between sink, fridge and stove. Layering up different work surface materials and thicknesses helps to define functional zones, and with such a broad range of materials there is no shortage of choice. Here are a few ideas to help you decide.



Top: Pronorm's X Line handleless kitchen has a 60mm-thick square timber breakfast bar, which contrasts with black granite work surfaces and handleless Ceramic Pearl doors. These are faced with a 3mm layer of ceramic material with a textured stone finish. Pronorm kitchens start at £18,000. (pronorm.de)

Above: Made from brushed stainless steel, this cantilevered island celebrates form over function, allowing light to circulate around the room, providing worktop space without storage beneath. Price: from £5,000. (enmasseinteriors.co.uk)

Left: The curved edges of this Bali natural walnut central island are mirrored in the ceiling-mounted extractor. Price: from £20,000. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)



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Left: Reclaimed column radiators form the base of this unusual island, which is topped with quartz in concrete with a textured surface of white, grey and blue shaded areas. Price: from £440 per sqm. (geraldculliford.co.uk)

Below: This PureSteel custom-made solid stainless steel work surface is just 8mm thick with a pearl finish. It features a unique glass ceramic coating which is heat resistant up to 300°C and is made using 80 per cent recycled material. (franke.co.uk)



Left: Khalo is a Dekton worktop inspired by Patagonian granite, one of the world's most sought-after stones due to its unique patterns and tones. Khalo has a highly polished finish featuring intense blacks, pale golds and toasted browns. Price: from £450 per sqm. (cosentino.com/en-gb/)

Right middle: The Diesel Open Workshop kitchen was designed in conjunction with lifestyle brand Diesel Living. It is shown here with 'garden walnut' textured melamine doors, Corian worktop and bronze handles, plus ribbed glass drawers and base units. Diesel Open Workshop kitchens are priced from £15,000. (scavolini.design)

Right: The Battersea dark Shaker-style island has an integrated wine rack in light oak. Painted in Sinner from Mylands Paint to achieve a flat matt grey-black finish, the worktops are grey marble-effect Calacatta. Bespoke kitchens start from £35,000. (brayerdesign.co.uk)



Above: Ceralsio Pewter is a ceramic surface that replicates the look of stone. It is very hardwearing and comes in natural or textured finishes. Price: from £400 per sqm. (crlstone.co.uk)

Below: Bespoke painted tulipwood units, with solid oak interiors, have been teamed with a mix of stainless steel and reclaimed oak worktops to create a vintage industrial look. Prices start from £25,000. (maincompany.com)



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Above: This handcrafted island features a Spekva wooden worktop that hails from Denmark, with cabinets painted in Pebble Grey by Dulux, designed to match the matt concrete floor tiles. Kitchens from £20,000. (harveyjones.com)

Right: The Metallics Collection from Ledbury Studio is designed by Charlie Smallbone, with pewter wall units and zinc island unit, and a Bianco Macaubas Quartzite worktop and splashback. Kitchen prices from £50,000. (ledburystudio.com)

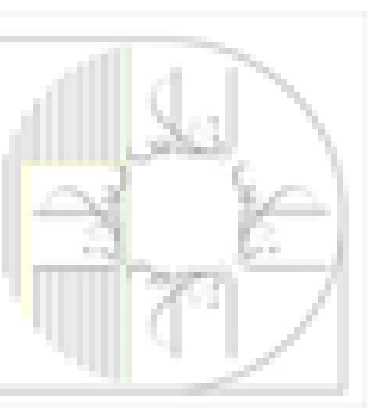
Middle right: The Luxe kitchen island is designed to celebrate natural materials, exploring the tones of oak, gold metal and lava. A Dekton worktop joins with the textured angled island wall that gives way to a breakfast bar. Prices: from £25,000. (life-kitchens.co.uk)

Bottom right: This kitchen was designed by Gavin Hepper Concepts and features an oversized island centrepiece with Staron worktops. The central section rises to reveal additional functions, including a storage or breakfast zone, cooking station with pantry essentials, a study nook with media tech zone, and a bar. Staron is priced from £350 per sqm. (staron.com)



Above: This island has an extendable breakfast bar, and when retracted it accommodates just one chair. This offers enhanced flexibility for smaller kitchens. Prices from £10,000. (homedesign.schmidt)

Below: Radianz is a premium quartz surface that was used to create this monolithic kitchen island. It has a non-porous composite surface, made from vacuum compression moulding which creates a durable, scratch-resistant surface that can also be used for flooring, interior walls, kitchen tops and bathroom furniture. Denali Cloud (pictured) is priced from £280 per sqm, and has an oak breakfast bar. (radianzquartzurope.com)





Above left: Curved banquette seating creates a cosy focal point attached to this slender island, which also features a breakfast bar for more informal dining and socialising. This handmade kitchen was created in a workshop in Yorkshire. Kitchens start at £30,000. (drewforsyth.co.uk)

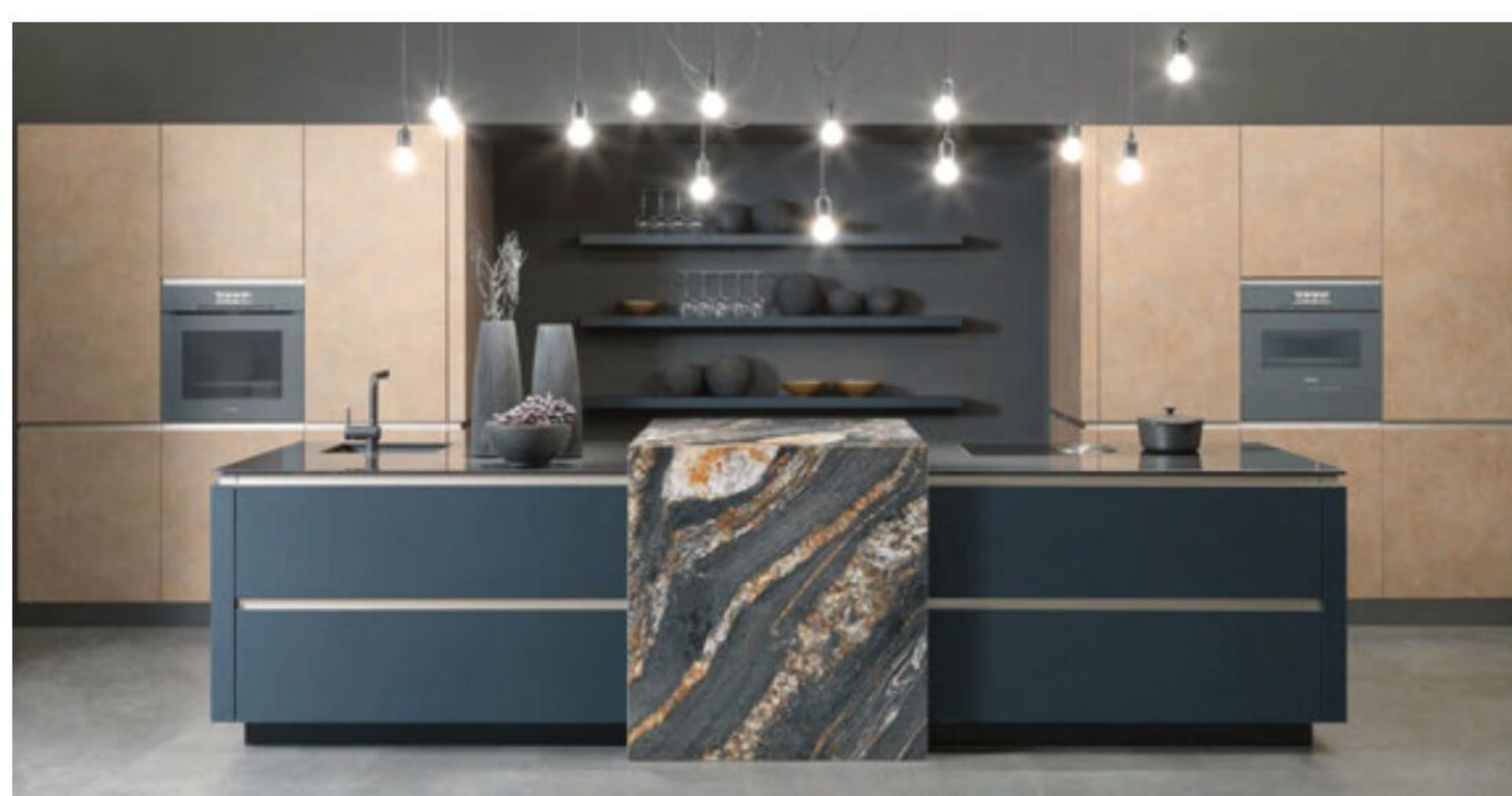
Above: The Core door option, layered with a 1mm solid metal surface, is used here for an innovative three-piece island unit, which is split in two using Rotpunkt's award-winning Room Divider as an indoor herb box. Core brushed metal kitchen range is priced from £12,500 plus VAT. (rotpunktuk.com)

Above: An Alumina metallic copper island centrepiece has black plinths and matching copper splashbacks and handles. The island features deep drawers and is fused with a sleek lower dining table. Price: from £10,000. (crown-imperial.co.uk)

Below: The L-shaped island in this Manhattan kitchen is raised to give it a free-standing feel and provides an extensive work surface area and an integrated and generous built-in dining booth. Prices start from £30,000. (mowlemandco.com)

Right: Indigo super matt lacquer finish units are combined with a 10cm-thick Dekton Marmor black fusion worktop with striking gold accents on an Atmos island. Rational kitchens start from £10,000. (rational.de/en)

Below right: The Q-Line island offers the ideal way to declutter and capitalise on every inch of space. Capacious drawers hide behind sleek doors, and low-level plinths give the illusion of the base units hovering. Prices from £24,000. (mereway.co.uk)



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Above: The Haddon kitchen features Shaker-style doors and deep rich charcoal cabinets, with burnished bronze cup handles and catches. Price: from £15,000. (burbridgekitchenmakers.co.uk)

Right: This V-shaped island is shown in matt sanded brass sheet with a natural polished concrete worktop. Roundhouse bespoke kitchens start at £35,000. (roundhousedesign.com)

Below: This industrial-style steel-framed design from Wren Kitchens has a textured 'flamed oak' colour for the base units, while an Arabescato quartz worktop is paired with a 40mm solid oak surface to either side. The complete kitchen is priced at £21,219, including all units, Faber and Neff appliances, quartz worktops, sink, tap and handles. (wrenkitchens.com)



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TOP TIPS...

1. Ensure there is enough space between the perimeter units and the island. There should be ample space for two people to pass each other.

2. Use the layout to create the working triangle, which eases workflow for kitchen users. This means positioning the hob/oven, sink and fridge in close proximity, with at least one of these on opposite units.

3. By positioning the hob on the unit overlooking an open-plan space, the cook can interact with the wider household.

4. Maximise storage by combining deep drawers, magic corner units and wine racks.

5. Combine contrasting materials, which not only adds visual interest, but also helps create definition between workspace and dining areas.

6. Consider unusual curves and angles, which can enhance space for socialising, as well as break up hard corners.

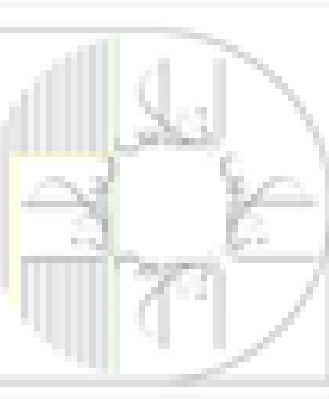
7. The size of worktop slabs will dictate whether a seamless single surface is possible. The standard size for many solid stone materials is 3m x 1.35m, which means that larger islands may have a visible join, though varying the surface materials can be a solution.



8. Pop-up sockets can avoid trailing wires.

9. Remember that installing a sink on the island can lead to unsightly mess and clutter, with dishcloths and washing-up liquid in full view.

10. Consider extraction. Island extractors are commonplace and include downdraught as well as more sculptural ceiling-mounted options.





RANGE COOKERS

Range cookers can provide the dual function of cooking and heating the home. Traditional wood-fired ranges are still available, though gas, electric and oil-fuelled models are more popular. Some models provide hot water too, and nearly all ranges have at least two ovens – or a single large one. ‘Always-on’ models are designed for roasting, baking and simmering, while hob tops offer at least two cooking zones – boiling and simmering. Gas and electric models can have conventional ovens, hobs and grills, with controls to turn on and off instantly, and combinations of these are also available.

Sizes commonly range between 900mm and 1,100mm, although wider models are available – there is a 2,205mm model from French manufacturer Lacanche.

When measuring up for a range, don’t forget to allow space at the back for gas pipes or electrical sockets. Electric range cookers usually require a 32-amp outlet, but some models can operate off a conventional 13-amp plug socket.

Ranges come in a wide selection of colours from muted tones to bold and bright flashes to suit most kitchen styles. Here is a selection of our favourites.



Above: Splash some colour in the kitchen with this orange version of Bertazzoni’s professional 110cm range. With an induction (shown here) or gas hob and electric triple oven, one of which doubles as a grill, it also has a storage drawer for pans and baking trays. Price: £5,579. (uk.bertazzoni.com)



Top: Everhot’s range cookers are now available in this stunning Pillar-Box Red. The electric storage heater range cookers run off a standard 13-amp plug and are highly energy efficient. The 90i model has a two-zone induction hob, and is priced from £7,365. The 120+ has four ovens and four cast iron hot plates. Price: £9,530. (everhot.co.uk)

Above: The 90cm Farmhouse gas range cooker from Belling has two ovens, a five-burner gas hob and a gas grill. A main gas oven is designed for traditional cooking, and there is also an electric fan oven. Price: £1,029. (ao.com)

Left: Available in widths from 1,000mm to 1,200mm and in seven colours, the Mercury range features three ovens, including grill function and an induction hob top. Price: from £4,330. (agaliving.com)



Left: Heritage styling has been twinned with contemporary performance for this 90cm range.

There are five gas burners on the cooktop, and a generous 121-litre capacity electric oven with twin fans. RRP: £3,500 (fisherpaykel.com/uk)

Below: The Professional + 100 FX has drop-down doors, and two oven cavities. The 90cm model has one large oven, and both are available in dual-fuel or all-electric with induction hob. RRP: £2,199. (rangemaster.co.uk)



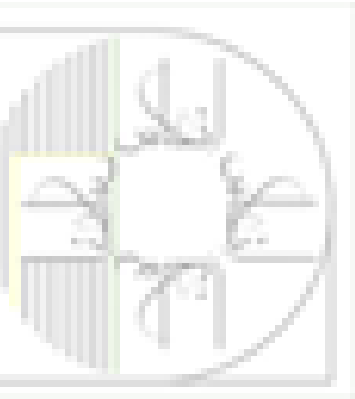
Above: Cook on a wood-fired cooker stove in winter and a gas stove in the summer with the Domino 6 and matching Domino gas cooker. Pictured is the De Manincor Domino 6 wood cooker stove, Domino 7 gas cooker, combination kit, and two-sided hand rail. Price: £5,756. (ludlowstoves.co.uk)



Left: The Beaune range has six gas burners or induction hob, plus two ovens. It's available in 30 striking colours. Price: from £4,600. (lacanche.co.uk)

Far left: Smeg's Victoria range cooker is available in this new Slate shade. The TR103GR 100cm range has either induction or gas hobs and two electric ovens, one of which can be a fan oven. Price: from £2,299. (smeguk.com)

Left: The 13-amp AGA R3 is an electric option that is designed to remain on. It has a choice of two hotplates or induction hob and hotplate, three ovens and high-speed infrared grill. Price: from £7,925. (agaliving.co.uk)



RANGE COOKERS



Above: Touch controls and a motorised fascia allow simple navigation at the swipe or scroll of a finger for this Miele range. The top has seven gas burners including a griddle and wok ring, a standard oven, microwave oven and a warming drawer. Width: 1,220mm. RRP: £16,299. (miele.co.uk)

Above right: Shown here in rich aubergine, this Rayburn 400 Series Heatranger central heating range cooker works with LPG, natural gas and oil. It heats up to 16 radiators, and has a cast iron hob, chrome lids and two ovens. Price: from £5,635. (agaliving.co.uk)

Right: The Flavigny is an impressive 1,805mm wide, and includes two large main ovens which can be gas, electric or fan, and two simmering ovens which can be used for slow cooking. Price: from £10,890. (lacanche.co.uk)



Above: Bertazzoni's 120cm range features six burners and a griddle, with an electric double oven capable of 11 functions including defrosting and pizza oven. Colours include matt black, burgundy and cream, and matching hoods are available. Price: £5,389. (uk.bertazzoni.com)

Left: The Thornhill Ecorange three-oven wood-fired cooker is 1,000mm

wide and has three 52-litre ovens and a double hot plate. The 85 per cent-efficient wood-burner is one of the cleanest burning cookers available on the market. Using just one kilogram of wood per hour, the oven can be heated to 180°C in approximately 30 minutes, providing a cosy 3-5kW. Price: £5,950 including VAT and delivery. (ecorangecooker.co.uk)



Above: The Infusion model from Rangemaster, shown here in Slate, is available in three widths and a choice of dual fuel or induction. This model has two ovens, a grill and five gas burners. Black and stainless steel models are also available. Price: from £1,440 including VAT. (benchmarkkitchens.co.uk)

Left: AGA has added British Racing Green to its colour palette across most models, including this dual-fuel DC3 range, which has three 'always-on' gas ovens, and an electric hotplate that can be turned off when not in use. Price: from £11,020. (agaliving.co.uk)



Above: The Genesi G12FF-4TM 120cm range cooker comes in an array of colours and has four brass burners, a wok burner, electric cast iron fry top, and two electric ovens. Prices: from £8,171. Colours are an additional £430 excluding VAT. (steel-cucine.com)



Above: The Nexus Steam is the only range cooker on the UK market with a dedicated steam oven cavity. This model also features induction technology and is 110cm wide. Available in four colour options: Black, Stainless Steel, Ivory and Slate. RRP £4,999. (rangemaster.co.uk)

Right: Rangemaster's Toledo 110cm dual fuel range cooker features four electric ovens and a six-burner gas hob. Price: £1,699. (ao.com)



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Above: Italian brand De Manincor has been making wood stoves since 1828. The Monoblocco 1800 Classica Modelarte has five gas burners, and a fan-assisted oven with a combination wood-burning oven and hob. Price: £8,982. (ludlowstoves.co.uk)

Left: Boasting five ovens, this Ecorange can be powered by oil, gas or hybrid. It comes in a range of colour finishes, with either stunning mirror polished stainless steel or coloured enamel lids. This Duck Egg Blue enamel model

with stainless steel lids is 1,500mm wide. The oil version is priced from £8,750, and the gas version from £9,750. The wood/electric hybrid is from £8,750 including VAT. (ecorangecooker.co.uk)

Below: The Citeaux is 1,505mm wide and boasts three ovens, including a simmering oven for slow cooking. Build your own spec on the Lacanche website to select colour, trim, oven and hob configuration. It can be powered by natural or LPG gas, or all-electric. Price: from £8,990. (lacanche.co.uk)



The BORA Professional 3.0 is a modular cooktop that can be customised, and comes with a central downdraught extraction system. The extractor automatically adjusts to the cooktop usage and has a noise output of 65dB, with an A++ rating and maximum extraction of 670 m/h on boost setting. Price: from £6,000 + VAT. (bora.com)



EXTRACTORS

The extractor is an essential element for good circulation and keeping the air clean and fresh. It can also be a design statement in its own right, suggests **Louise Parkin**.

No longer merely an understated utilitarian appliance, the cooker hood has become a stylish focal point, with improvements in technology to match. Practicality still drives what will work in a kitchen, with room size, hob location and hob size being the key points to consider.

With the recent hike in energy prices, the running cost is a major consideration, and many extractors achieve an energy rating of A and higher. Extraction rates vary widely and the bigger the room, the more powerful the extractor will need to be. There are two types of extraction, depending on the location of the

BELOW: The Hotpoint 800mm vertical glass hood offers a powerful extraction rate of 713m³/hr. Its vertical design is finished in black glass, and it has a B energy rating, with noise output of 60–68dB. Price: £359.99. (hotpoint.co.uk)



ABOVE: The EZA60 BL is wall-mounted with three speeds, an energy B-rating, an extraction rate of 700m³/h and maximum noise output of 69dB. Price: around £480. (cda.eu)

RIGHT: Elica has launched Super Plat, which has multidirectional fume capture and connects to wifi. It has a maximum airflow of 730m³/h, and can be adjusted through Alexa, Google Home and the Elica smartphone app. The strip LED light can be dimmed. RRP: £1,195. (elica.com)



EXTRACTORS



ABOVE: The central flush-fit downdraft extractor on this Miele KMDA 7634 FL induction hob has an extraction rate of 570m³/h and 69dB noise. RRP: £3,199. (miele.co.uk)

RIGHT MIDDLE: Sensors adjust the speed to suit the level of odours in Bosch's Series 6 angled chimney hood. It's 89cm wide, A-rated, with extraction of up to 714m³/h and 53dB noise level. Price: £889. (ao.com)

RIGHT: The 70cm Luminoso stainless steel canopy hood has a maximum noise level of 67dB, A-rating for energy and lighting, and extraction of 720m³/h. RRP: from £448. (britannia living.co.uk)



A recirculating hood can be fitted almost anywhere, as all filters are contained within the extractor body.

hob in relation to an external wall. A ducted extractor has pipework that expels the steam and odours out of the house. A recirculating hood does not need any ducting; instead it uses a metal filter to extract the grease, and an active carbon filter to absorb the odours. The cleaned air is then recirculated back into the room.

A ducted extractor should be positioned no more than five metres from an external wall, a measurement that reduces by 1.2m for each right-angled bend in the ducting.

A recirculating hood can be fitted almost anywhere, as all filters are contained within the extractor body, and while they are sometimes not as effective as ducted models, they perform satisfactorily.

Rigid ducting kits are available for both high line and downdraft extractors, but flexible hose from a builders' merchant can work just as effectively.

There are a number of cooker hood types, including downdraft extractors, which sit behind or to the side of the hob, or can be integrated within the hob, bisecting the two halves of the cooktop. Some downdraft models rise up out of the worktop, retracting back when not in use. Their powerful suction draws steam and odours into ducting concealed in the cabinetry below, although the further the extractor is from the hob, the less effective it is.

Integrated hoods can be built into cabinetry, blending in with the wider kitchen and maximising storage space around the extractor itself. An angled hood, looking rather like an angled TV screen, is a sleek option that allows greater access to the hob without corners getting in the way.

Ceiling extractors sit flush with the ceiling, and are ideal for islands or for taller homeowners, as sight lines are not interrupted, reducing the risk of bumping your head. They need up to 400mm of space, and are not so efficient in high ceilings.

Traditional canopy hoods can be used with most perimeter-fitted hobs, and should be installed at 750mm above the stove for a gas hob, and 650mm for an electric one.

The rise in popularity of open-plan living/dining/kitchens means that extractor noise can be a problem.



LEFT: The wall-mounted Smart Deco hood from Franke, available in Green (pictured), Soft Grey and Mustard, features a push button rotary control with dimmable LED light bar, and offers an extraction rate up to 650m³/h. It has an energy efficiency rating of A. RRP: £509. (franke.co.uk)



ABOVE: Available in 90cm, 100cm, 110cm and 120cm widths, the Poetico flat hood has square soft-touch controls and is A-rated for both energy and lighting. It has a 66dB max noise level and extraction of 700m³/h. RRP: from £479. (britannialiving.co.uk)

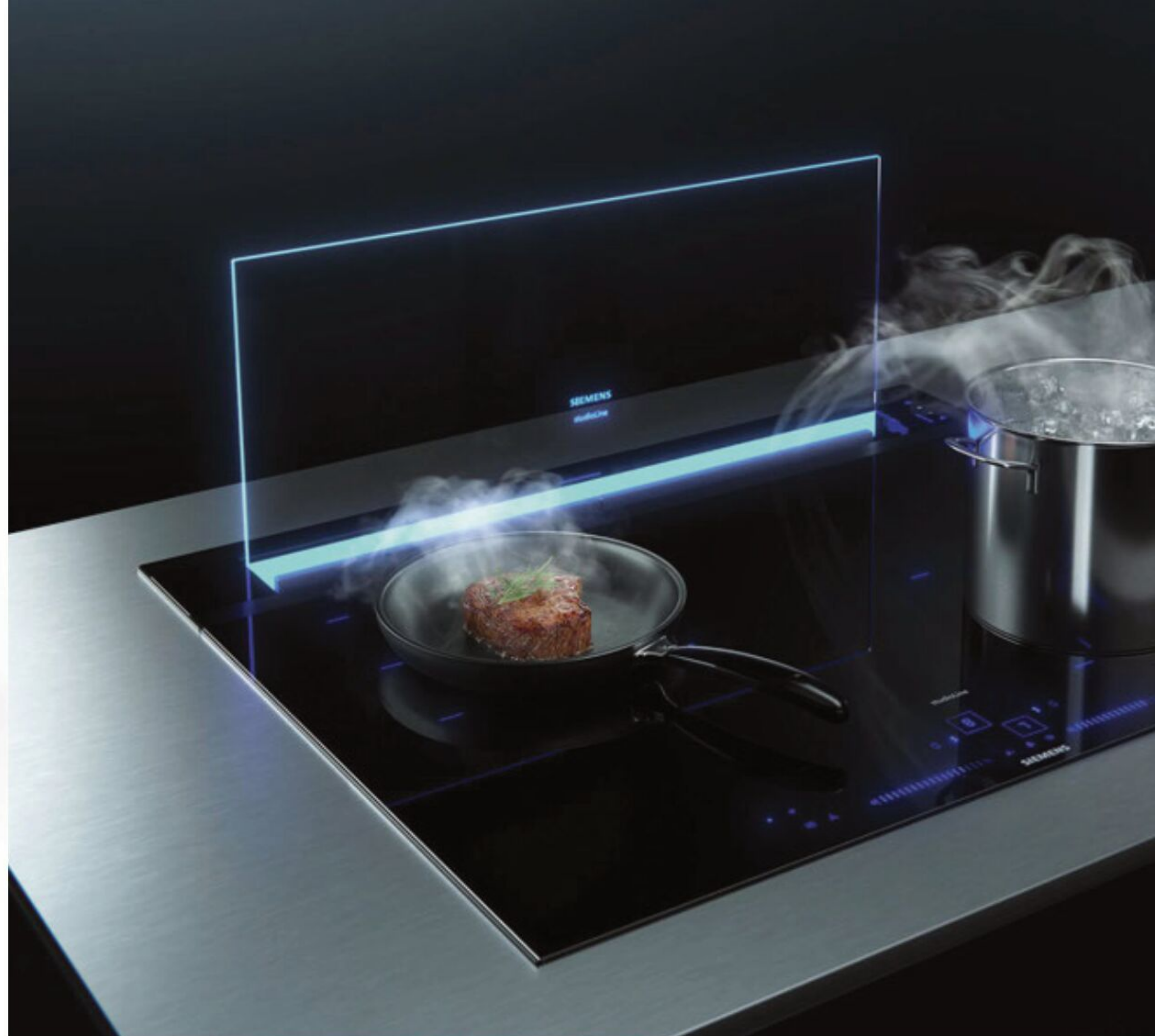
There are a number of quieter models on the market which still perform well. Poppy Szkiller, founder and CEO of Quiet Mark, which promotes quieter appliances and technology in the home, says: "Sound is measured in decibels, which is a logarithmic scale where the sound power doubles every 3dB. As a guide, a whisper is 30dB and a conversation is around 60dB. Investing in world-class acoustic design in the hub of your home is an investment in the health and happiness of your loved ones because sound profoundly affects our stress levels, productivity, brainwaves, heart rate, and all our physical rhythms.

"Cooker hoods can be noisy and the sound level displayed in decibels on the EU energy label will indicate the output at the hood's highest air-draw setting. This should ideally be under 60dB. Opting for a hood with multiple settings offers more noise level choice."



ABOVE: Spanish manufacturer Pando's i-897 Cristal is available in 180cm as standard, as well as 90cm and 120cm. Extraction rates vary depending on the motor selected. Through proprietary technology the extractor automatically switches on when it detects steam and odours from the cooktop. Price: from £2,999. (pandouk.com)

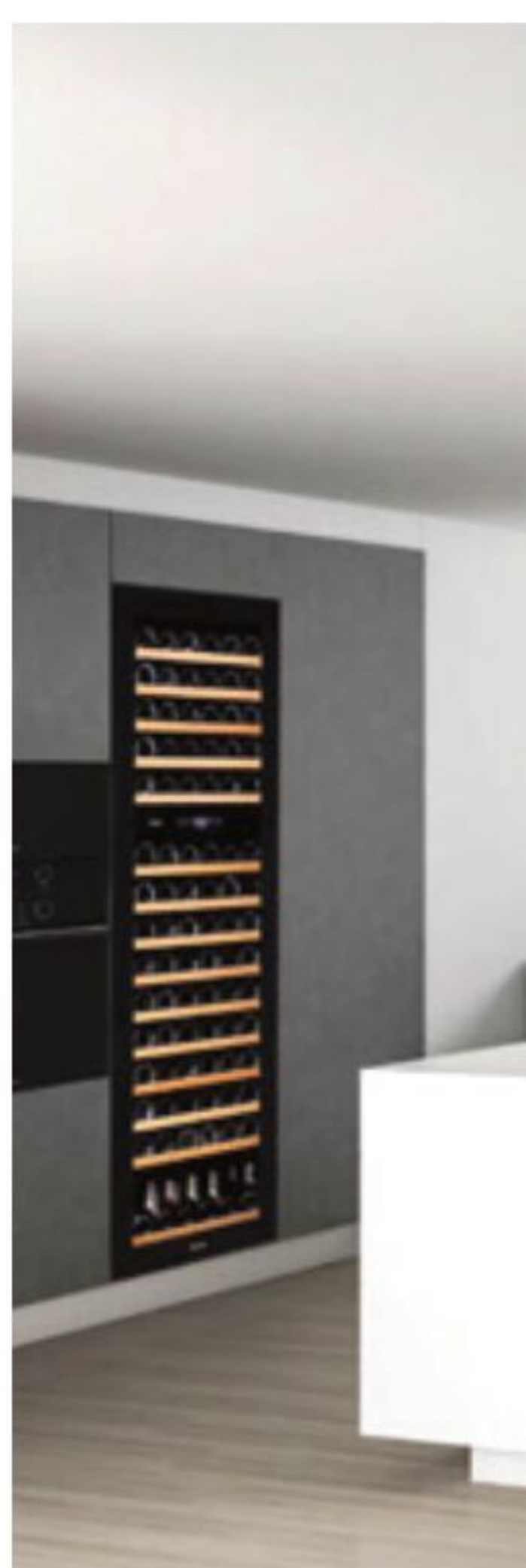
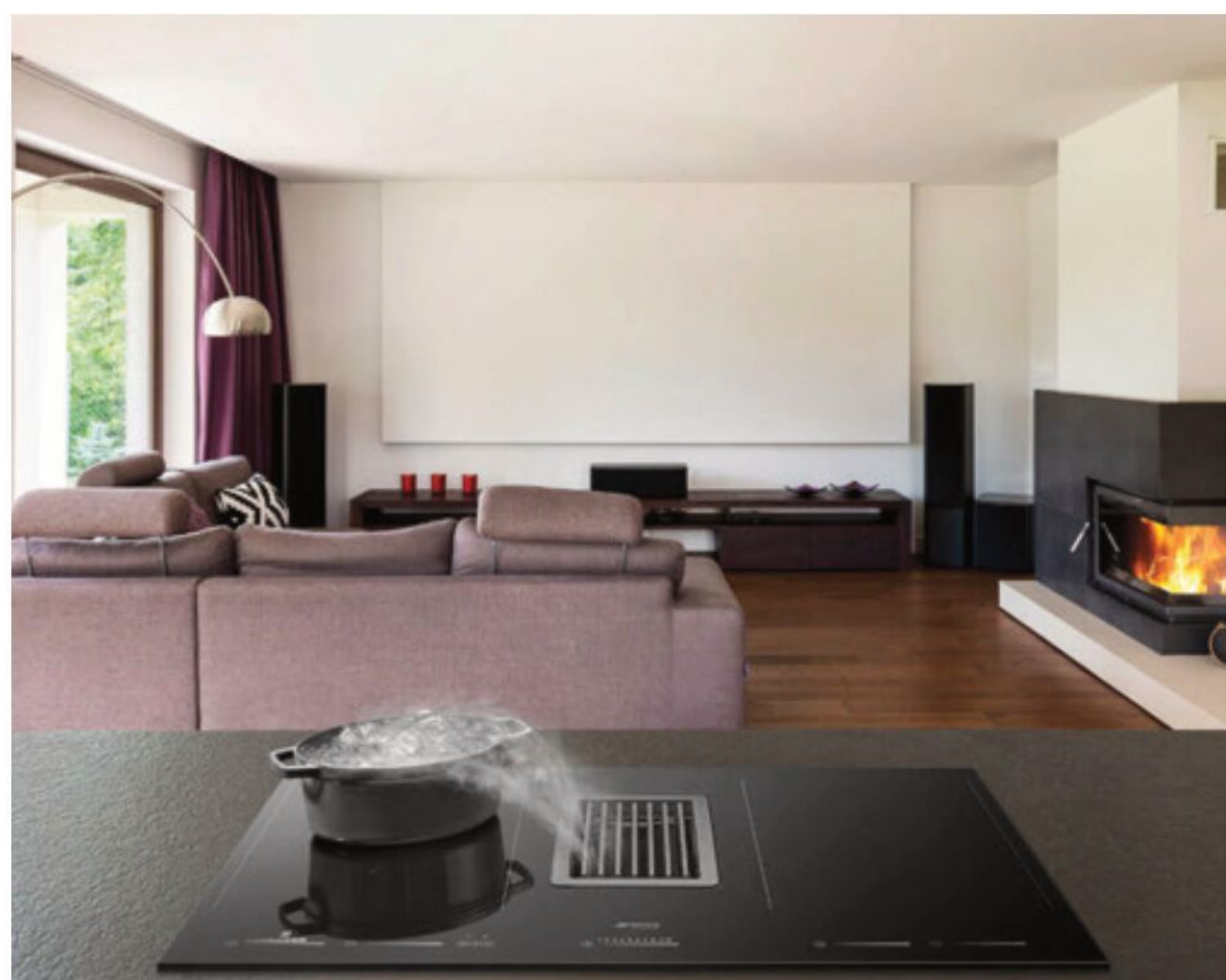
RIGHT: Italian brand Smeg has launched the Hobd4 one-piece hood and hob combo with easy-to-use compact slider control. Available in a full black glass, Hobd4 also features Smart Auto Pot Recognition which activates controls automatically when a pot is placed on it. Price: £1,189. (smeguk.com)



ABOVE: Siemens' iQ700 downdraught extractor with clear glass panel allows for uninterrupted views across the kitchen. Extraction is accurate thanks to Siemens' new GuidedAir technology, and the extraction rate is 416m³/h on normal setting, and 775m³/h on the intensive setting. The hood can be controlled via Siemens' Home Connect app. RRP: £2,349. (siemens-home.bsh-group.com/uk)



LEFT: The 90cm Whirlpool W Collection downdraught hood benefits from a 603m³/h boosted air flow and is suitable for both ducted and recirculation. Finished in black glass with a brushed, black stainless steel trim, the downdraught extractor boasts a sleek, minimalist design to blend seamlessly into the worktop. Price: £1,299. (whirlpool.co.uk)



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Silent night

These cooker hoods are in the top 20 per cent for quiet operation, as approved by Quiet Mark, an independent global certification programme that identifies the quietest products in the appliances and technology markets. Novy's Pure Line (above) achieves a noise output of just 55dB at level three, and just 59dB on power boost. Falmec's NRS collection, including the Zenith hood (below), features the company's patented Noise Reduction System and achieves just 45dB at level three, and 53dB on power boost. (quietmark.com)



TOP: The Maris Free hood from Franke has a textured metallic glass finish, an extraction rate of 570m³/h at intensive speed and an A energy rating. RRP: £1,131. (franke.co.uk)

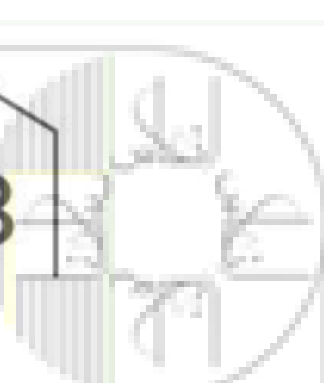
ABOVE: Designed by Fabrizio for Elica, the Lullaby is an architectural ceiling hood with in-built lighting. Made with finishes of white lacquered wood and stainless steel or natural oak and white soft-touch effect, the ducted or recirculating hood achieves 770m³/h for the ducted model

(53dB) and 483m³/h for the recirculating model (64dB). Price: from £1,820. (elica.co.uk)

BELOW LEFT: Pando's E-237 flush ceiling extractor does not interrupt the eyeline above an island and is perfect for larger kitchens. Available in stainless steel, white, white glass or any RAL colour, the hood has a slide-down mechanism for easier maintenance and cleaning. Different extraction rates are available. Price: from around £2,900. (pandouk.com)



LEFT: The Miele Generation 7000 DA7078 Aura 3.0 is a recirculation cooker hood, suspended by three ultra-slim filigree cords which cleverly conceal the power supply. Cooking odours and grease are efficiently filtered through a 10-layer stainless steel filter. It can be integrated with Miele's induction hob to operate automatically, turning off when the hob is no longer in use. RRP: £3,749. (miele.co.uk)



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This warm copper-finish island cooker hood from Caple can be remotely operated. The Zalto ZAL48CO island hood has a recirculation rate of 550m³/h and a maximum noise level of 63dB. Price: £1,300. (caple.co.uk)

RIGHT: Perfect for limited budgets, the Indesit Aria 600mm cooker hood has an angled design, allowing access without protruding corners getting in the way. Extraction rate: 647m³/hr, maximum noise level: 70dB. RRP: £199. (indesit.co.uk)

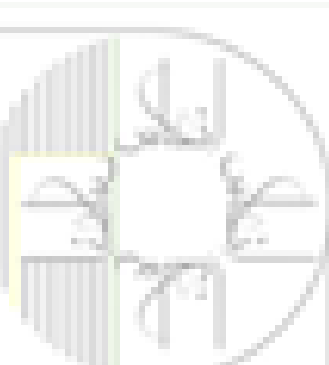
BELOW RIGHT: Neff's 92cm downdraught cooker hood retracts into the worktop when not in use, and has a low-noise motor, a boost mode and maximum extraction of 750m³/h. Price: £1,599. (ao.com)

BELOW: Hotpoint's 900mm box chimney cooker hood PHBS9.8CLTDK has four speed settings, a black glass finish, an extraction rate of 713 m³/hr, and a noise level of 62-72dB. A visual clean filter indication specifies when the filters need cleaning. Price: around £849.99. (hotpoint.co.uk)



RIGHT: Brushed stainless steel and glass combine in Innocenti's Inox 60cm Isola Icon cooker hood, which extracts at 627m³/hr, and noise 74dB. Price: £349.99. (myappliances.co.uk)

BELOW: Made of black glass and stainless steel, Bertazzoni's Modern Series 90cm inclined hood has an A+ energy rating, 700m³/h extraction, 70dB and a saturation alarm. Price: £799. (uk.bertazzoni.com)



A light grey Corian worktop and a brushed steel cantilevered island create this contemporary kitchen decor. Prices start from £2,000 for the worktop. (enmasseinteriors.co.uk)

WORKTOPS

A kitchen worktop is a major investment which, hopefully, will serve you well for years to come. Consider your needs before you make a purchase. For example, how often will it be used and how simple is it to clean and maintain? Your choice of materials is important.

Measure up carefully. Ideally, the worktop should slightly overhang the units, as this will prevent any spillages running down cupboards. A thin profile will add a sense of sophistication, while a chunkier worktop suggests quality.

Timber is a classic choice and comes in many varieties, from maple and oak to beech and walnut. Naturally warm and attractive, it will last a long time and improve with age but requires regular maintenance. Laminate is popular and cost effective, simple to install and available in a wide range of colours, designs and finishes, from matt to gloss. Made from high-density chipboard and coated in plastic laminate, it can mimic other effects like wood and granite to fit any decor, but is not as heat resistant as other materials.

Stainless steel is a hygienic, durable and stain-resistant option. Although easy to clean, it can be noisy and will scratch over time. For anyone wanting to create a cosy atmosphere in their kitchen, this more clinical material may not be ideal.

Granite and quartz are strong and durable. Granite is natural and easy to clean but is porous so it will need to be sealed occasionally. Quartz is a man-made engineered stone formed by combining ground quartz (a natural hard mineral) with resins, polymers and pigments. This forms a hard non-porous surface that works particularly well in modern schemes, but can be expensive.

Alternative options include Hi-Macs, a sustainable composition of acrylic, minerals and natural pigments which form a strong, smooth and seamless surface, available in a wide range of colours. Similarly, Corian is synthetic. Made from acrylic resins, it can be moulded to any shape and is sleek and hygienic. Although stain resistant, it can scratch over time, so bear this in mind if your worktop will be in constant use.



Above: The Fenix NTM worktop has a lacquered appearance. Soft to touch and easy to clean, it is shown here in Bromine Grey as part of the Mood kitchen which is priced from £10,000. (scavolini.design)

Left: The Lundhs Antique worktop is made from Anorthosite. Naturally heat, scratch, water, UV and stain resistant, it is priced from £970 per sqm. (lundhsrealstone.com)



Above: Bespoke kitchens from the Main Company start from £25,000 and are available with a variety of worktop styles, including reclaimed oak and stainless steel, encaustic tiles and zinc, as pictured here. (maincompany.com)

Right: Stainless steel surfaces from Franke are available in PureSteel and FineSteel, in thicknesses from the ultra-slim 4mm. Shown here is the PearlFinish worktop. Price on application. (franke.co.uk)



Below: This Carboton laminate worktop contains an in-built Kaelo champagne cooler. Price on application. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)



Above and below: Caesarstone quartz worktops are shown here in Excava, priced from £800 per sqm, and Topus Concrete, priced from £550 per sqm. Caesarstone is a durable surface, impervious to stains, scratches and cracks, and highly heat and cold resistant. (caesarstone.co.uk)



Above: This worktop and splashback are made from Neolith, a sintered stone consisting of a mixture of minerals and natural oxides. Shown in Calatarao, featuring an intense dark grey colour and shiny golden veins, it is available in a silk finish in a variety of sizes and thicknesses. Price on application. (neolith.com)



Above: The Bianco Macaubas Quartzite worktop is part of the Metallics Collection kitchen. Harder than granite with rich, marble-like veining, it works well with a moulded sink. Price on application. (ledburystudio.com)

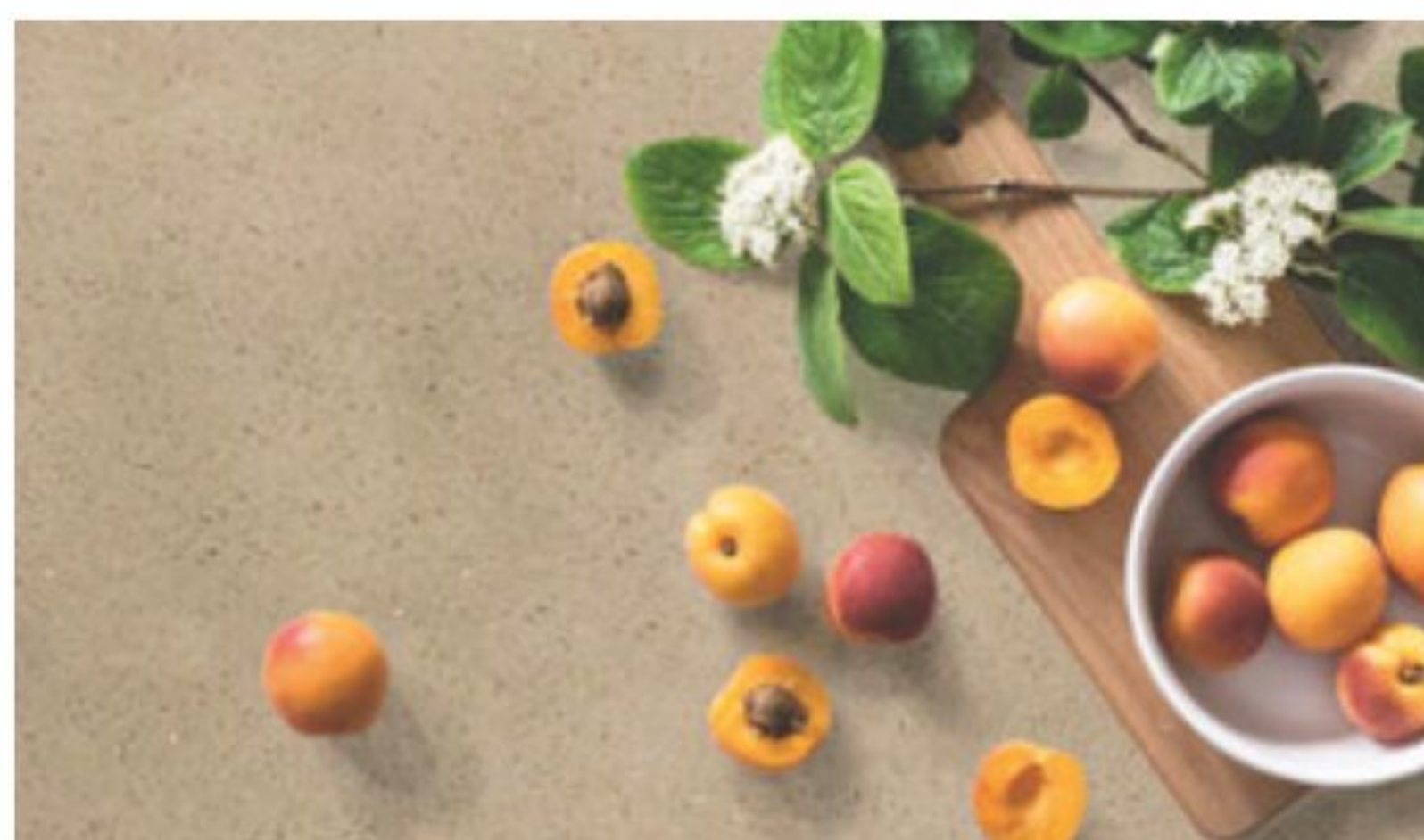
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Above: This LiberaMente kitchen features a 12mm Jaipur Red Fenix NTM laminate with Dune Oak veneer. Easy to clean and durable, small scratches can be removed by applying heat, leaving the surface like new. Complete kitchens are priced from £10,000. (scavolini.design)

Below: The worktops shown here are made from Quartzite with a 30mm thick Cielo finish. Prices range from £550 to £3,600 per sqm. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)

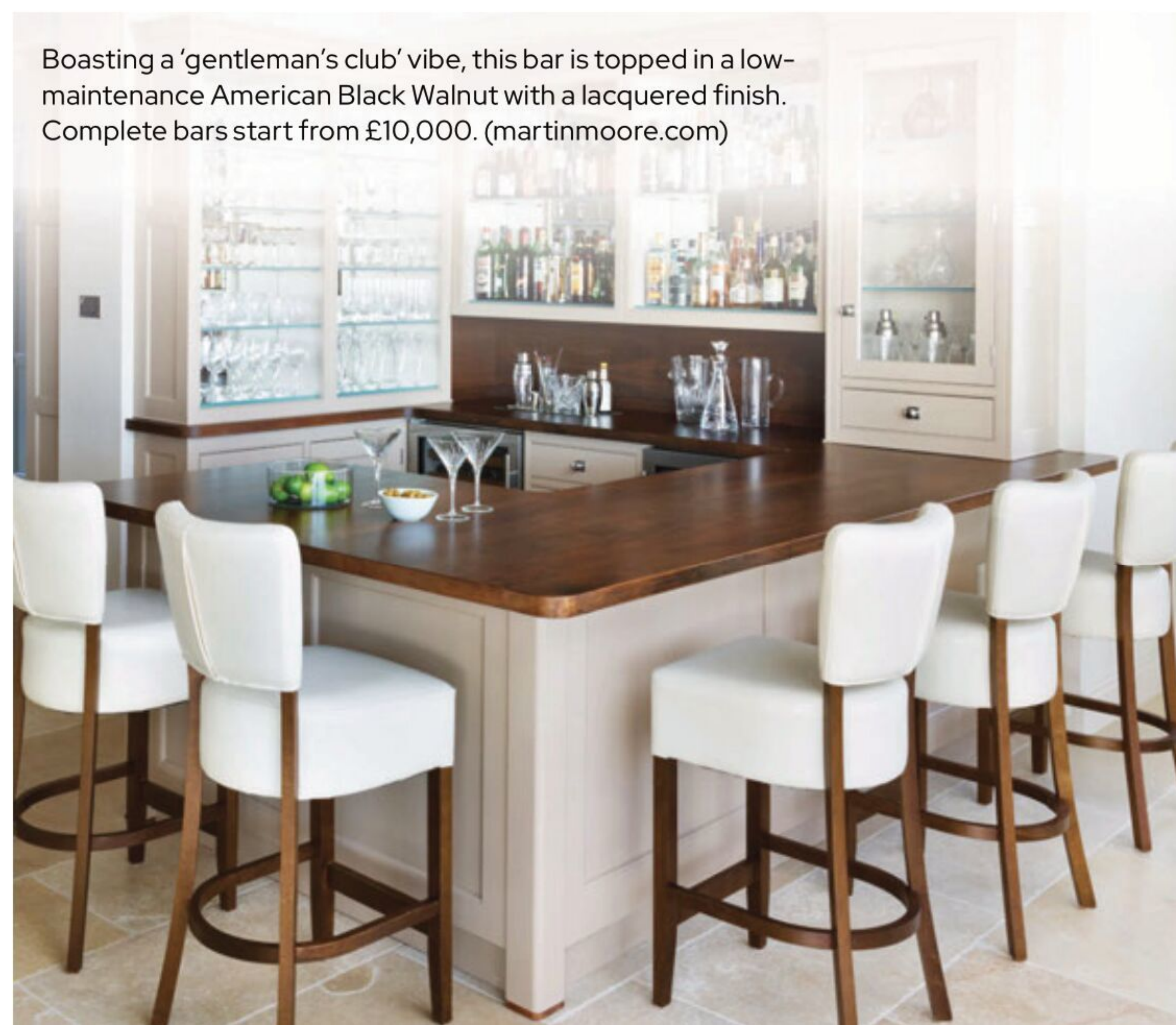
Below: Made from a combination of natural minerals and thermosetting acrylic polymers, Staron is an extremely hygienic and durable choice for a kitchen worktop. Shown here are Tempest Genesis and Tempest Mystic, which display patterns of natural stone with light-reflecting chips. Prices start from £350 per sqm. (staron.com)



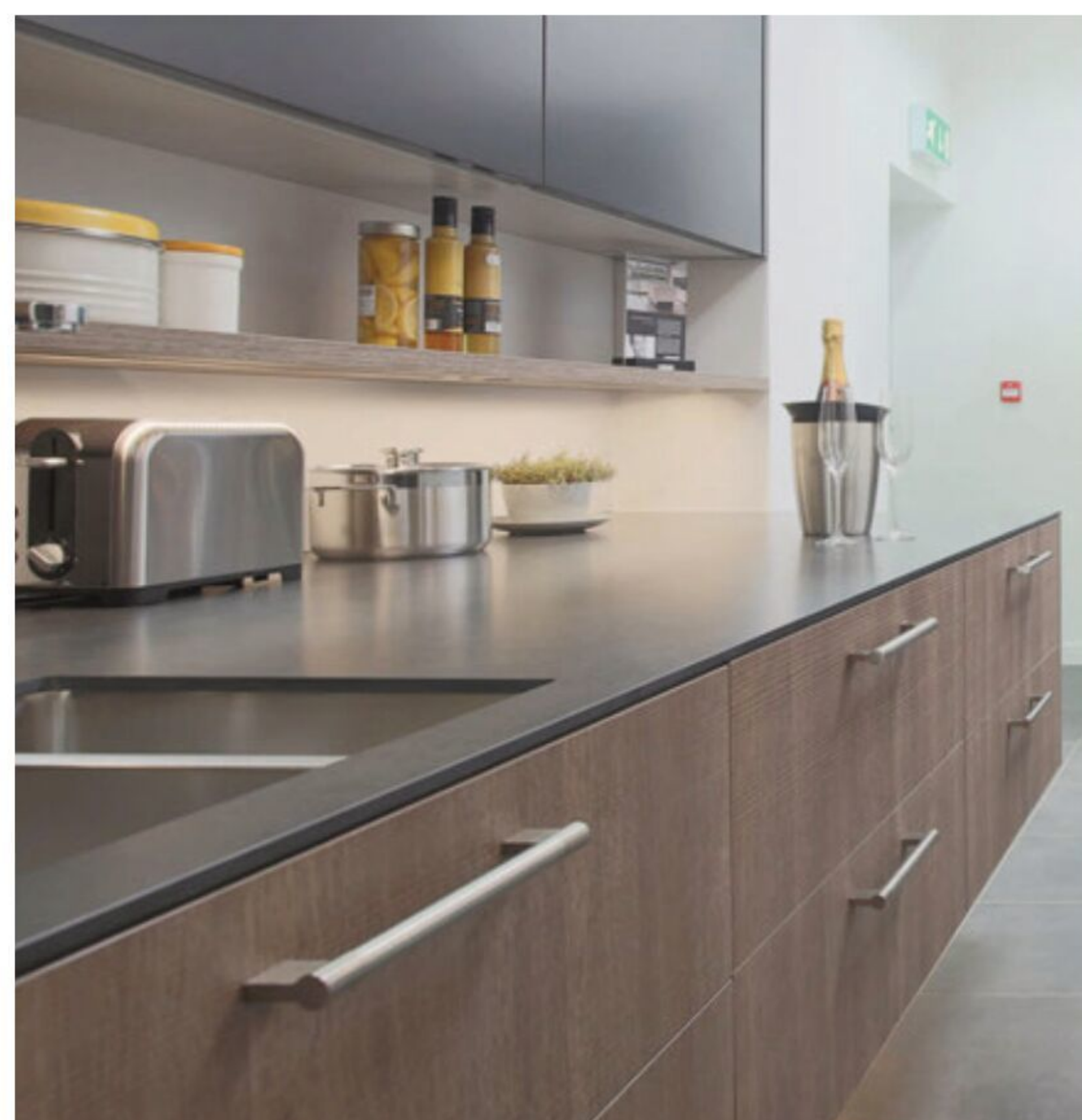
Left: The Avant-Garde series embraces designs inspired by natural stones. Shown here is Khalo, which features a complex pattern made up of intense blacks, pale golds and toasted browns, similar to its inspiration, Patagonia Granite, one of the world's most sought-after stones. This ultra-compact surface has a high-shine finish, thanks to Dekton XGloss technology and is exceptionally resistant to scratches and heat. Prices start from £450 per sqm. (cosentino.com)



Left: Shell is part of the new Liquid collection by Dekton by Cosentino, designed in collaboration with Patternity. Inspired by Liquid, Shell is influenced by the gentle ebb and flow of the ocean, with new textures and smooth surfaces created with each passing current. Its pearlescent shade is an off-white with a rippling pattern, and its resistance to scratches and heat makes it ideal for kitchen worktops. Prices start from £450 per sqm. (cosentino.com)



Boasting a 'gentleman's club' vibe, this bar is topped in a low-maintenance American Black Walnut with a lacquered finish. Complete bars start from £10,000. (martinmoore.com)



Above: This galley kitchen features ultra-thin 10mm laminate worktops in Ouro Preto with black edging. Price: £349.13 per metre for a piece measuring 1,000mm up to 700mm deep. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)

Below: Stain-resistant, hygienic and durable, Corian worktops are available in more than 100 colours, shown here in Neutral Aggregate, boasting cool, pale tones. Prices start from £735 per linear metre. (corian.uk)



Right: Radianz is a sustainable quartz surface offering the beauty of natural stone with the scratch- and heat-resistant qualities of high-quality quartz. Shown here in Acadia Brown, it costs from £280 per sqm. (radianzquartz europe.com)



The Glacier White 38mm Corian worktop gives this kitchen a bright and airy feel. Price on application. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)



PICTURE: JEN HASLAM

Above and below: Available in three colour ranges, including natural whites, cool greys and modern blacks, Aria is an alternative to natural and engineered stone. Shown here in Polar White and Neo Tornado, it is engineered in an ultra-slim 12mm or classic 20mm thickness. Prices start from £300. (formica.com)



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Left: An alternative to natural timber worktops, UrbanTop laminate surfaces from Mereway Kitchens require minimal maintenance. Shown here in Tobacco Oak with Cashmere Gloss. POA. (mereway.co.uk)

Below: The Storm iTop by Inalco is a porcelain slab measuring 150cm x 320cm in a choice of three thicknesses: 12mm, 6mm or 4mm. It is available as a smooth natural surface or a high-gloss polished finish in Gres or Negro (pictured). Prices from £400 per sqm including fabrication. (bstoneuk.co.uk)



The Berwyn 30mm Quartz worktop shown here boasts a grey and white marbled effect. Price on application. (brandtdesign.co.uk)



Here a Silestone worktop in Lyra is paired with a solid wooden inlay chopping board for separate food preparation. Price on application. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)

Right: The Roux kitchen is shown here with a Prouve Light Grey Gloss worktop. Price on application. (rouxkitchens.com)

Below: Hi-Macs is a hard-wearing, easy-maintenance material, shown here in Emerald from the Lucent collection. Prices start from £300 per linear metre. (himacs.eu)



KITCHEN TAPS



Thanks to the innovative SmartControl feature on this Essence tap, the water flow is controlled by a button at the end of the spout. The water temperature can be adjusted via the mixing valve on the body. Price: from £434.40. (grohe.co.uk)

Top right: The Cooke & Lewis Kloey rubber neck polished chrome-effect and black tap has a similar function to pull-out taps, with a flexible hose for spraying. Price: £115.

GoodHome Kitchens, available at B&Q. (diy.com)

Right: Shunning the trend for mass production, Perrin & Rowe manufactures its brassware in small batches. The Alsace mixer is a country-style tap requiring three tap holes, shown here in nickel. Price: £666.48. (perrinandrowe.co.uk)

Bottom right: This chic four-in-one tap produces instant boiling water as well as fresh cold filtered water, with a capacity to hold up to 2.4 litres. It works with high and low water pressure and comes in brushed gold, matt black and stainless steel finishes. Price: £495. (lussostone.com)



Make a bold statement in the kitchen with your choice of taps. New technology means they are easier to use than ever.

Kitchen tap buyers a decade ago might have been frustrated with the lack of choice and finishes, limited to effects like chrome or brushed nickel. Today's homeowners have no such limitations. A wide choice of metallic finishes include antique brass, copper, rose gold, and a number of silver options in brushed and glossy coatings. On top of that, there is a strong trend for matt black, along with brighter colours to introduce modernity and playfulness to the kitchen.

Enhanced tech features mean that the water can be turned on with the touch of a button or even pressing a wrist or arm against the spout. Temperature limits for hot water can be set, and childproof valves can ensure little fingers don't get burnt.

One of the biggest trends in the market, however, is the growing popularity of the boiling water tap. Now on the wishlist for many selfbuilders, they are a firm favourite in modern kitchens. Along with dispensing piping hot water, many also provide cold filtered and sparkling water. Some include normal hot and cold mixed water as well, combining every function into one tap.

Connected to mains power, the units have a tank – usually between 1.5 and three litres – that sits under the sink. The water tank is well insulated and requires little energy to heat. Some tanks have temperature controls, offering more flexibility, while standard models usually operate at around 98°C.

Although they do use less energy than a kettle, claims that they are cheaper than boiling a kettle may be misleading. Which? says: "Our analysis shows that a hot water tap could cost you more than 20 times as much as a Best Buy kettle, despite using less energy, based on one year's use alone."

However, buying a three-in-one tap that combines hot and cold mixed water with a boiling facility, or even a four-in-one tap that also supplies filtered cold water, does away with the need for a separate kitchen tap for the conventional hot and cold supply, bringing costs down. Putting financial considerations aside, opting for a hot water tap can bring other benefits. There is no longer any waiting for the kettle to boil, plus the water is often filtered, and therefore tastes better.

Before purchasing any kitchen tap – boiling or otherwise – it is essential to check that your water pressure system is compatible. Many require at least one bar of pressure.

Ceramic disc technology is another worthwhile consideration as it ensures smooth operation with less likelihood of leaks. The other thing to consider is the number of installation holes required in the worktop.

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Left and above: Thermasure dual protection anti-scald taps provide safe temperature water. It works like any regular tap but limits the maximum temperature to 45°C. It also closes off hot water to the tap in the event of cold water failure, and is ideal for households with young children. Price: from £130. (notjusttaps.co.uk)

Right: The Hawei tap has a pull-down nozzle ideal for rinsing pots and pans, and a ceramic cartridge for smooth operation. The tap operates at six litres per minute in order to reduce water use. Price: £228. (methven.com)

Below: The 4OUR Swan brushed copper four-in-one instant boiling water tap has an Apex tank with LED display and adjustable temperature. It's also available in several other finishes. Price: £749. (intuboiltingwatertaps.co.uk)



Above right: Perrin & Rowe Mayan pillar taps in aged brass shown here in a Harvey Jones Shaker kitchen. (harveyjones.com)

Right: A built-in Brita filter on this three-way tap ensures less limescale and great tasting water. Two designs are available, round and rectangular, both in brushed stainless steel dispensing hot, cold and filtered water. Price: £483. (brita.co.uk)

Far right: The Focus M41 single-lever kitchen mixer 240 has a pull-out spray, two spray modes, and a choice of finishes, including chrome, stainless steel and matt black. Price: £480. (hansgrohe.co.uk)





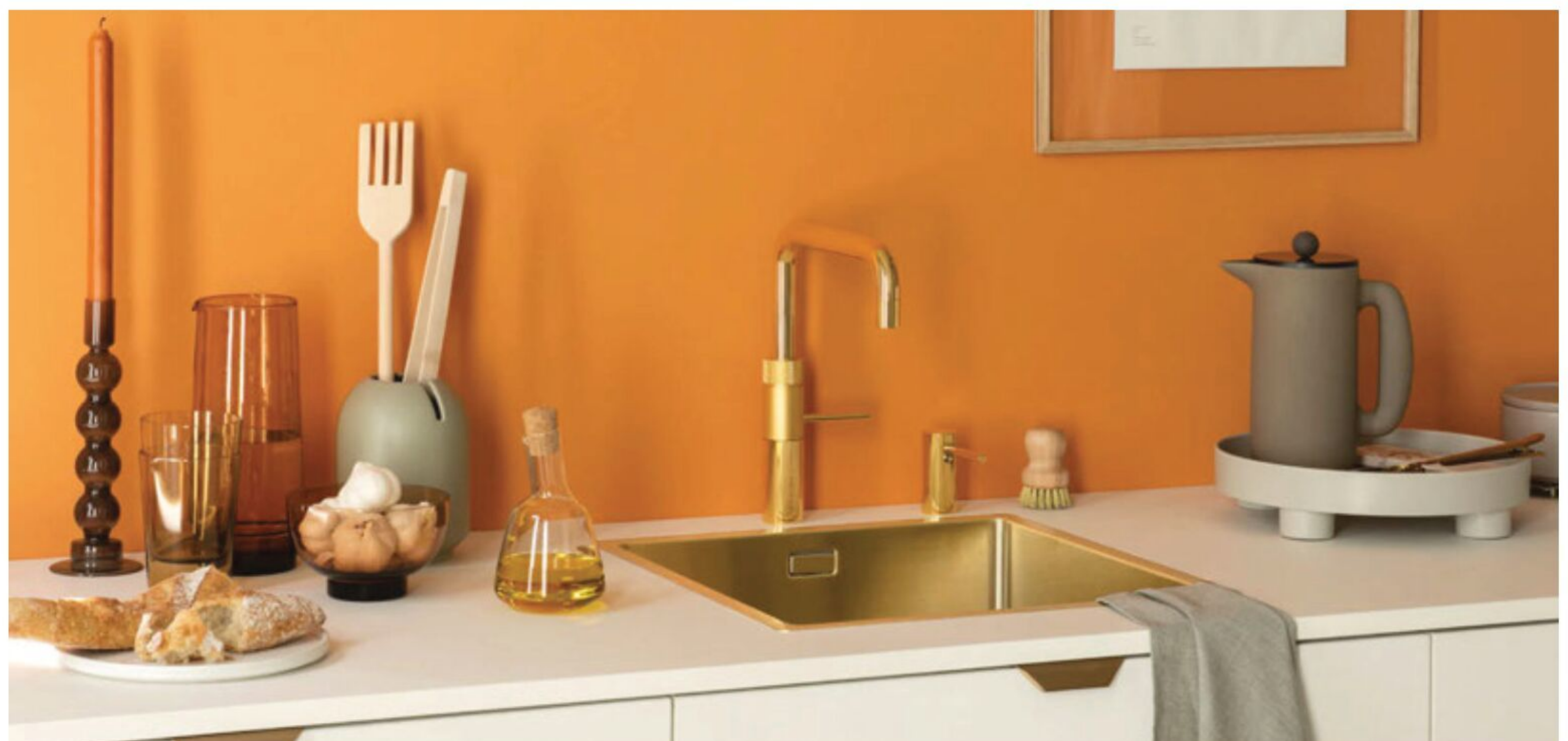
Above: This mono kitchen mixer is part of Butler & Rose's hard-wearing brassware collection, with an elegant brushed nickel finish. This budget option is priced at £69.99. (tapwarehouse.com)

Left: With its beautifully curvaceous

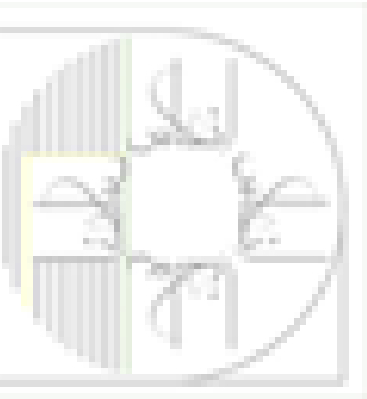
contours, the Tinkisso Colour Pop contemporary kitchen tap is available in a range of fun colours, including white and pink, which are new additions. Price: £99.99 (dowsingandreynolds.com)

Above right: The HC330 tap

dispenses both filtered steaming hot water and filtered ambient cold water, operated by a single lever. The NeoTank features a digital adjustable thermostat, and it's available in brushed steel and polished chrome. Price: from £699.99. (insinkerator.co.uk)



Quooker's all-in-one smart taps offer hot, cold, boiling, chilled, filtered and sparkling water. This is the Fusion square in gold (above, price: from £2,020) and Flex in stainless steel (below, price: from £1,300), which has a pull-out hose. (quooker.co.uk)



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Left: Intu Evolution Expression three-in-one boiling water tap has a Solo tank, keeping the water at a steady 98°C. Available in a range of finishes, including Midnight Black with Bronze. Price: £399. (intuboilingwatertaps.co.uk)

Right and below right: The 3N1 hot water tap dispenses filtered steaming hot water safely, as well as regular hot and cold options. It comes with a 2.5 litre tank that features a digital, adjustable thermostat that enables the temperature of water in the tank to be set anywhere between 88°C and 99°C. It's available in a number of finishes and in L or J shape spout. Price: from £729.99. (insinkerator.co.uk)



A detachable multifunction spray on the Harbour Acclaim tap has a braided hose, and is useful for spraying down the sink as well as cleaning vegetables. Price: £89.99. (tapwarehouse.com)

Below: The Zedra Touch's water flow is activated by touching the spout with the wrist or forearm. It features BladeSpray, one of three spray functions, selected via a button on the underside of the spout. This is a condensed spray that cuts through dirt and grease whilst using 70 per cent less water. RRP: £813.36. (grohe.co.uk)

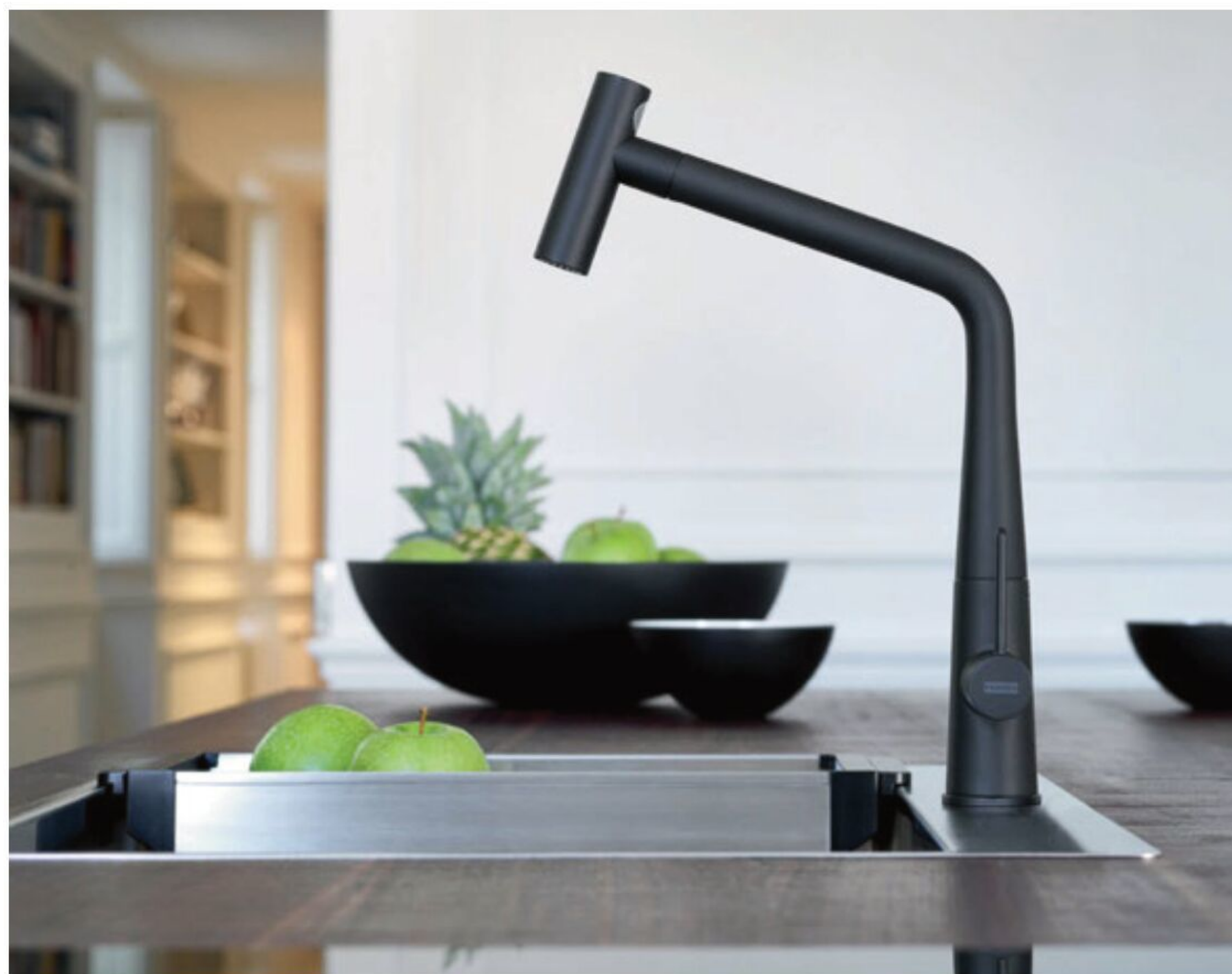


Below: The new Armstrong mixer combines an industrial aesthetic with balance and proportion. Available in a choice of eight finishes, it features a 40cm pull-down rinse that is released from the end of the spout. Price: £692.88. (perrinandrowe.co.uk)



Above: With pull-out spray and two spray modes, the Metris Select M71 single-lever kitchen mixer 320 has an sBox, a device which sits below the counter and helps to retract the hose back to its starting position. Price: £962. (hansgrohe.co.uk)

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Above: The spout of the Essence Professional tap turns through 360°, while the pull-down professional spray head has two options – a standard spray and powerful jet spray. It extends across the width of a double sink. The solid metal spray head retracts easily into the base, guided back into place by a powerful magnet. RRP: £668.30. (grohe.co.uk)

Above right: The Icon pull-out double jet shower tap has a sculptural, slim body, adjustable pull-out black hose and single or double jet for more power. Price: £519 including VAT. (franke.co.uk)

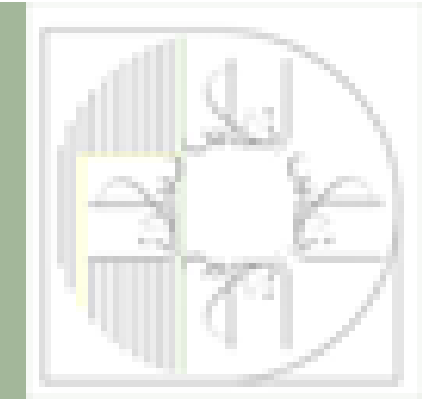
Right: Finished in chrome, the Axor Montreux Semi-Pro is a single lever kitchen mixer with a hose that detaches from the main tap, making short work of cleaning down the sink. Price: £575. (hansgrohe.co.uk)

Far right: Cooke & Lewis Hannoki polished chrome-effect tap has a side lever that controls the flow of water and mixes hot and cold water for the ideal temperature. Price: £86. (diy.com)



Left: Tubist is a range of taps with flowing shapes and fluid form. Available in special finishes including Matt Black, Polished Copper and Brushed Nickel, the Tubist Professional has a detachable pull-around spray. RRP: £449. (abode.eu)

Right: Sherrard deck mixer taps mean hot and cold water can be mixed manually, and require two tap holes in the sink. The traditional tap is from the GoodHome Kitchens range at B&Q. Price: £78. (diy.com)





Cast in 80 per cent quartz and 20 per cent acrylic resin and hardener composite material, the K700 undermounted sink range is resistant against stains, scratches and heat. It has a bowl depth of 20cm and comes in Granite Black or Granite Grey. The range features Grohe Whisper technology, which reduces pipe noise. Price: £268.80. (grohe.co.uk)

SINKS

The kitchen is one of the main considerations in a new home. Everything needs to be in the right place to make life as convenient as possible in what is usually the busiest room. And it's not just the layout that demands attention – you also need the right equipment, and that includes the all-important sink.

Give consideration to how you will use your sink. A two-bowl model can be extremely useful for keen cooks, providing space to rinse and wash vegetables and empty large pans. If space is at a premium try a 1.5 bowl option. This consists of a full-size bowl alongside a smaller half bowl.

The choice of style and material will depend on personal taste.

Ceramic farmhouse sinks suit traditional schemes but may take up a lot of space, while stainless steel, composite quartz or granite are more modern, hard-wearing and antibacterial. Stainless steel is the most popular choice, thanks to its durability and resistance against chips, stains and cracks.

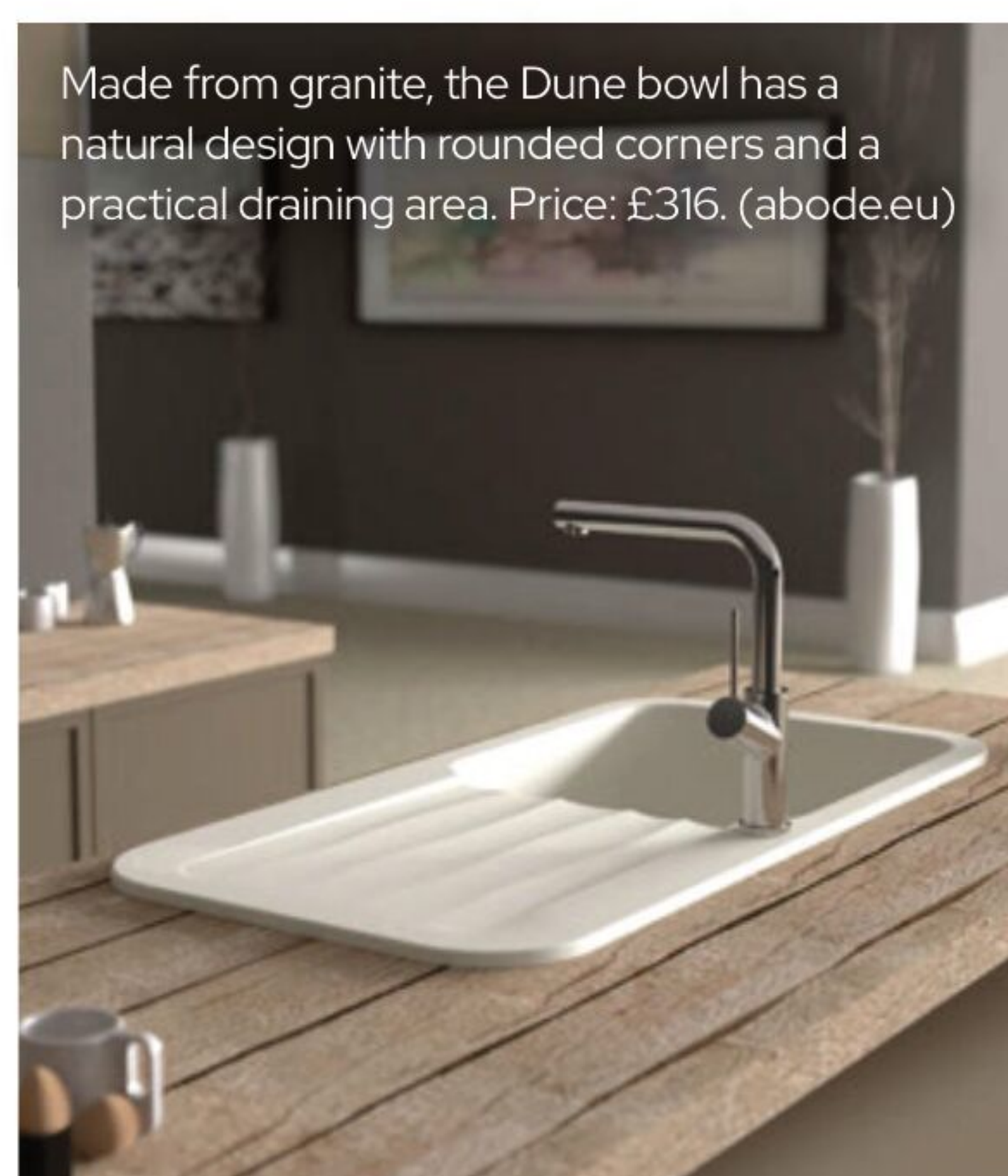
An undermounted sink is installed directly under the counter, while an inset model is fitted on top, with the rim sitting just above the counter. For a sleeker look, the easy-to-clean flush-mounted sink sits level with the worktop.

Contrasting sink and worktop materials make it stand out, while a seamless finish is achieved if the same surface is used throughout.



Above: Ideal for smaller kitchens, the Studio sink is supplied with a strainer, colander and mini bowl. Made from high-quality stainless steel, it can be inset or undermounted and features small radius bowl corners for easy cleaning and increased hygiene. Price: from £499. (abode.eu)

Left: The Ingot 1.5-bowl right-drainer sink is made from stainless steel for stain, corrosion and rust resistance. It comes pre-fitted with Easyfit tap base and costs £320. (bristan.com)



Made from granite, the Dune bowl has a natural design with rounded corners and a practical draining area. Price: £316. (abode.eu)





Above: Available in a selection of colours, the built-in Subway ceramic sink is shown here in Midnight Blue. Highly resistant to scratches, cracks and chips, the single-bowl model measures 600mm x 510mm and costs from £348. (villeroy-boch.com)

Left: Shown here in Stone, the S510 built-in sink is made from SilicaTec and features one main bowl and a second smaller bowl. It measures 750mm x 490mm and also comes in Graphite Black and Concrete Grey. Price: £423. (hansgrohe.co.uk)

Right: Hausys has launched a new collection of Hi-Macs sinks and basins comprising 18 different models. The flush undermount design achieves a seamless installation when combined with a Hi-Macs work surface. This hygienic material is priced from £300 per linear metre. (himacs.eu)

Below: This Farmhouse Belfast fireclay ceramic sink has an Anthracite finish and measures 595mm x 455mm. Price: £375. (rangemaster.co.uk)

Below right: The Integrity Q sink, created using a single piece of Silestone, measures 410mm x 510mm x 175mm and is highly resistant to scratches and stains. Shown here in marble-inspired Calacatta Gold, it is also available in Blanco Zeus. Prices start from £500. (the1810company.co.uk)



Above: Available in three sizes, the KWC Era 810-72 sink sits flush with any work surface, discreetly marked out by a 4.5mm ultra-thin rim with a high gloss finish. It features a bevelled square waste cover, an invisible ghost overflow and premium teak and stainless steel strainer bowl and chopping board. The model shown is priced at: £1,235. (kwctaps.co.uk)



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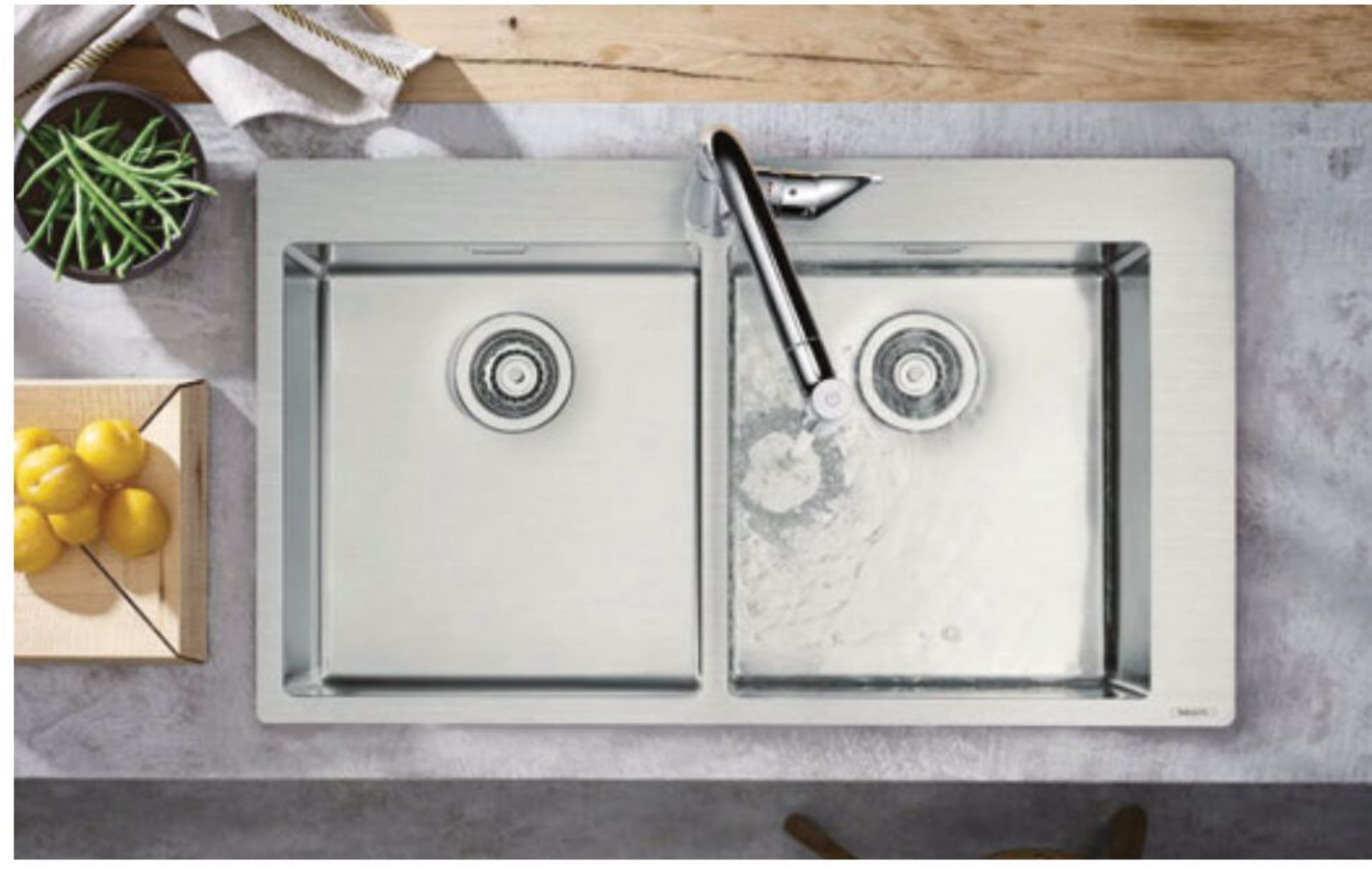
Above: Pictured here in Copper Grey, the Fresno sink also comes in metallic shades of Copper Gold, Sterling Silver and Lunar Grey. Made from hard-wearing Fraganite, it comes with a handy Rollamat drainer and is priced at £598. (franke.co.uk)

Left: The Cooke & Lewis Ising single-bowl sink is made from lightweight but sturdy resin, with the appearance of composite quartz. Measuring 500mm x 210mm, it comes with one tap hole and a reversible drainer. Price: £94. (diy.com)

Right: This ceramic farmhouse-style flush-mounted sink measures 595mm x 475mm x 220mm. It is made from fine fireclay with a hygienic glazed surface, and comes complete with a 90mm chrome waste outlet. Price: £299. (smeguk.com)



KITCHEN SINKS



Above: The Sandon large bowl sink is made from natural fireclay material and can be inset or undermounted. Price: £399. (abode.eu)

Right: Perfect for smaller kitchens, the Box Centre multifunctional sink comes with integrated food-prepping accessories for chopping, washing and draining. Made from premium stainless steel, the second compartment bowl on this double-bowl model incorporates a range of items including knives, a knife holder, strainer bowl, platter, chopping boards and wire rack. It measures 860mm x 510mm and costs £1,400. (franke.co.uk)

Below: Made from high-quality 1.2mm brushed stainless steel and finished in gold, the MODE045/GD sink can be inset or undermounted. It has a 90mm outlet for basket strainer waste, and can be used with a Caple waste disposal with waste and overflow included. The single-bowl sink shown here measures 490mm x 440mm x 200mm and costs from £382. (caple.co.uk)



Top: The S711 stainless steel two-bowl sink measures 845mm x 480mm and can be installed flush-mounted or flat on the countertop. It has a tap ledge to stabilise the kitchen mixer tap. Price: £1,480. (hansgrohe.co.uk)

Above: This 1.5mm-thick stainless steel single-bowl sink has a brushed nickel PVD finish, providing a strong scratch-resistant coating. It can be undermounted or topmounted, and measures 450mm x 450mm. Guide price: £345. (meir.com.au)

Below: Made from 8mm toughened black glass with a stainless steel base, the Glacier 1.5-bowl left drainer sink is watermark resistant and costs £370. (bristan.com)





Above: The Belfast Geotech grey granite sink is scratch resistant and easy to clean, with a 90mm waste outlet and a weir overflow, both sold separately. This model is reversible and measures 455mm x 595mm x 250mm. Guide price: £367. (caple.co.uk)
Top right: Suited to a country kitchen, the Farmhouse

double-bowl Belfast sink has two equally sized bowls, each with a generous depth. Price: £439. (rangemaster.co.uk)
Right: The 1.5-bowl Quartz left drainer has a matt finish, made from highly durable and antibacterial 80 per cent quartz. Price: £260. (bristan.com)



Above left: The Kubus ceramic sink, shown here in Matt Pearl Grey, is reversible in the 1.5-bowl option, and two single-bowl models are also available, each fitted with a waste disposal unit for added convenience. Price: from £550 for a single-bowl 500mm sink. (franke.co.uk)

Above: The Solo corner sink is shown here in Ebony, ideal for compact kitchens where the work surface area is limited. It measures 1,075mm x 600mm and comes in a variety of neutral colours. Price on application. (villeroy-boch.com)

Left: Finished in stainless steel, the S715 built-in sink features one main bowl and a drainer. It measures 1,025mm x 490mm and can be installed in worktops from 25mm thick. Price: £1,110. (hansgrohe.co.uk)

LANDINGS

A mezzanine or galleried landing can be so much more than a link between rooms and levels. Sometimes a living space in its own right, other times a clever way to reveal full-height interiors, it can add drama and create the impression of openness and connection while allowing views and light to fill the space.



Going in circles

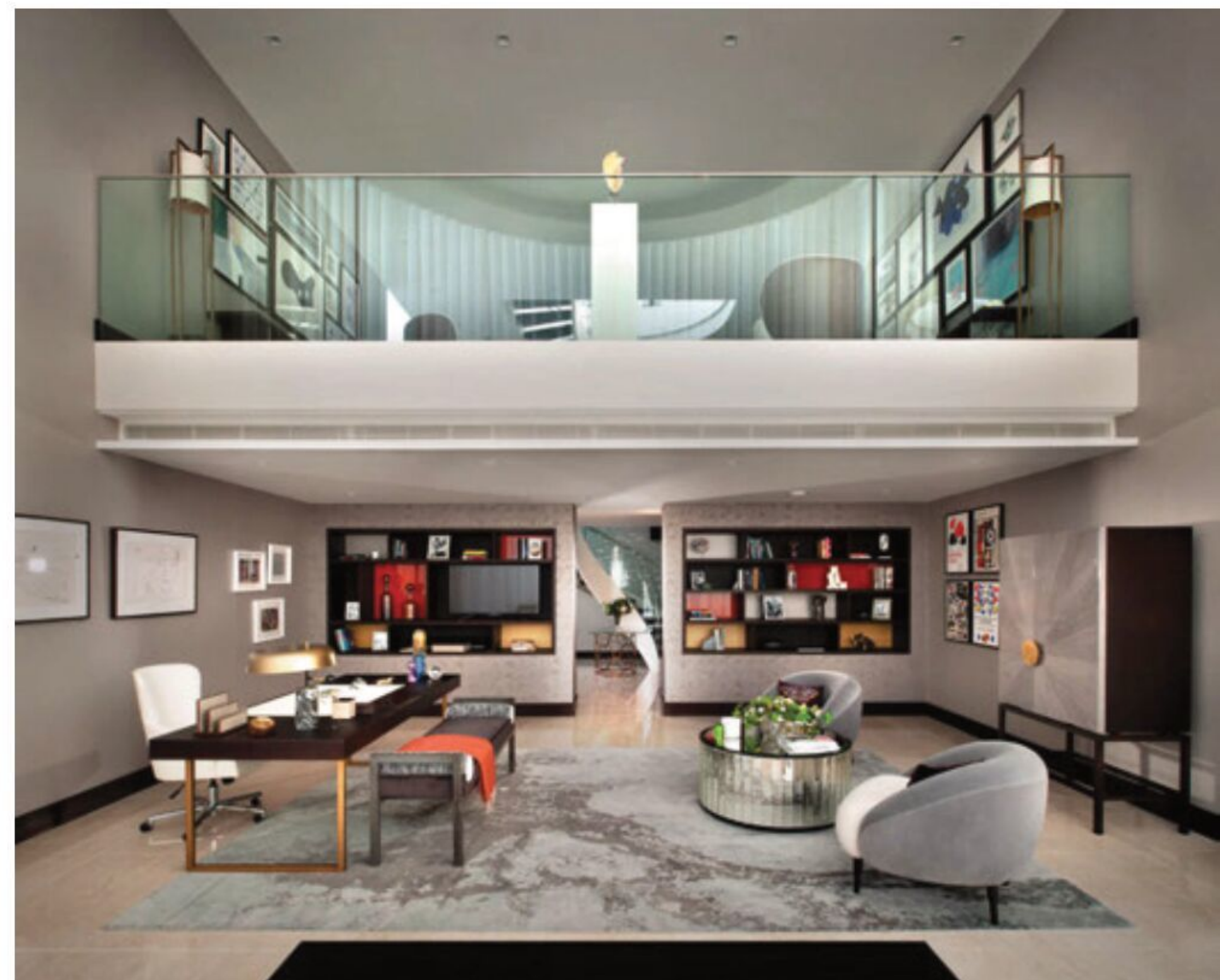
This unusual home is a 21st-century interpretation of a traditional oast house. The shape of the towers lends itself to a circular mezzanine with a wonderful timber balustrade, the spindles protruding beneath the line of the ceiling, creating additional interest. The parquet floor echoes the wood tones of the spindles, and extends back into a first-floor seating area accessed through a grand arch that connects the spaces.



Multifunctional space

A bedroom mezzanine sits above a modular kitchen in this double-height studio apartment which celebrates the pared back industrial look. The space-saving multifunctional kitchen can also be used as an office space, and can even be hidden completely from view, thanks to sliding and pocket doors. The stylish mezzanine features striking stairs with partial inset timber treads and a black frame balustrade that sits comfortably next to black window frames and framed art.

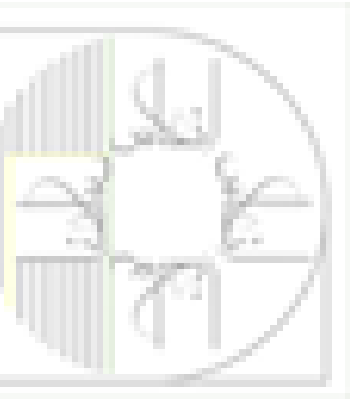
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A place to enjoy the view

This double-height riverside penthouse apartment in London has an enviable 180-degree view, through double-height curved floor-to-ceiling glass windows. Designed by Thomas Griem, the ground floor features a spacious home office with comfortable sitting area, while above is an informal living and reading space, perfect for relaxing, reading and enjoying the stunning views across the river and the capital's skyline.

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The warmth of wood

With an abundance of exposed oak on the inside of this oak-framed home, a chunky contemporary oak and glass staircase ascends to a dramatic vaulted galleried landing. Lights on chains drop from the apex through the upper floor to illuminate the open-plan spaces below.

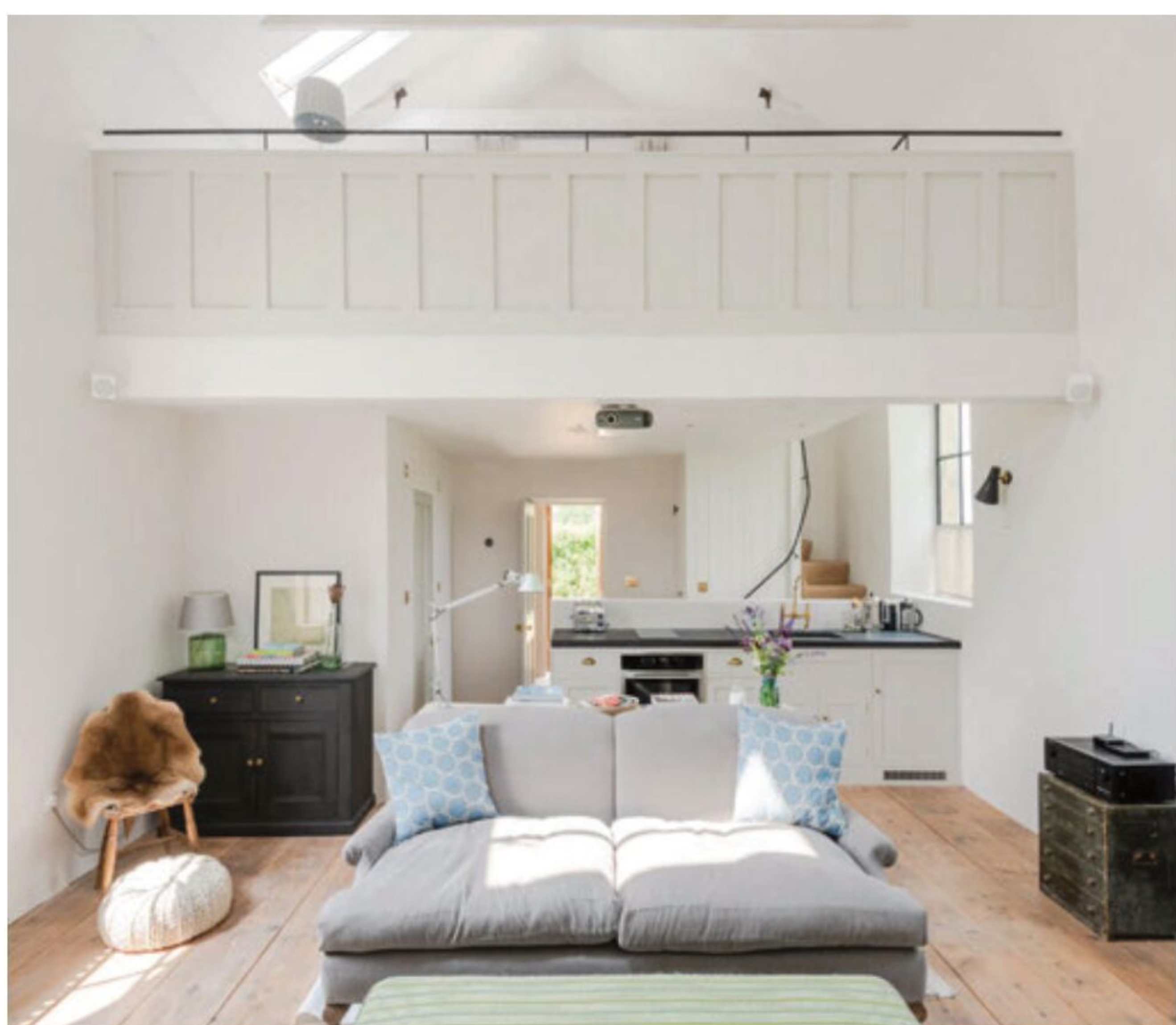
The hideout

Built for fun, this landing is accessed by a climbing wall, complete with rope, and a slide the other side. It is designed as a guest room and also provides a children's play area. Built in plywood with geometric patterns, the raised area is a welcome retreat for the little ones.



Heart of glass

Natural light cascades through this house, percolating through glazed balustrades on the galleried landing into the ground-floor living spaces. A double-height space at the front of the house is overlooked by the galleried landing, which has large windows, providing a view from both the ground and first floors.

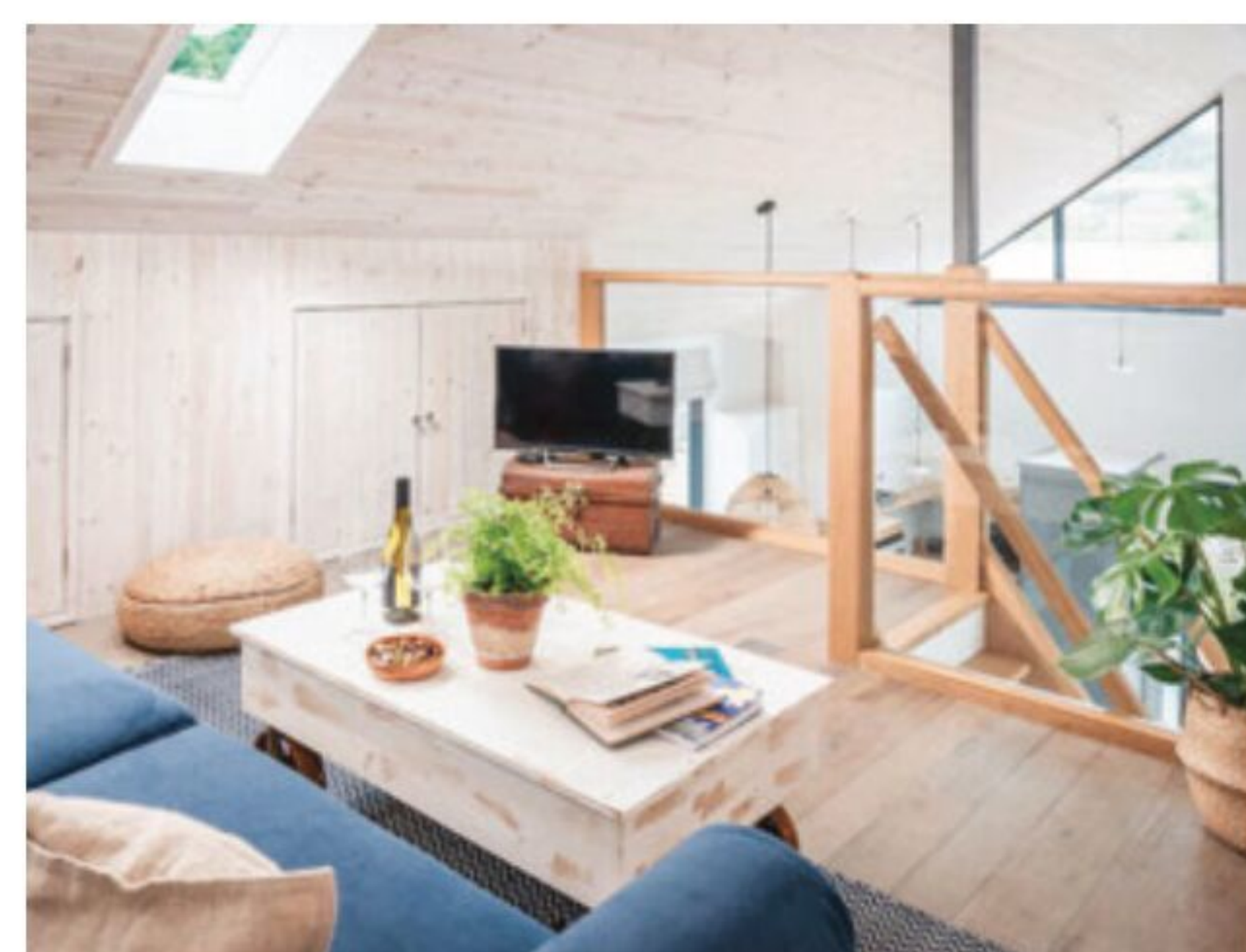


Preserving original features

This architect-designed mezzanine in a compact chapel conversion allows much of the ground floor to be a double-height space, while providing all the required accommodation. Accessed by a small turned staircase behind the kitchen, the mezzanine is constructed using structural steel, and ensures that the single-glazed ground-floor windows are unobstructed.

Snug

The ceiling of this cosy mezzanine snug is clad in pitch pine, which has been lightly whitewashed. The area is used as a TV room and relaxation space with glass balustrades ensuring uninterrupted views.





WALK-IN WARDROBES

The key to a walk-in wardrobe or dressing room is maximising storage in what is often a small space, without it appearing cluttered. A well thought out design should use every last inch of space, providing long and short hanging rails as well as a place for shoes, hats and bags.

Shelves above hanging rails can store rarely used items, with a ladder adding a striking feature, while cupboard doors keep dust away and create a minimalist look.

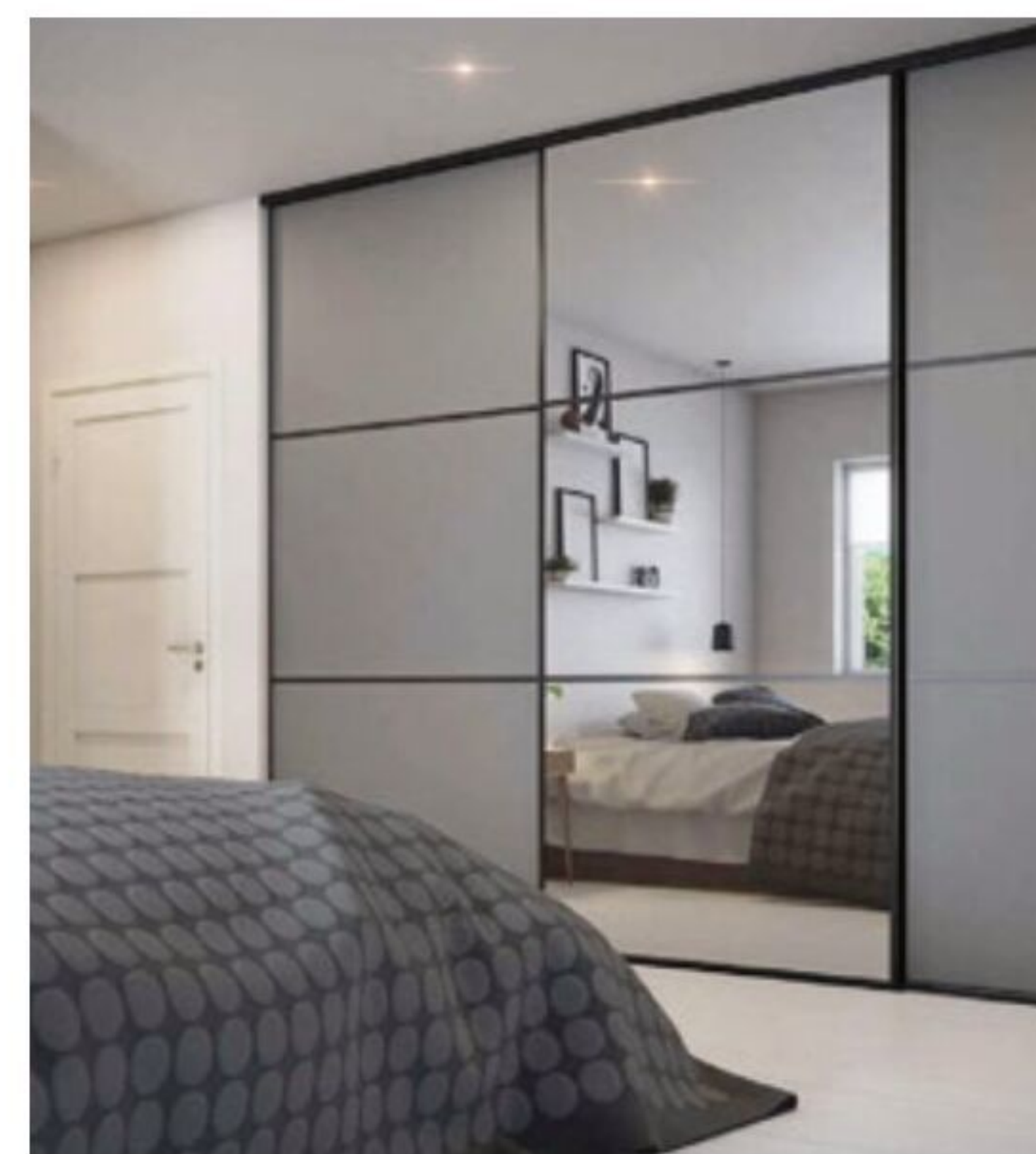
Modular options can provide dressing-table space, complete with mirrors, and small spaces for storing cosmetics and toiletries out of sight.



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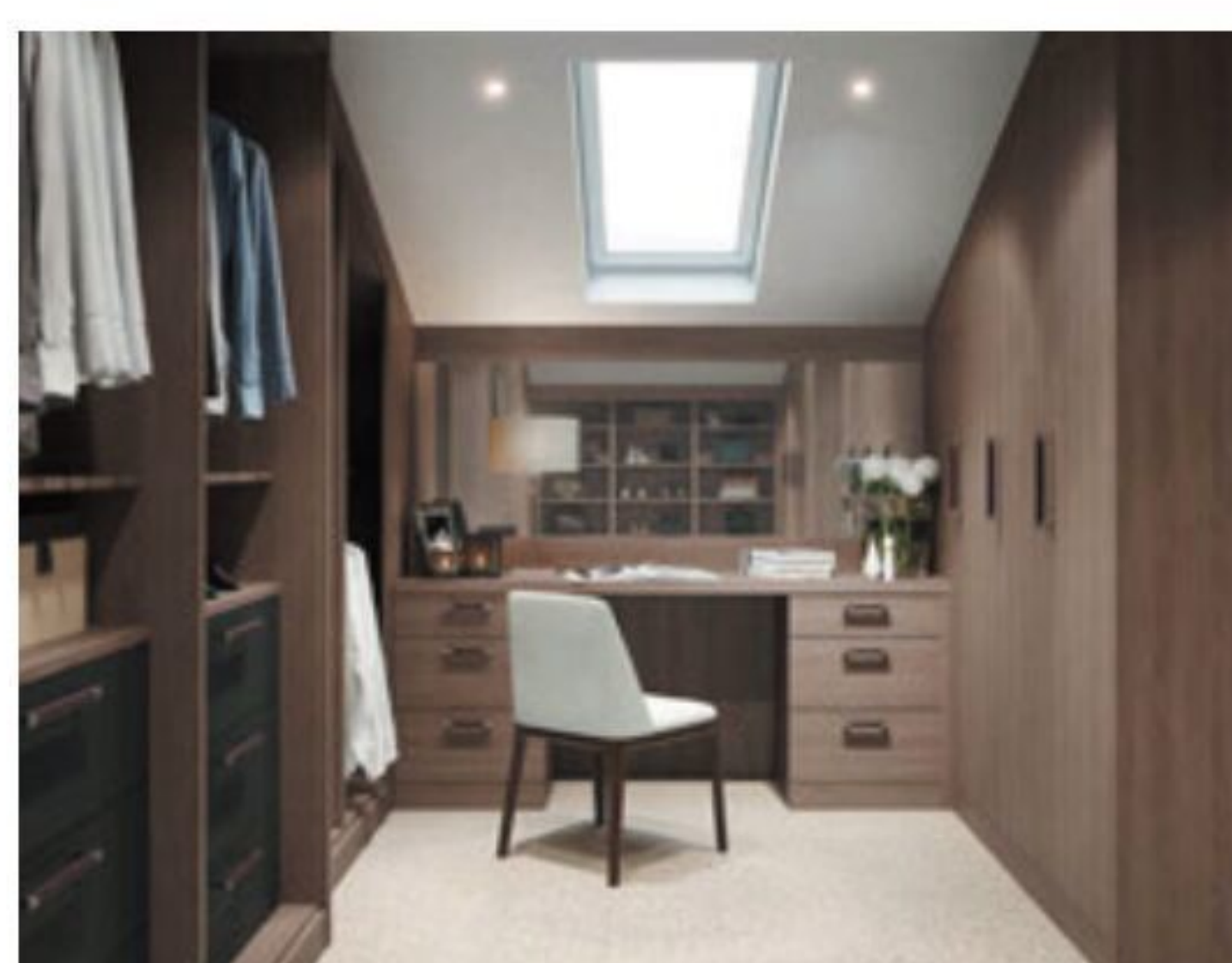
Lap of luxury

In this luxurious townhouse, walk-in wardrobes in a spacious dressing room have been designed by Nicky Dobree around a central chimney stack concealed by a full-length mirror. Bespoke wardrobes either side of the chimney utilise the recesses perfectly, providing useful storage space including a double wardrobe for shoes. A circular upholstered seat in blue velvet sits on a herringbone wooden floor.



Crittall-style

These four-panel Crittall-style sliding doors from Spaceslide create a stylish walk-in wardrobe, with a floor-to-ceiling toughened glass finish. This range can also be used to form a truly stunning room divider. Made to measure, the prices start at £951.43.



Colour-matched

Built from sustainable materials and precision engineered in the UK, this Varena from Daval Furniture uses every last inch of space, with no infill panels. It features rich brown leather-bound handles and comes in five colours, including grey oak shown here. Prices start at £6,000 plus VAT.

Hand-painted

This dressing room was designed by interior designer Hilary Scott and Mowlem & Co. Part of a complete renovation of an impressive Victorian detached house in London, it features three sets of hand-painted, glass-fronted wardrobes, with a full-length mirror to either side of the island wardrobe in the middle of the room. The bespoke storage includes sections to accommodate different lengths and types of clothing and accessories, and open shelving for shoes and hats.





A place for everything

Customisable to fit any space, this walk-in wardrobe from My Fitted Bedroom frees up floor space and reduces clutter. Head of design Megan Baker says: "Replacing the dressing table concept (often messy and filled with bottles, brushes and make-up palettes), the built-in beauty bays are ideal for keeping make-up and toiletries hidden away. It's a discreet dressing table and so much more – the mirrored cabinet opens to reveal ample space for fragrances, make-up and other beauty products."



Access all areas

Converting a small fifth bedroom has provided valuable storage space in this Edinburgh townhouse. Designed by Jefferys Interiors, cabinetry has been supplied by Peden and Pringle to create a bespoke dressing room which has been meticulously planned to maximise space and storage. There are sections for long and short hanging, integrated drawers and automatic lighting, along with a blend of general, accessory and shoe storage. With three-metre-high ceilings, full-height furnishings have been introduced, with a solid oak library ladder to access higher areas. All cabinets are finished in an oak veneer and hand-painted in Zoffany paint.



Smokey glass

Scavolini's 61cm-deep modular wardrobe comprises a load-bearing side panel that can be configured in a straight run or corner. Fluida open shelves are attached along with a range of accessories, including a sliding clothes rack, pull-out frame, storage drawers, and separate trouser and shoe racks. Smoked-glass doors can be added, illuminated by built-in LED lights. Priced from £5,000.



Shimmer and shine

Extravagant details feature throughout the Kensington dressing room from Neville Johnson, creating a sense of luxury. It features a bespoke wardrobe, soft-close drawers and adjustable storage compartments to neatly accommodate precious items. Light colours and shimmering glass handles add a bright feel to the room. Prices start from £3,000 + VAT.



A well-designed and appointed bathroom adds a real wow factor and offers a sanctuary away from life's cares.





The EauZone Mesh glass shower screen transforms an ordinary wet room panel into a decorative partition. Framed in brass, it has a shimmering effect and hand-woven appearance. Prices start from £3,481. (matki.co.uk)

Below: Inkiostro Bianco has a new concept to highlight a wall or area in the bathroom without using tiles: waterproof wallpaper. Made of fibreglass, the wall coverings are water and humidity resistant and can be installed in areas unsuitable for conventional wallpaper, such as shower walls and wet rooms. Available in several designs which are digitally printed onto the fibreglass, prices start from £80 per sqm, plus VAT. (bathroomdesignstudiolondon.co.uk)



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BATHTUBS



The Balthazar double-ended bath is made of ClearStone, which is scratch-resistant with a gloss finish. It has a stainless steel outer, available with a white, black and chrome finish. Price: £4,999. (burlingtonbathrooms.com)

Top right: The polished acrylic Istanbul cylindrical bathtub is 1,600mm x 560mm. Made to order, the lead time is around four weeks. Price: £4,230. (vitra.co.uk)

Right: With the back edge fitting flush to the wall, the Tubby Torre bridges the gap between a free-standing and built-in bath. An optional D-shaped curtain rail allows a shower too. The bath is 1,660mm long and comes with or without tap holes. From £2,710. (albionbathco.com)

Bottom right: The RAK Evolution drop-in double-ended bath has a generous depth and measures 750mm x 1,750mm. Made from high-quality white acrylic. RRP £518. (rakceramics.com/uk)



Add style and a touch of luxury to your bathroom

The bathtub is a worthy focal point in the modern bathroom. Baths are sometimes omitted from smaller bathrooms in favour of showers, but where space allows, a well-chosen bath can add a touch of luxury.

There are a wide range of modern styles to choose from, with free-standing and inbuilt models offering flexibility in appearance and size. Free-standing baths often require more space than inbuilt models, but allow access all round if positioned centrally in the room.

Roll-top baths have enduring appeal, while slipper or bateau baths are more compact and slightly taller, allowing the luxury of a deep bath without requiring extra floorspace and needing less water.

Baths designed for use with a shower are usually installed against a wall, and are wider at one end. Double-ended baths, whether free-standing or next to the wall, have the drainage outlet and taps located centrally or on an adjacent wall. This is a good option for bathing two children at a time.

Baths were traditionally made of tin or enamel-coated metal, later replaced in favour of acrylic, though proprietary materials are becoming increasingly popular with ground stone or other hard substances bound with resin to form an extremely resilient surface. Other choices include copper and even wood.

The composition of the bath will have a bearing on its weight and extra floor support may be required. For instance, cast iron is extremely heavy and can weigh 220kg or more, which combined with the water and the person bathing, can make the overall load well over 400kg.

Most wooden floor joists are strong enough to withstand this, but they can be strengthened by adding 150mm x 50mm noggins between the joists and attaching plywood where the feet will sit, to prevent movement.

BATHTUBS



Left: The Conoduo bath is shown here in City-Anthracite Matt from the coordinated Colours Collection. Sizes range from 1,700mm to 2,000mm. Price: £2,029. (kaldewei.co.uk)

Right: Designed with an organic aesthetic, this Evolve free-standing bath is made of Lucite acrylic in a matt or gloss finish, and is totally recyclable. It's 1,660mm in length, and priced at £2,395. (watersbaths.co.uk)

Below left: The teardrop shape of the Napoli forms a low-slung single-piece shell, made of Victoria + Albert's own Quarrycast, which is finely ground volcanic limestone mixed with resin. (vandabaths.com/en/)

Right: The Vigore measures 1,700mm x 760mm with a capacity of 219 litres. It has a polished finish and is made of natural stone. Price: £2,799. (clearwaterbaths.com)

Below: This bathroom suite is from Ideal Standard's Concept Air range, from the studio of the award-winning designer Robin Levien. Bath price: £1,104. (idealstandard.co.uk)



Above: The Geo and Geo Deep (pictured) baths are made of teak with a special waterproofing system that means that the wood remains unaffected by water. The Geo Deep bath has a removable seat. Prices from £3,930. (williamgarvey.co.uk)





Above: Made of natural stone with a hand-polished finish, the Nebbia is 1,600mm x 800mm. Price: £2,799. (clearwaterbaths.com)

Above right: The Ethos stone resin free-standing bath has a distinctly modern aesthetic. A backrest and headrest are also available. Price: £1,295. (lussostone.com)

Left: The single shell Almond Soft bath from Porcelanosa is made of Krion, a solid surface that can be completely recycled. The bath is 1,800mm long and 950mm wide. Price: £8,068.91. + VAT. (porcelanosa.com)

Right: The Heritage Lyddington free-standing bath is acrylic, with a steel outer finish. Price: £1,959.68. (victorianplumbing.co.uk)

Below: The Milano Legend traditional double-ended free-standing slipper bath has brushed gold feet. Measures 1,750mm x 730mm. Price: £574.99. (bigbathroomshop.co.uk)



The seamless Luv corner bathtub is made from DuraSolid, with a high-quality matt finish, and sits snugly against the wall. Starting price: £3,621. (duravit.co.uk)



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Above: Made from durable titanium steel, the Essence bath is resistant to dents, scratches, chemicals and UV light for a long life, and is also fully recyclable. It retains heat for longer too, and has an automatic sensor that releases water automatically, preventing overflowing. Price: £6,418. (grohe.co.uk)

Right: The Drift bath features seamless fluid lines crafted from a single piece of recyclable Lucite acrylic which is warm to the touch. Part of the i-Line collection, the 1,600mm x 800mm x 630-560mm bath has a RRP of £1,795. (watersbaths.co.uk)

Middle right: The Imperium Bateau bath is made of Albion's own Iso-Enamel, and the exterior shell can be painted with any Dulux Trade or Farrow & Ball colour, or one of Albion's metallic burnished finishes. Price: from £2,238. (albionbathco.com)

Bottom right: The Sensuelle bath from Utopia is made using Resinite technology which provides triple-layer reinforcement with a 5mm ICI acrylic topcoat, achieving strength and heat retention. This one in Peacock Blue is priced at £1,265. (utopiagroup.com)



Above: Guaranteed to tie in with your colour scheme, this Baglioni cast iron bath is supplied in grey primer ready for painting. It is 1,700mm x 680mm, and is priced at £6,095. (imperial-bathrooms.co.uk)



Above: These Indigenous baths hark back to a past glory, with bateau styles in luxuriant metallic lustres including nickel (left), copper and tin (centre), and oxidised copper (right). Prices from £2,210. (indigenous.co.uk)



Shown in Moseley Blue, the Camden high-waisted bath (£4,393.28) is made of cast iron. A copper finish is also available. Shown with London stand basins, from £1,077.30 each. (cphart.co.uk)



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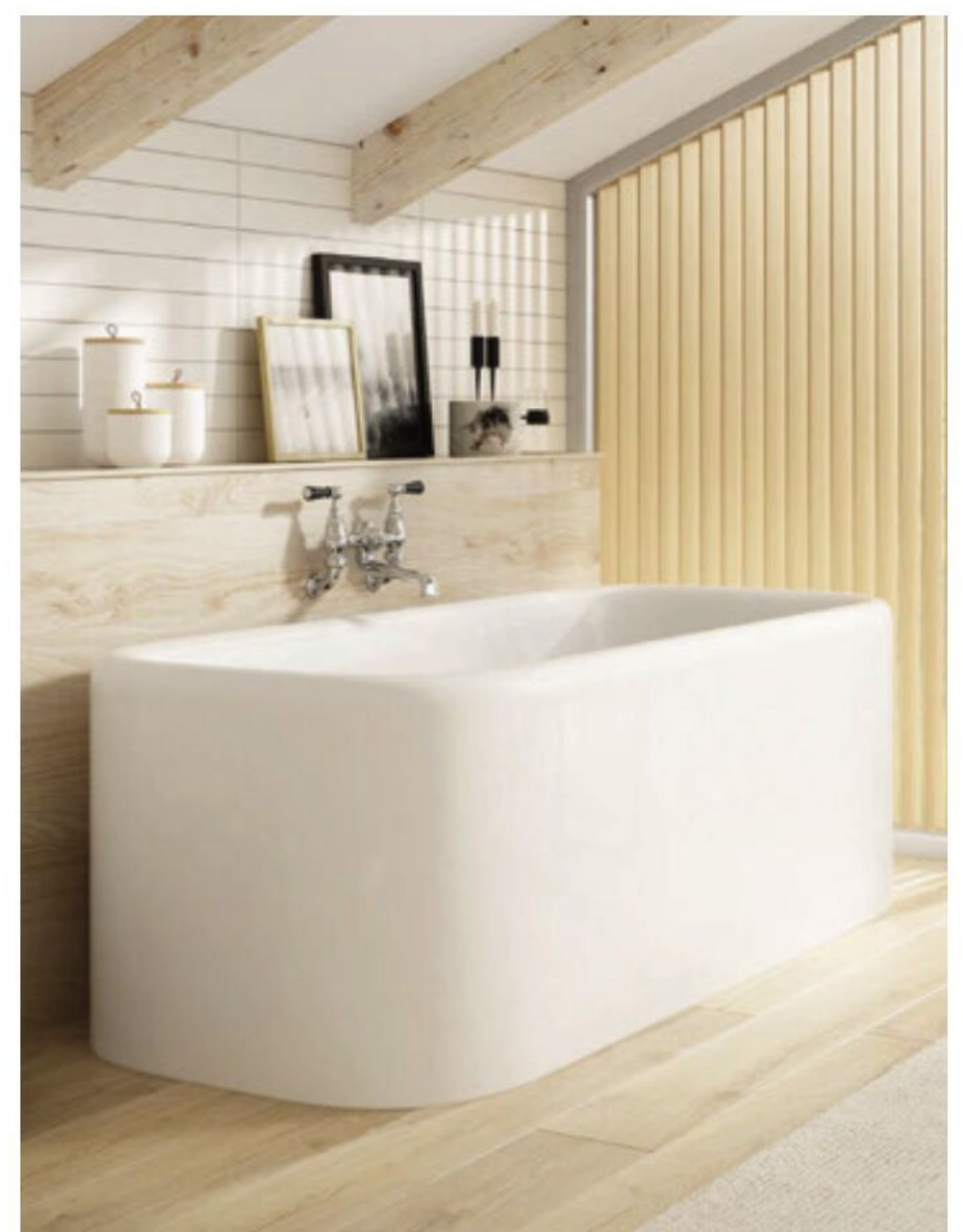
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Above: The Monaco free-standing double-ended roll-top bath is made of 'Quarrycast', a proprietary material made from volcanic limestone and resin. It comes in a choice of standard paint finishes or RAL colours in gloss or matt. Price: from £2,015. (vandabaths.com)

Above right: The Vigore bath is made from natural stone with a white hand-polished finish. Price: £2,699. (clearwaterbaths.com)

Left: The Imperium Bateau bath is mounted on a solid plinth. Made from Albion Bath's own 'Iso-Enamel', using high-tech resin and reinforced mineral. Available in four sizes and various painted finishes, it is priced from £2,238. (albionbathco.com)

Right: The Artemis bath is made with Correro, a hard-wearing, stain-resistant surface made from a mix of organic materials enriched with volcanic minerals which maintains water temperature up to 12 times longer than conventional materials. Available in gloss white or matt white, it costs £3,995. (ashtonandbentley.co.uk)



BASINS



Above: The Carrara stone rectangular basin, priced at £477, is displayed here on a single oak vanity (£950). (indigenous.co.uk)

Above right: Available in 28 colours, the concrete Mini Elm basin is shown here in Ember, measuring 450mm x 320mm x 450mm. Price: £2,280. (alternativebathrooms.com)

Right: The white Angelica basin features a delicate petal groove shape and a dainty gold rim. It measures 46.5cm x 17.5cm and costs £849. (londonbasincompany.com)

Below left: Available in black or white porcelain, the Bogart basin and pedestal cost £1,310. (devon-devon.com)

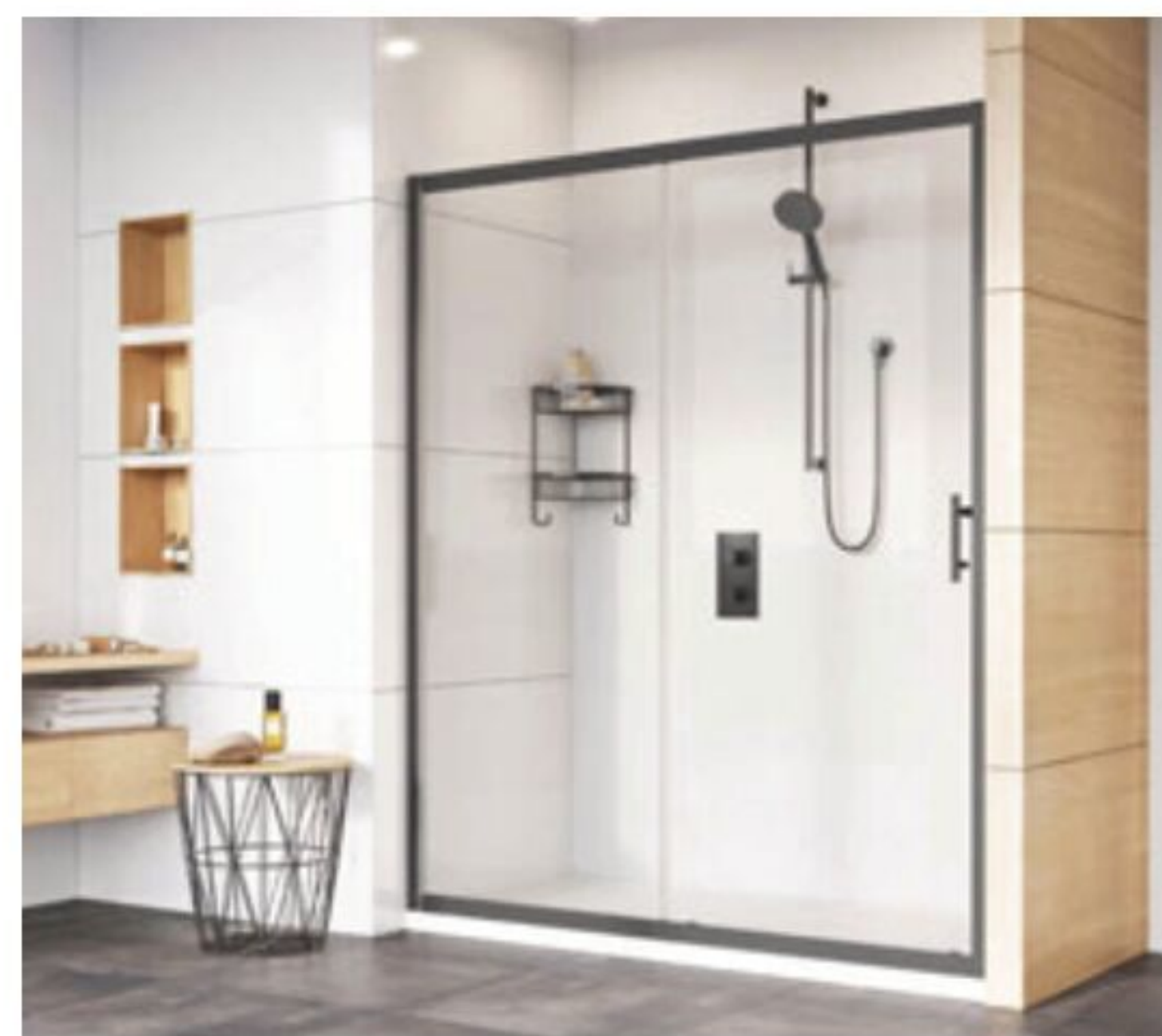
Below right: This Staron bright white motif basin was designed by Thomas Coward for Omvivo, Australia. (staron.com)





Left: The Conoflat shower surface is made from seamless 3.5mm steel enamel and sits flush with the floor. It is available in a variety of sizes and is shown here in City Anthracite Matt from the Coordinated Colours collection. (kaldewei.co.uk)

Above right: The Mayfair complete walk-in shower enclosure from Lusso comes in a variety of sizes and includes a shower tray and waste, drain cover, glass screen, bracing bar and wall-fixing kit. Made from marine grade stainless steel and finished in Brushed Gold, it costs from £895. (lussostone.com)



Above left: The easy to install Innov8 sliding door with in-line panel features 8mm ultra-care glass protection. Shown here in matt black, a chrome finish is also available. Price: from £870. (roman-showers.com)

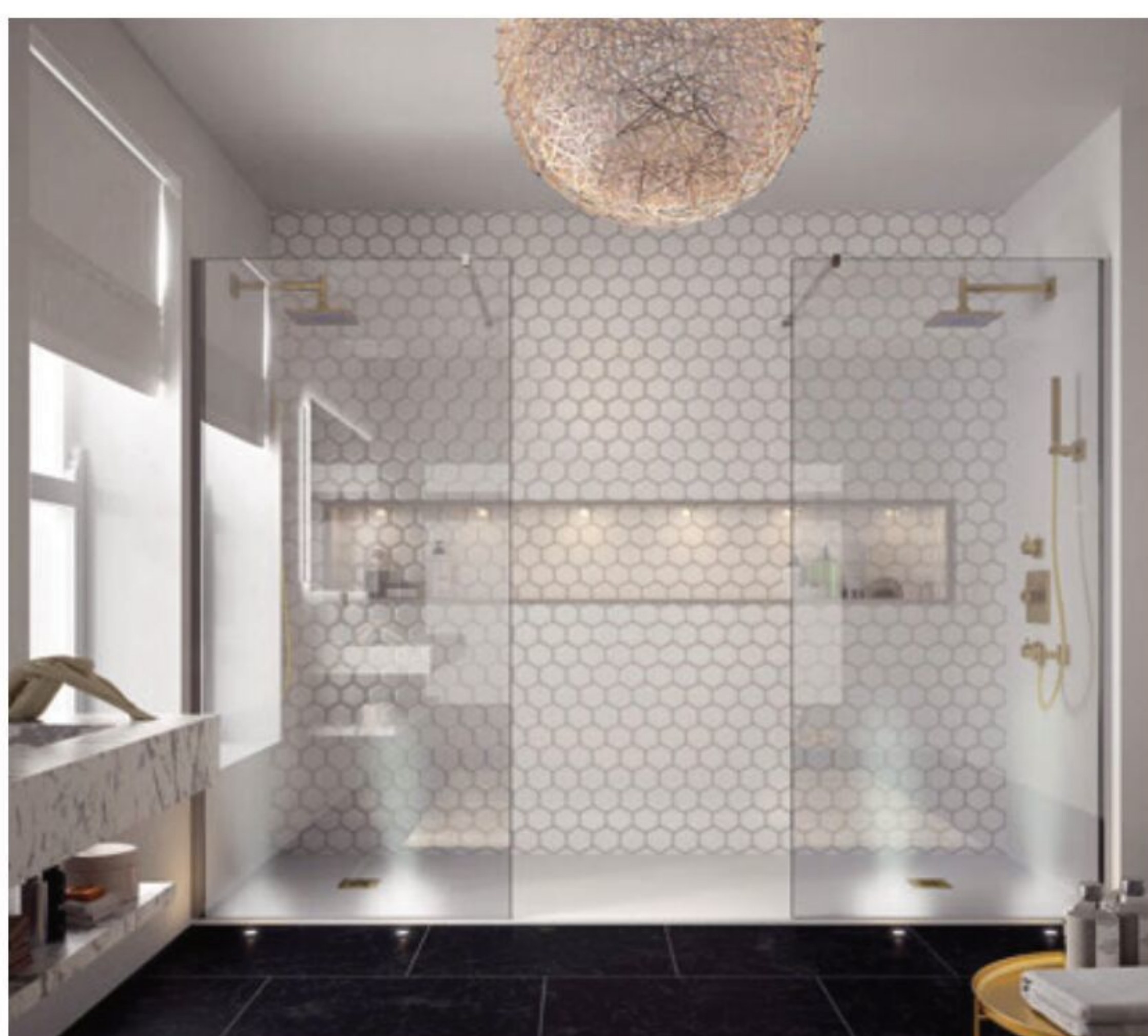
Above right: The Liberty fluted glass wet room panel uses a stylish decorative glass, available in a matt black or silver chrome finish. The panels can be installed on a tray or attached to the floor, with a sealing tape system eliminating all visible silicone. Price: from £947.79. (roman-showers.com)

SHOWERS



Above: The curved EauZone Plus Radius-20 enclosure has a minimalist design, engineered from a single sheet of 10mm glass. Available in a selection of sizes, prices start from £3,100 for a full enclosure excluding installation. (matki.co.uk)

Right: The Twin shower wall from Merlyn features a pair of 700mm fixed glass walls and costs £1,306.65. (merlyn showering.com)



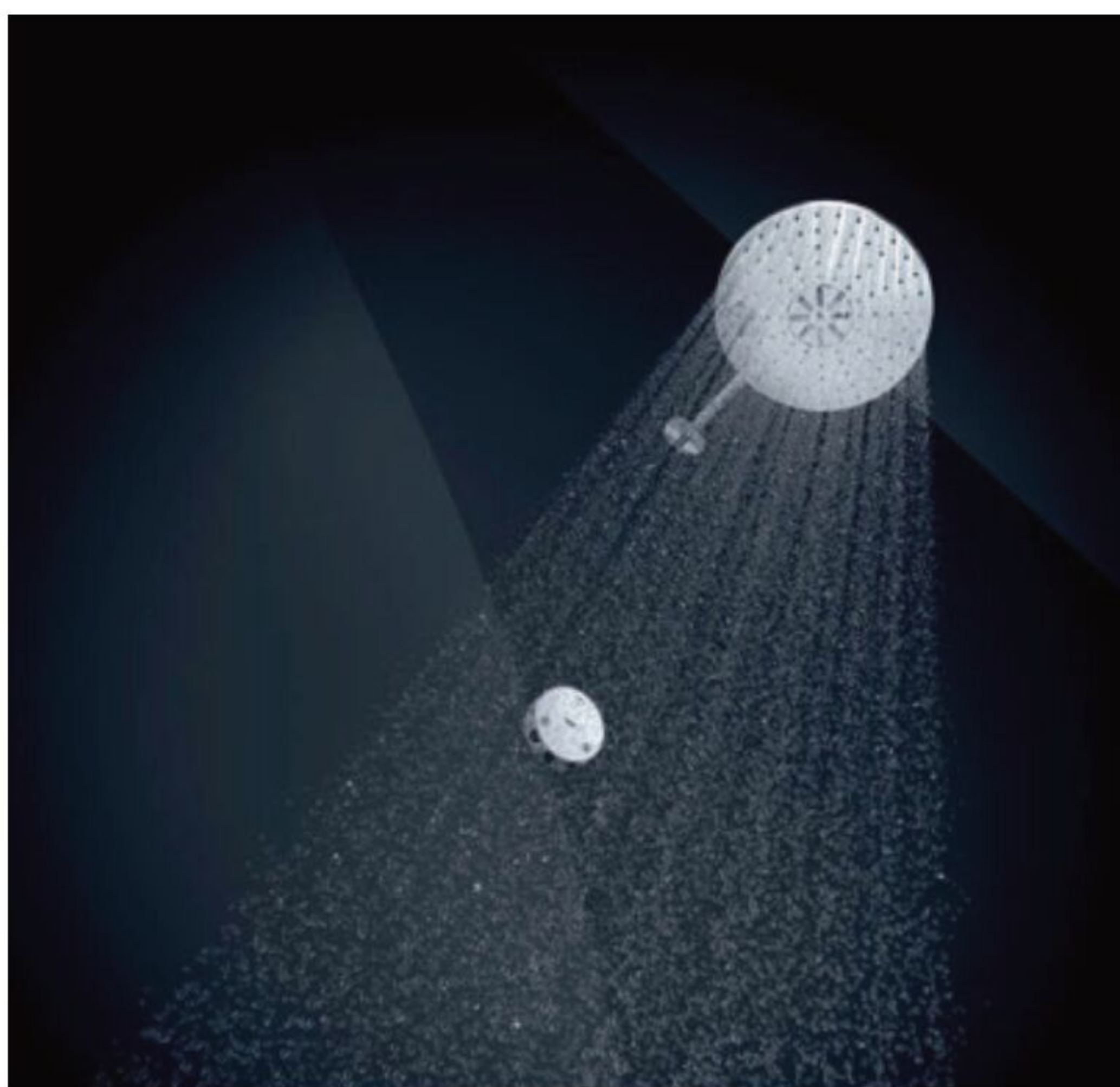
A shower enclosure takes up a lot of valuable space in the bathroom – but does it really have to? The EOOS group of designers thinks not. They have developed the innovative OpenSpace shower. After showering, these doors can simply be folded against the wall. This avoids a rail protruding into the room, the tap fittings and shower hose are concealed and the bathroom appears much larger, particularly with mirrored glass. (duravit.co.uk)



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Right: The Rainshower 310 SmartConnect shower head uses Bluetooth connectivity to a battery-powered remote control, which can be placed freely in the shower to select and control spray types; a choice of relaxing Rain or powerful Jet. Available in a round or square design, it costs £679.20. (grohe.co.uk)

Far right: Made from stainless steel and finished in chrome, the 620mm Gessi Cono wall-mounted rain shower head is priced from £1,509. (cphart.co.uk)



Left: For a statement piece, these Brushed Brass floor-standing Grand shower pipes are priced from £1,134 each, paired with a Brushed Brass shower rose (from £450). (drummonds-uk.com)

Below: The Prism thermostatic exposed shower features a sleek, contemporary design with Safe Touch technology ensuring the valves remain cool to the touch. Price: £320. (bristan.com)



Above: The Methven Aio shower system in chrome features patented Aurajet technology to deliver 20 per cent more spray coverage and twice the amount of skin contact. Price: £727.96. (methven.com)

Far left: Shown in Brushed Brass, the MPRO thermostatic shower valve with two-way diverter and handset costs £699. The MPRO 300mm shower head is priced at £299. (crosswater.co.uk)

Left: Finished in chrome, the ShowerHeaven 1200/300 4jet with lighting 3700K features rain, mono and powder rain spray types. Price: £9,667. (axor-design.com)



Above and left: The NuSpa range of sanitaryware is made entirely from cork, and includes the cork bath (from £8,757) and sink (from £708.76). (granorte.co.uk)

Above right: The Sensia Arena shower toilet combines the benefits of a bidet and WC. Innovative features include a touchscreen remote control, air-infused shower spray, rimless bowl, automatic lid opening, and automatic flushing and rinsing using sensor technology, available with the floor-standing model. Price: £3,370. (grohe.co.uk)

SANITARYWARE



FURNITURE

Right: The Finion collection features the free-standing Quarryl bath with optional design ring and LED lighting Emotion feature (£4,942.80), the back-lit vanity unit (£3,115.20), and the shelf module with interior lighting and charging station (£1,048.80). (villeroy-boch.co.uk)

Right: Bright gloss white and dark walnut combine in this Garda and Rio bathroom suite, which includes vanity unit, mirrored wall cabinet and single wall cabinet. Price on application. (daval-furniture.co.uk)



Above: This Milano vintage bathroom set includes the Windsor toilet and pedestal basin set (£194.99), the Legend double-ended free-standing slipper bath with a choice of feet (£474.99), the Trent heated towel radiator (from £219.99) and the Elizabeth traditional crosshead basin pillar taps (from £49.99). (bigbathroomshop.co.uk)

Below: Coloured sanitaryware from RAK ceramics is shown here in matt cappuccino, comprising a wall-hung rimless WC (£499), bidet (£399), basin unit (£852) and countertop oval sink (£399). (rakceramics.com)





TAPS



Above left: This traditional floor-mounted bath/shower mixer with hand shower and cross top handles is shown in Satin Brass, priced at £1,908.48. (perrinandrowe.co.uk)

Above: The Harmonie wall-mounted basin mixer is shown here in a matt black finish, and requires a minimum 0.4 bar pressure. Price: £289. (abode.eu)

Left: The floor-standing Metropol single lever basin and bath mixers are both shown here, available at different heights and different spout lengths. Prices are from £1,470 for the basin mixer and £2,120 for the bath mixer. (hansgrohe.co.uk)



Left: The Suit U water-saving medium-pressure basin mixer is shown here in Copper (£200), paired with a Frame black oval inset washbasin. Price: £368. (vitra.co.uk)

Right: Shown here in a rose gold finish, the Serenitie wall-mounted three-hole basin mixer has quarter-turn valve technology for precise control. It requires just 0.2 bar minimum pressure and is priced at £449. (abode.eu)



VANITY UNITS



The minimalist Modus vanity unit has a matt black steel frame with a composite stone basin. The internal drawers and exterior of the cabinet are finished in Anthracite Grey. Measuring 900mm x 500mm x 540mm, it costs £995. (lussostone.com)

Supplied with a pair of Milano Longton square countertop basins, the Milano Henley 1,240mm floor-standing vanity unit comprises two open shelves and two soft-closing drawers. Made from engineered wood, it is shown here in Antique White and also comes in Light Grey. RRP: £499.99. (bigbathroomshop.co.uk)



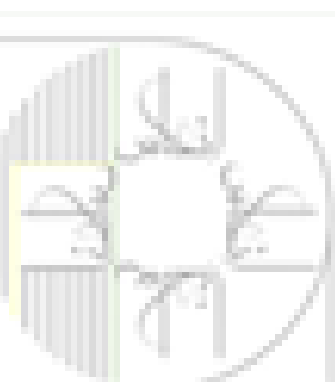
The Bayswater basin cabinet has soft-close curved doors and deep storage for toiletries. Available in three Farrow & Ball colours, Stiffkey Blue (pictured), Plummett and Pointing, it is combined here with a single basin and a black marble top, measuring 1,200mm x 463mm x 810mm. Price: £1,800 for the four-door cabinet and £961.93 for the marble top and single bowl. (bayswaterbathrooms.co.uk)



Shown in Matt White, the free-standing 43cm corner cloakroom vanity unit is also available in Dark Olive, Sand and Classic Grey. The wooden unit has soft-close doors, chrome-plated handles and an adjustable glass shelf, and comes with the Quattrocast corner basin. Price: £878. (burlingtonbathrooms.com)



The Griffin Petrol Blue vanity unit comes with four retro-inspired tapered legs, so it can be installed with either two front legs, all four legs, or without, as a wall-hung vanity. Available in widths of 1,000mm, 800mm and 650mm, it has a matt finish and comes with a white marble or sintered stone (pictured) worktop. Price on application. (easybathrooms.com)





Part of the RAK Joy collection, pictured here is the 600mm basin unit in urban grey with countertop basin, priced at £450, and the wall-hung cabinet in urban grey, which measures 300mm x 1,200mm and costs £420. The double door mirror cabinet has a top-mounted T-bar light and costs £598. (rakceramics.com)



Chosen to accompany the Pure series washbasin, this Krion storage area is designed by Yonoh and combines a wall-hung shelf and base unit, both in Linear Oak with additional open storage. Price on application. The Pure mirror measures 820mm x 820mm, with a thickness of 12mm and a polished copper edge. Price: £416.46. (porcelanosa.com)

MIRRORS



Supplied with black metal brackets and fixings for hanging, this 950mm x 950mm square black grid mirror makes a bold statement in the bathroom or hallway. Made from 4mm toughened mirrored glass, it encapsulates the industrial trend. Price: from £150. (roman-showers.com)



Available in white or anthracite, the Aries radiator comes with an integral full-length mirror, measuring 1,800mm x 500mm x 106mm. The radiator itself has an oval tubed design and a heat output of 3,828 BTUs/hr. Price: £436. (aestus.co.uk)



Made with high-grade aluminium, the Phoenix backlit mirror comes with an infra-red sensor, de-mister function and shaver socket, with additional upgrades including ambient backlighting and Bluetooth speakers. It measures 700mm x 700mm and costs £209.99. (modern-mirror-design.co.uk)



Scandi style

Recreate the simplicity of Scandinavia with simple lines and a pale, minimalist colour palette. Twin it with a bold accent colour, such as this black bar mixer shower from Bristan (£225), and geometric patterns, while a backlit mirror adds a warm glow. All of these products are part of the new Wickes collection of 800 bathroom and shower room products, and include the Mermaid acrylic shower panel (from £550) and the mirror (£179). (wickes.co.uk)



Light it up

Claiming a jaw-dropping 16 million mood-enhancing colour shades, Pelipal mirrored cabinets are lit with LEDrelax, a smart light control with a further 50,000 white options. Sync with playlists to create an impressive light show, from relaxing and tranquil, to invigorating and upbeat. Fully compatible with Amazon Alexa and Philips Hue, LEDrelax offers quick and easy installation and is controlled via voice, app or optional remote control. Shown here is the PCON range from the Pelipal 2020 collection. The RRP for a 600mm cabinet with LEDrelax starts from £447. (inhouseitd.co.uk)



Lasts a lifetime

These ES300 sliding doors are ideal for wet room-style recess showers. Part of the Exclusive Solutions collection, there are a number of options for creating a showering space with a wide range of screen sizes suitable for both corner or recess showers, which are then matched with the appropriate door fitting for the style and size of the room. The choice of doors includes pivot, sliding, bifold and hinged, all with ClearShield Eco-Glass and alternative coloured finishes. All doors come with a lifetime guarantee. (aqata.co.uk)



Clean finish

Bathroom panels are gaining popularity for their ease of installation and clean finish. They can be tailored on site and installed in a matter of hours over almost any surface, including tiles. The panels have a fully waterproof core which means that no trims are required and a seamless and uninterrupted finish can be created. The Nuance range features realistic marble, stone, wood and tile effects. (bushboard.co.uk)



The new Copper & White Bateau design from Indigenous joins the Bronze, Antique Bronze, Nickel, Oxidised Copper (also pictured) and Copper & Tin tubs. Hand polished to create a mirror-like surface, the copper finish contrasts with the powder-coated white interior. Dimensions: 1,700mm x 750mm x 700mm. Price: from £2,210. (indigenous.co.uk)

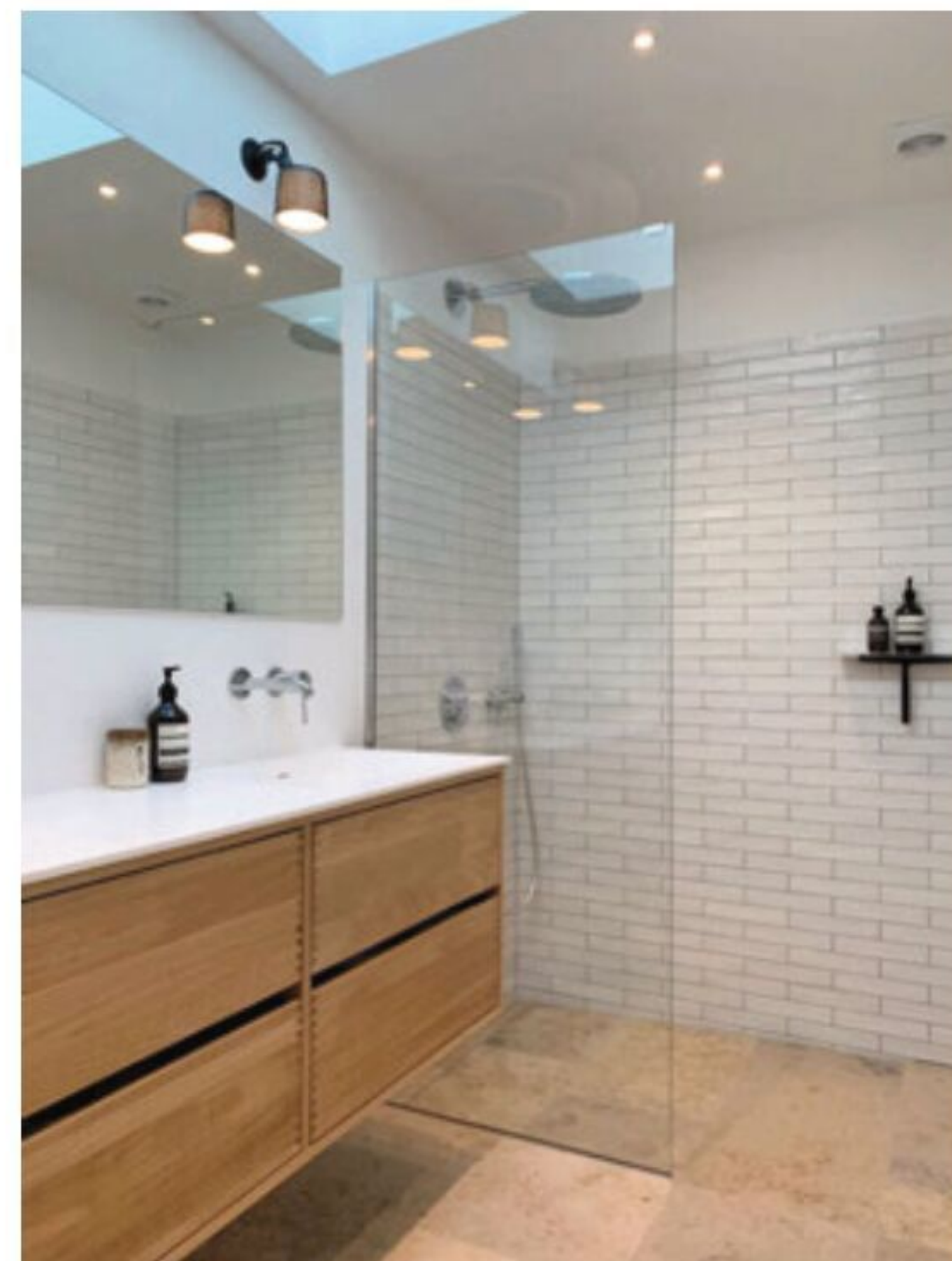




70s bathroom makeover

This bathroom transformation, in Vedbæk near Copenhagen, has been carried out by 34-year-old Mads, a self-taught handyman on his stylish 1970s architect-designed house. Everything has been replaced with new, exclusive materials to create a hotel-style bathroom. The floorstanding toilet has given way to a wall-mounted model, the old skylight has been replaced with an electric roof window

and a glass wall made by Unidrain has been used which is recessed into a frame, so the joins to the floor and the wall are almost invisible. The HighLine Custom drain enables the tiles to merge with the drain, separated only by a narrow groove. Mads says: "I think Unidrain's Custom tile drain is an impressive feature in the shower – the drain is almost invisible and blends in perfectly with the tiles." (unidrain.com)



Back to black

The steel-frame look is popular in the bathroom. This Shoreditch Frame furniture basin with stand comes in a number of sizes, shown here in 600mm. It has an integrated shelf and towel rails on three sides, and looks striking against these Mustard Gloss tiles from Topps Tiles. Frame unit price: £425. (brittonbathrooms.com)



Pressure drop

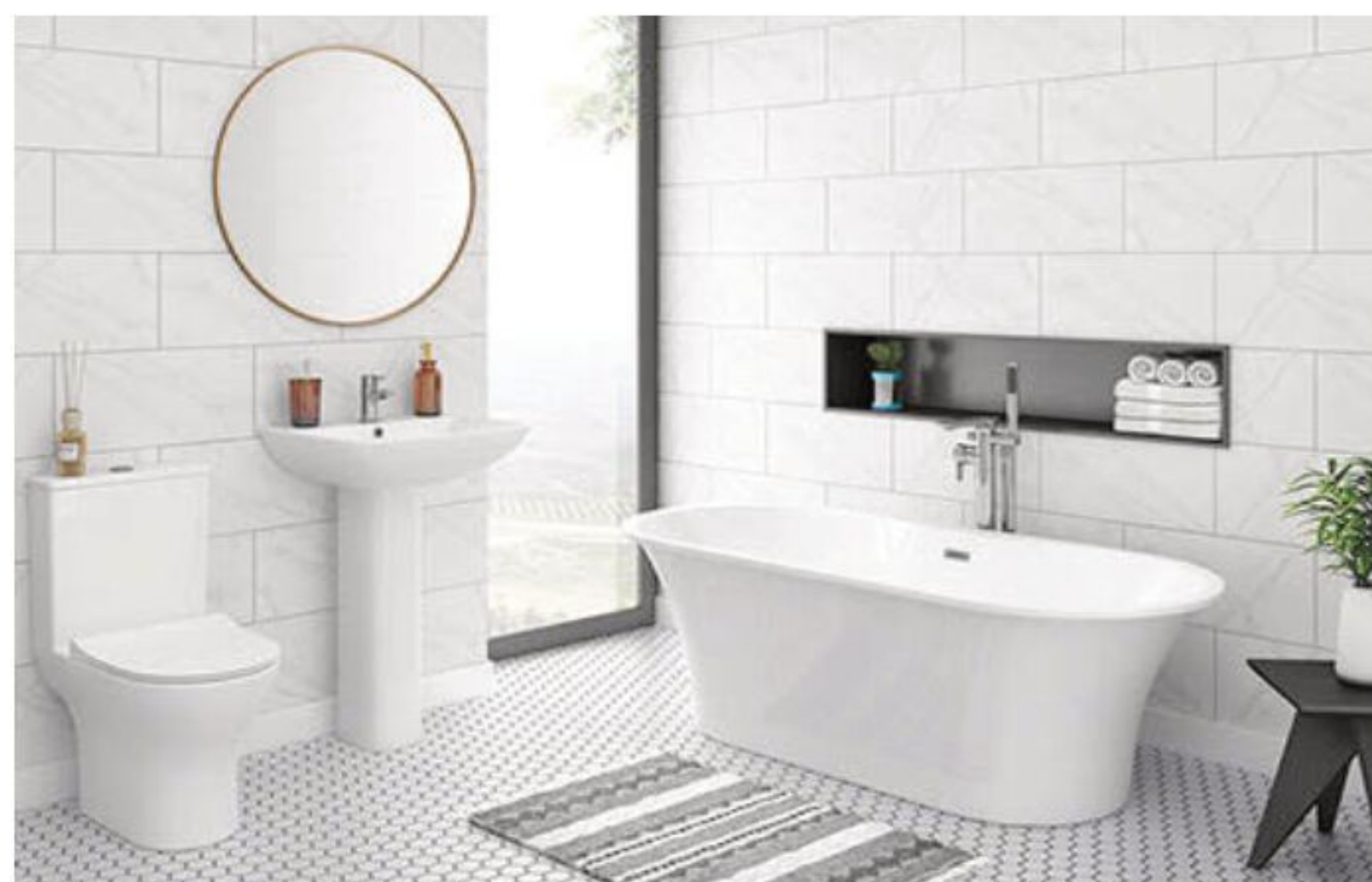
Low water pressure is a nuisance for more than one-third of UK homeowners, and with that in mind Grohe has introduced several products designed specifically with low-pressure mains in mind. The Eurosmart Cosmopolitan basin mixer (£125.51) has compact dimensions, with a minimum recommended pressure of just 0.2 bar, which has the same pressure requirement as the Grohtherm 800 Cosmopolitan shower set (£277.39). This has an advanced thermostatic design to balance out temperature fluctuations in under one second. (grohe.co.uk)

Still got the blues

Avocado bathrooms may be a thing of the past, but that doesn't mean you have to go white. This Alaska Blue Edwardian 51cm cloakroom basin with chrome washstand (£768) is paired with an Alaska Blue standard close-coupled WC with 520 lever cistern and black soft close seat (£1,197). Created in collaboration with British illustrator Julie Ingham, the collection combines timeless bathroom style with inspiration from the decorated and coloured ceramics of past eras. (burlingtonbathrooms.com)

Alpine white

This stylish Alps modern bathroom suite features a semi back-to-wall toilet with soft closing seat, a compact basin with full pedestal and an elegant double-ended roll-top free-standing bath. The white gloss smooth acrylic bath has been designed for use with wall-mounted or floor-mounted free-standing taps (not included). Priced at £1,319.95. (victorianplumbing.co.uk)



Wood warmth

From oak to elm, adding touches of wood to the wash space can instil warmth into the bathroom, softening other materials such as glass, ceramic or stainless steel. This Nest Trendy washbasin unit in wavy natural wood, with optional in-built LED lighting, is priced at £906. It's also available in Anthracite, Grey, Natural Wood, or High Gloss White. (vitra.co.uk)

WALL COVERINGS



Bold block colours

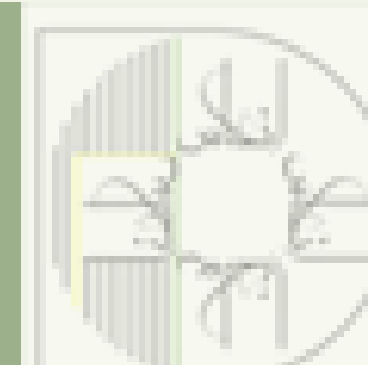


Vibrant tones from Little Greene are shown here in Giallo, which provides a burst of sunshine to the interior, and Garden, bringing the outside in. Shown here in Absolute matt emulsion, both shades are available in various finishes. Price: £48.50 for 2.5 litres. (littlegreene.com)



ABOVE & LEFT: Matt emulsion from Fired Earth costs £45 for 2.5 litres. It is shown here in two vibrant shades: Prehnite, a fresh and welcoming spring green perfect for hallways, and Magenta Oaks, a vibrant and uplifting pink. (firedearth.com)

RIGHT: Coat paints are cruelty free, vegan, carbon neutral, solvent free and low in toxins. In collaboration with flooring specialist Atkinson & Kirby and staircase manufacturer Richard Burbidge, Coat has launched new shades from its trend collections: Japandi, Rustic Vogue, Vivid Zonal and Regal Revival, each designed to match the flooring and chosen as ideal colours for wall panelling and staircase renovations. Shown here is the Old Corset Factory shade from Regal Revival, a deep rust red. (coatpaints.com)



BELOW: Experts at creating natural eco-friendly paint that won't cost the earth, Edward Bulmer declares its ingredients proudly on each tin. Priced at £51 for 2.5 litres of emulsion or £41 for 1 litre of water-based eggshell or gloss, the wall panels shown here are coated in Verdigris. (edwardbulmerpaint.co.uk)



LEFT: Breathable clay paint from Earthborn is shown here in Nutkin, featuring autumnal reddish-brown tones. Price: £47 per 2.5 litres. (earthbornpaints.co.uk)



Calming neutrals

ABOVE: Natural clay paint from Earthborn is highly breathable, allowing walls to combat cracking paint, black spots, mould and damp. Perfect for older properties undertaking a renovation, it costs £47 for 2.5 litres. Shown here in Up Up Away and Peach Baby. (earthbornpaints.co.uk)

LEFT: Masquerade 334 has a delicate powder-like hue. It comes in several finishes, along with diluted versions of itself. Price: £48.50 for 2.5 litres. (littlegreene.com)

BELOW: Edward Bulmer natural paints are carbon neutral and free from plastics and petrochemicals, priced at £51 for 2.5 litres of emulsion or £41 for 1 litre of water-based eggshell or gloss. Shown here in Milk White, giving a fresh neutral look. (edwardbulmerpaint.co.uk)



RIGHT: Under The Wave by Fired Earth is a dark and dramatic shade, suitable for all rooms in the home. Shown in matt emulsion, it is priced at £45 for 2.5 litres. (firedearth.com)





A touch of texture

LEFT: The Sfide D'arte polished plaster range brings texture to the interior. Made from high quality raw materials, it is available in a range of effects and colours, from discreet to dramatic, in four Ricordi primer base coats and five Desideri top coats. Price on application. (fassabortolo.com)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chalk paint from Annie Sloan has been used here in Antoinette and Old White. Combining the two colours gives the illusion of texture. Prices start from £5.95 for 120ml. (anniesloan.com)

BELOW: This paper-backed Orissa silk wall covering from James Hare makes a stylish alternative to wallpaper. Shown here in French navy from the Fitzrovia collection, bespoke and stocked colourways are available, priced from £82 per metre. (james-hare.com)

RIGHT AND BELOW: Crafted by Crown comes in a flat matt, lustrous metallic or suede textured finish, in a choice of 62 shades, each 99 per cent solvent free. The suede finish (right) is shown here in Chocolate, highlighted with a subtle brush stroke effect. Price: from £25 for 2.5 litres. Also displayed (below) is Entice in a metallic finish, boasting a striking aesthetic and priced at £20 for 1.25 litres. (crownpaints.co.uk)

BOTTOM CENTRE: Chalk paints in Aubusson Blue and Provence have been used to cleverly create an Ombré effect in this bathroom. Price: from £5.95 for 120ml. (anniesloan.com)





ABOVE: These Scafell Slate bathroom panels from Mermaid's Elite range give a textured slate aesthetic. Easy to install with no trimming or grouting required, the result is a seamless finish with no mould or grime to worry about. Price for a three-sided 1,200mm x 1,200mm panel kit: £1,190.29. (mermaidpanels.co.uk)

LEFT: The use of natural materials in this renovation gives the home character. Clay was used extensively on the walls in the key rooms and also in the main stairwell to help connect the spaces, adding texture and a relaxed atmosphere to the space. Price on application. (trstudio.co.uk)



Pretty as a print

FAR LEFT: Part of the National Trust Papers II collection, Mandalay in Ceviche has a Tree of Life design, inspired by 17th-century Indian chintzes, which often depicted flowering trees with birds among their branches. Printed on a wide 70cm roll, the pattern has been adapted to repeat continuously along the wall. Price: £216 per roll. (littlegreene.com)

LEFT: Featuring a leaf and nut motif and shown here in Cordoba, Beech Nut has a late Georgian design and comes in a 10m x 52cm roll, priced at £97 per roll. (littlegreene.com)



LEFT: Available in a 20cm x 20cm format, these Vives Tondo tiles come in six colours. Each box contains different designs, so that they can be combined in various ways. Price: from £29 per sqm. (ctdarchitecturaltiles.co.uk)

RIGHT: These porcelain Lilypad tiles are hexagonal in shape with a linear pattern. Shown here in mint, they measure 267mm x 232mm and cost £48 per sqm. (veronagroup.co.uk)

BELOW: These Fiesta ceramic tiles make a bold statement with a Moroccan feel. With a vibrant sun motif and authentic uneven finish, each tile measures 15cm x 15cm. Price: £39.60 per sqm. (porcelainsuperstore.co.uk)

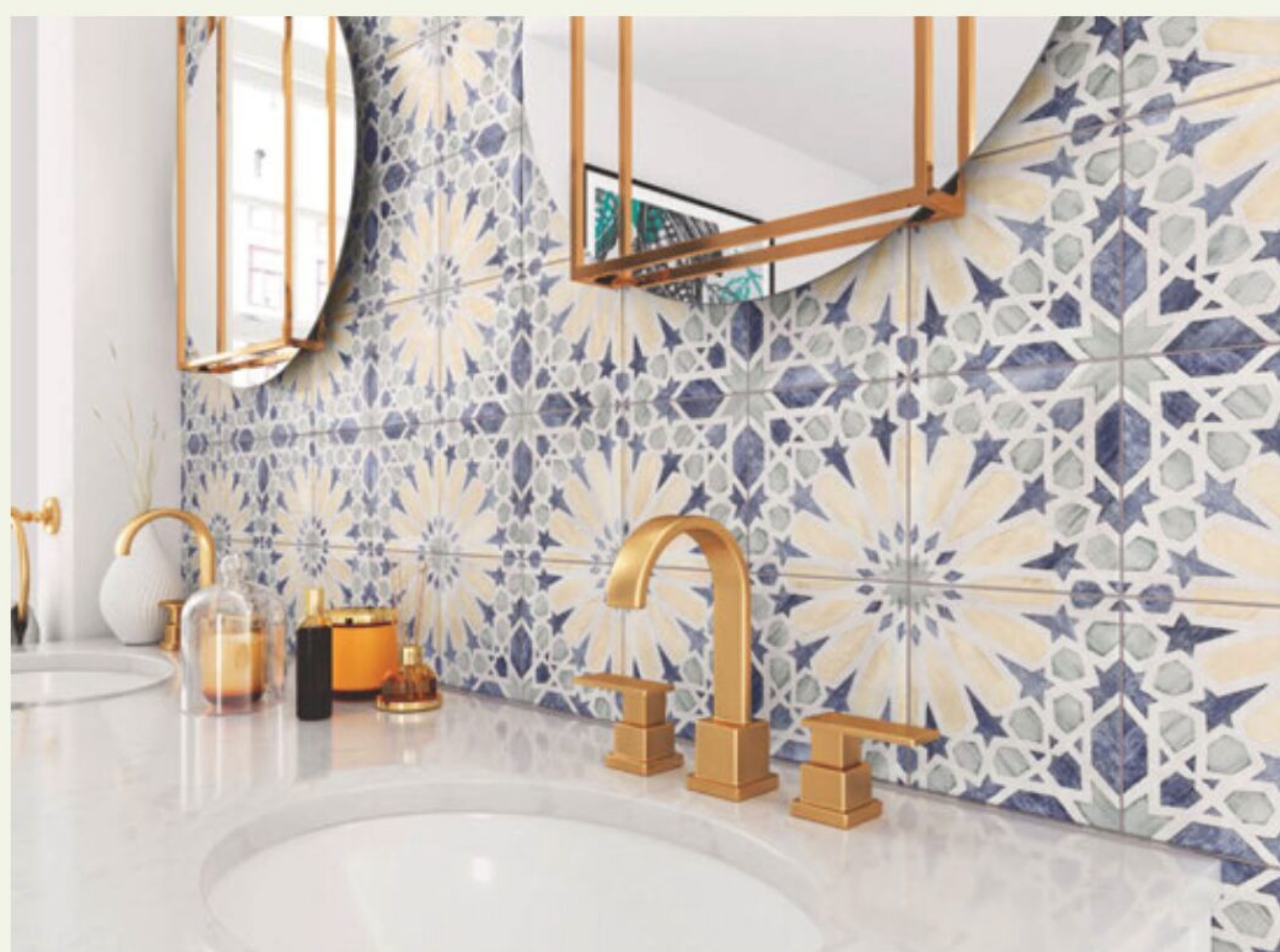
BOTTOM: Stencilled by hand using original techniques to copy a reclaimed encaustic tile sourced from an old flamenco tavern in Andalusia, the Zapata Amarillo can be laid out in two configurations. Hand poured using natural pigments, it has a soft patina and is priced at £150 per sqm. (maitlandandpoate.com)

Aesthetic preferences aside, the practical benefits of tiles over paint or wallpaper are clear. Although initially more expensive and challenging to install, this one-off cost means maintenance is next to zero. Paint or wallpaper are likely to peel or fade over time, while tiles are long lasting and easy to clean, requiring just an occasional wipe.

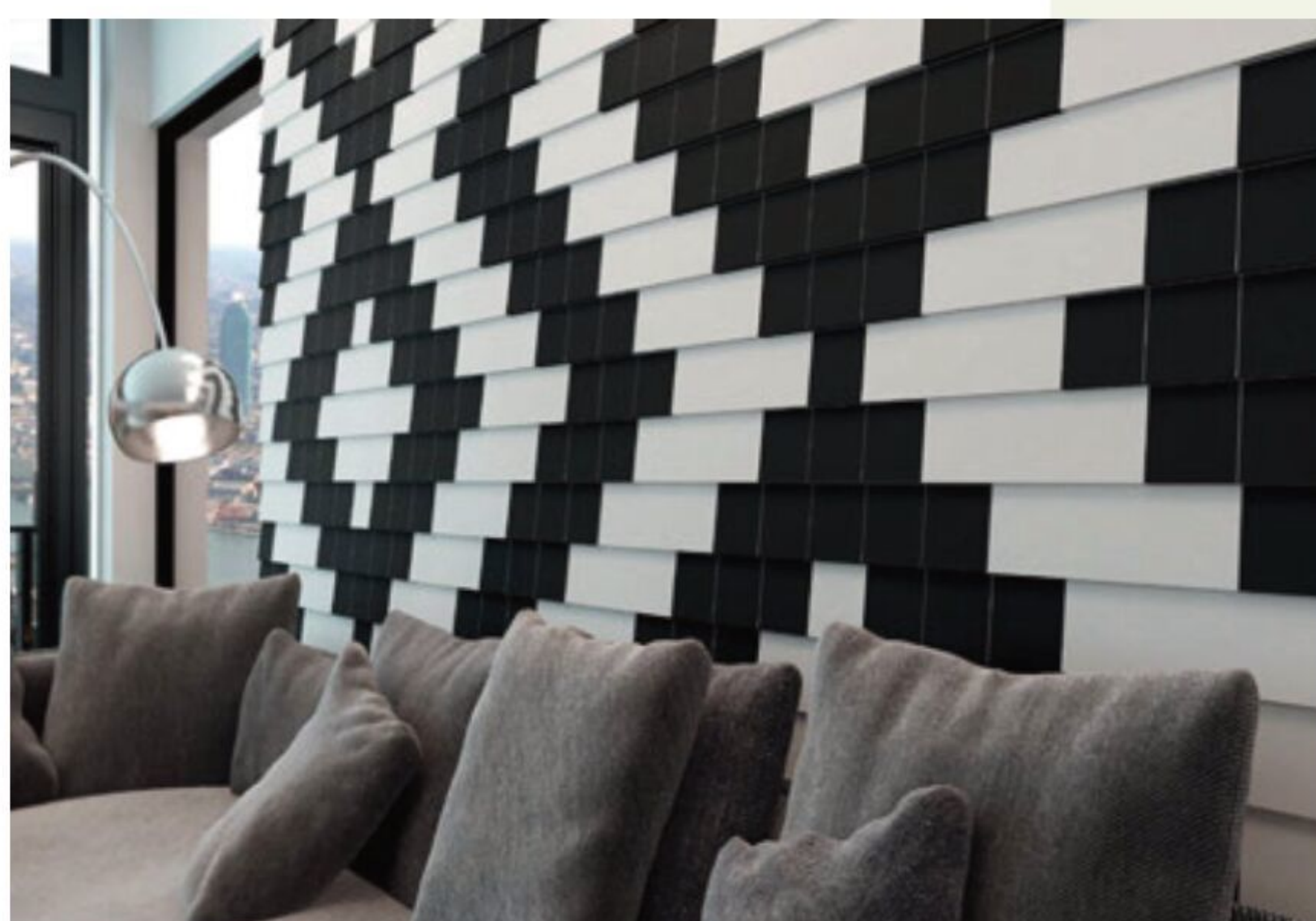
Like paint, tiled walls are still susceptible to mould, especially in damp areas, so ventilation is key. The benefit here is that should mould appear, it is much simpler to deal with. No wonder non-porous tiles are essential in bathrooms.

It may be wise to choose a basic neutral tile which will stand the test of time. You can always update your colour scheme by freshening up your accessories, which can change the whole look of the room instantly to match current trends.

With so many choices available, it can be daunting to know which works best for you and your home. Ceramic is



RIGHT: Bold and eye-catching, Delta by WOW three-dimensional tiles come in ice white matt, natural matt, earth matt, ash grey matt and graphite matt. Available in two sizes, they cost from £180 per sqm. (sacw.co.uk)



WALL TILES

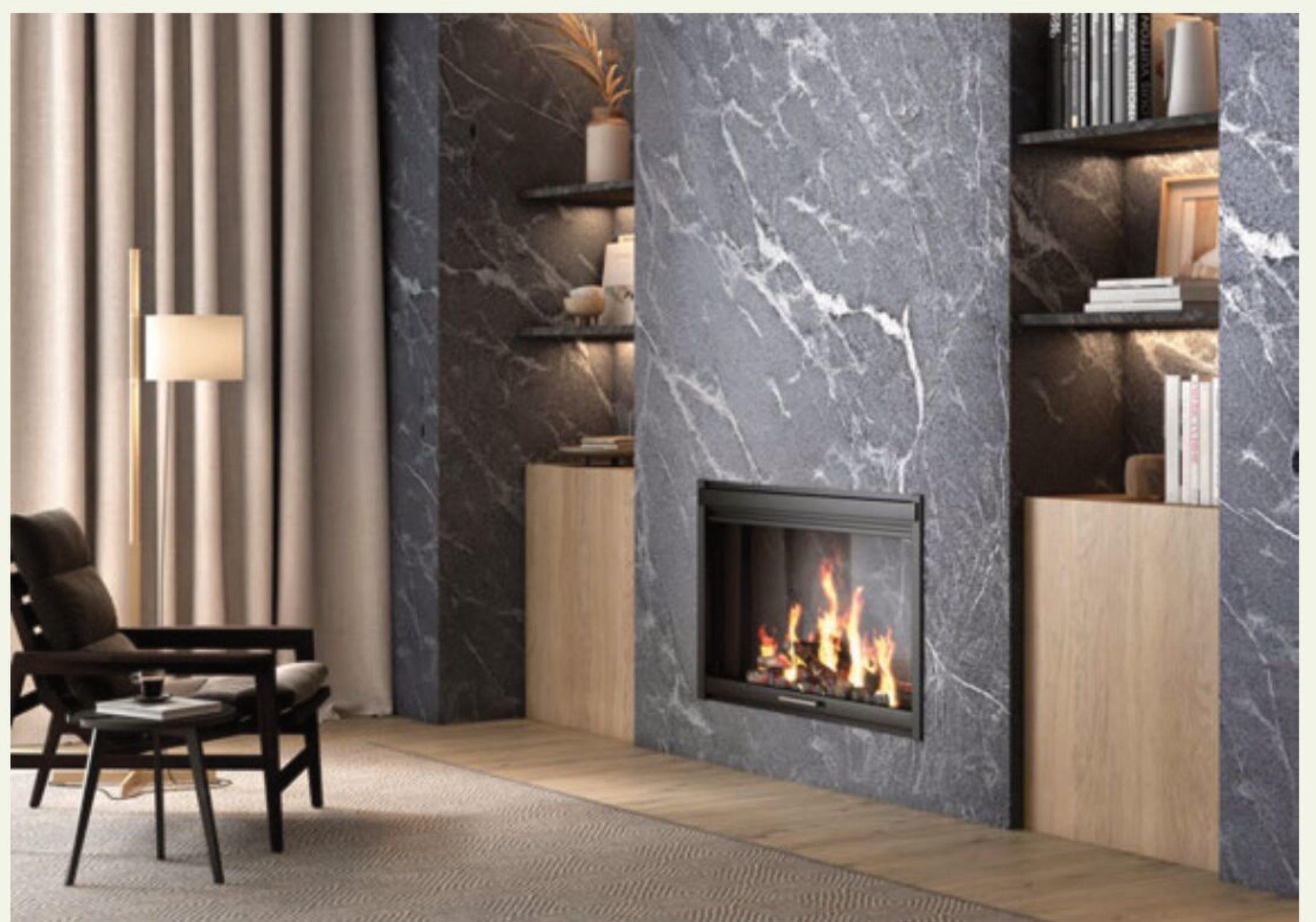


ABOVE: Displayed in white satin, these Reflections wall tiles are made from glazed ceramic and cost £29.99 per sqm. (ctdtiles.co.uk)

BELOW LEFT: Inspired by traditional cement tiles, these Palm Springs grey hexagons are made from high-quality porcelain with a geometric style. Price: £66 per sqm. (porcelainsuperstore.co.uk)

BELOW: Shown as fireplace cladding, these scratch-resistant Sensa by Cosentino tiles are made from Brazilian granite, pictured in a silver grey with bold white veins running horizontally across a deep grey surface. Prices start from £350 per sqm. (consentino.com)

BOTTOM: Shown in Mustard, the Cliq range of glossy ceramic tiles comes in other vibrant colours such as Hot Pink. The tiles measure 13cm x 13cm and fit together like a jigsaw. Cost: £1.26 per tile. (toppstiles.co.uk)



RIGHT: Resembling a lunar crater, these WOW Moon three-dimensional tiles create shadows and depth. Available in two sizes and various colours, they cost from £180 per sqm. (sacw.co.uk)



WALL TILES



LEFT: Waterlily pink hexagon tiles are made from matt porcelain and measure 198mm x 228mm. Price: £41.60 per sqm. (easybathrooms.com)

RIGHT: The Salerno decorative ceramic wall tile is shown here in red and can be laid out in various ways, including vertically, horizontally and stacked. Price: £59.40 per sqm. (sacw.co.uk)

BELOW: Venetian marble glossy ceramic wall tiles measure 60cm x 31cm and cost £55.26 per sqm, which is £84 for a box of eight tiles. (utopiagroup.com)

BOTTOM: Inspired by the landscape of North America, the Flaviker Dakota tile features imperfections caused by the ageing process, such as scratches and stains, giving it a distinctive aesthetic. Price: £50.40 per metre. (realstoneandtile.co.uk)

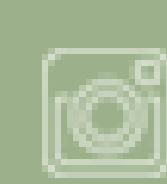
the most common type of wall tile. Strong, cost effective and long lasting, ceramic is easy to install, versatile and handles spills well. It can be glazed, which makes it ideal for high traffic areas, or left unglazed for a rustic look. Similarly, porcelain is extremely popular and won't fade or crack. Made from a denser clay, it is less porous, but is slightly more expensive than its ceramic counterpart. The great thing about porcelain is that it can emulate the look of natural stone, brick or wood without the upkeep.

Marble is an elegant choice, with no two pieces the same. Great as a decorative feature, it can, however, be expensive and is not resistant to scratching. Granite works well as a cheaper alternative. If opting for an intricate patterned tile, cement often springs to mind. Patterns and colours may change over time, giving it a truly rustic feel. This is best in low traffic areas as it will need resealing. Less common materials are metal, resin, glass or quarry tiles, each of which offers a uniquely interesting look.

Tiles are extremely versatile and can even be used as fireplace cladding or a kitchen splashback. Why not make a statement by tiling just the lower half of the wall, or creating a herringbone or stacked pattern? The possibilities are endless.



RIGHT: Part of the Quarry collection which focuses on raw earthy tones and rustic designs, these washed charcoal tiles have a tactile finish. Price from £156. (shower wall.co.uk)



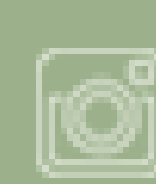


TOP: The Art Deco collection by Aparici features the Spritz design, available in white or black. Made from porcelain, these tiles measure 29.75cm x 29.75cm and cost £42 per sqm. (aparici.com)

ABOVE: Filippo 25 tiles by Vives come in six different colours and 25 different designs to be mixed as desired. Matt or gloss, the tiles are 20cm x 20cm and cost from £29 per sqm. (ctdarchitecturaltiles.co.uk)

FAR LEFT: Shown in Pumpkin gold, Lemmy wall tiles are made from porcelain with a matt finish. Available in six colours, they measure 1,200mm x 600mm and cost £34.99 per sqm. (tilemountain.co.uk)

LEFT: Measuring 250mm x 250mm, the Barcelona Star ceramic tile brings a pop of colour to both walls and floors with its bold geometric print. It comes in a mid-grey and jade palette and is resistant to scratches and stains. Price: £35.04 per sqm. (tilegiant.co.uk)





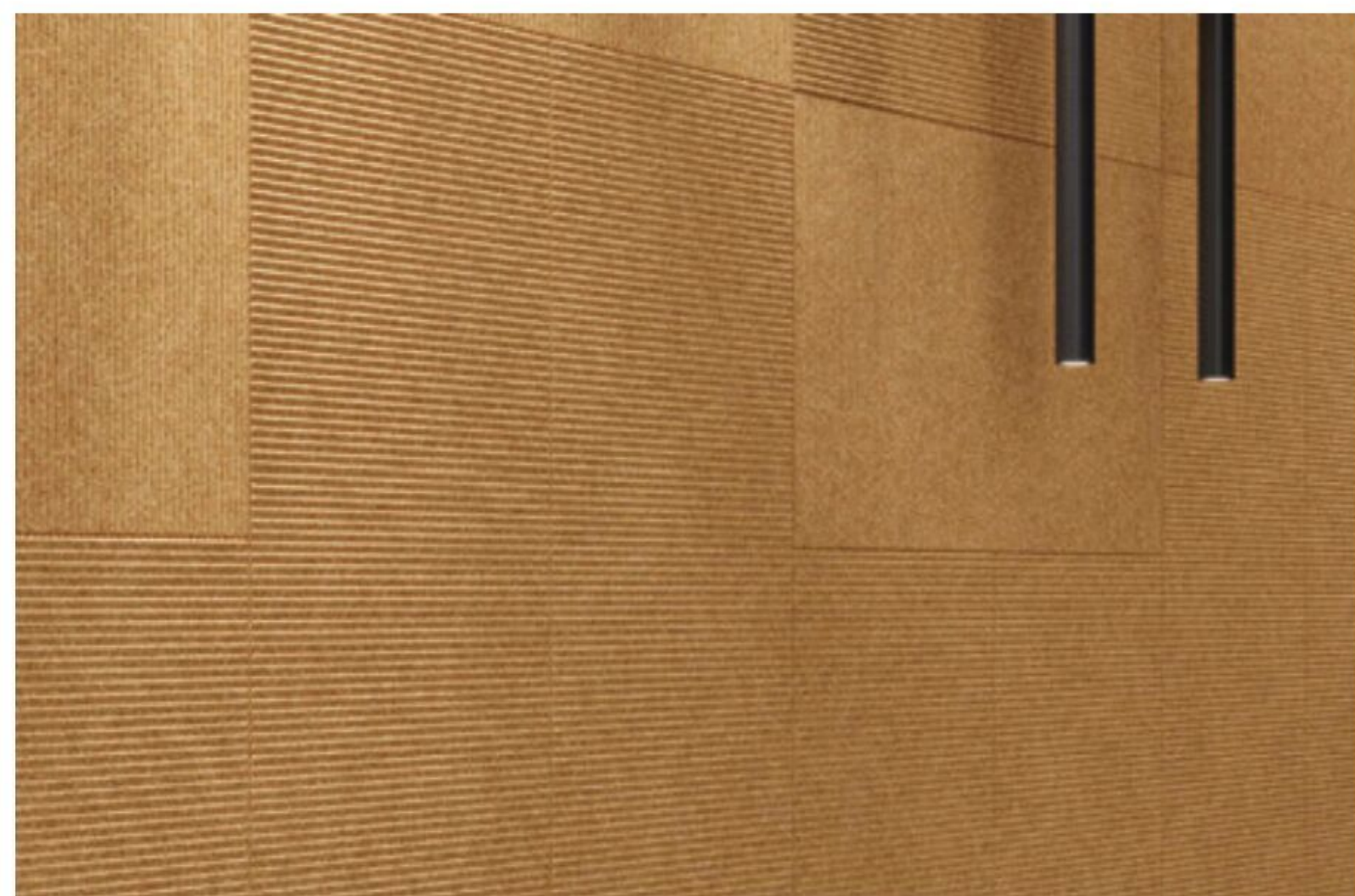
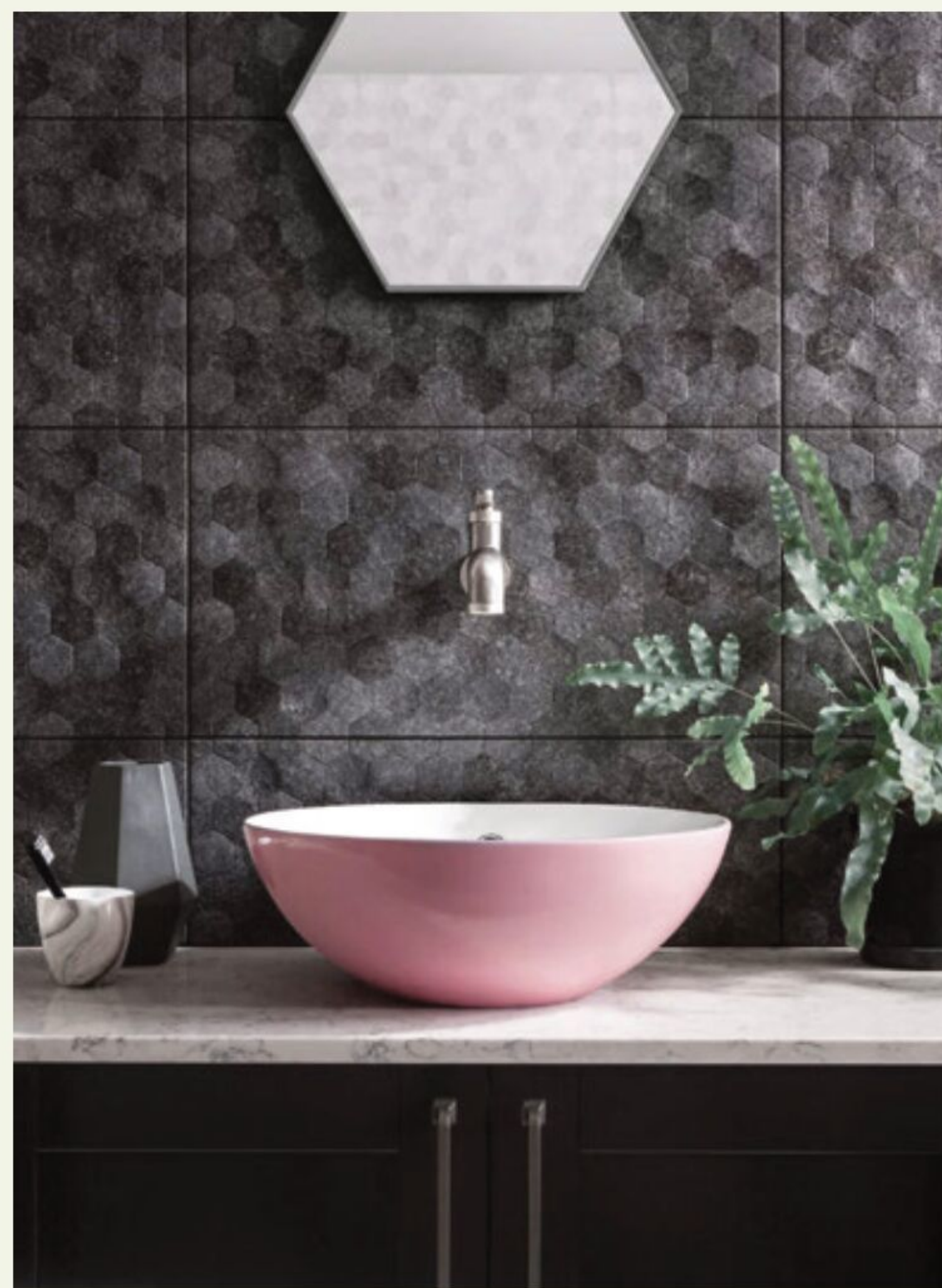
ABOVE: The Onice beige mosaic porcelain tiles have a mirror-like finish, with each hexagon featuring an accent end in a gold metallic glaze for added luxury. Price: £30 for a 28cm x 30cm tile sheet. (porcelainsuperstore.co.uk)

ABOVE RIGHT: Alejandra-M is a 20cm x 20cm white body wall tile by Vives, priced from £29 per sqm. (ctdarchitecturaltiles.co.uk)

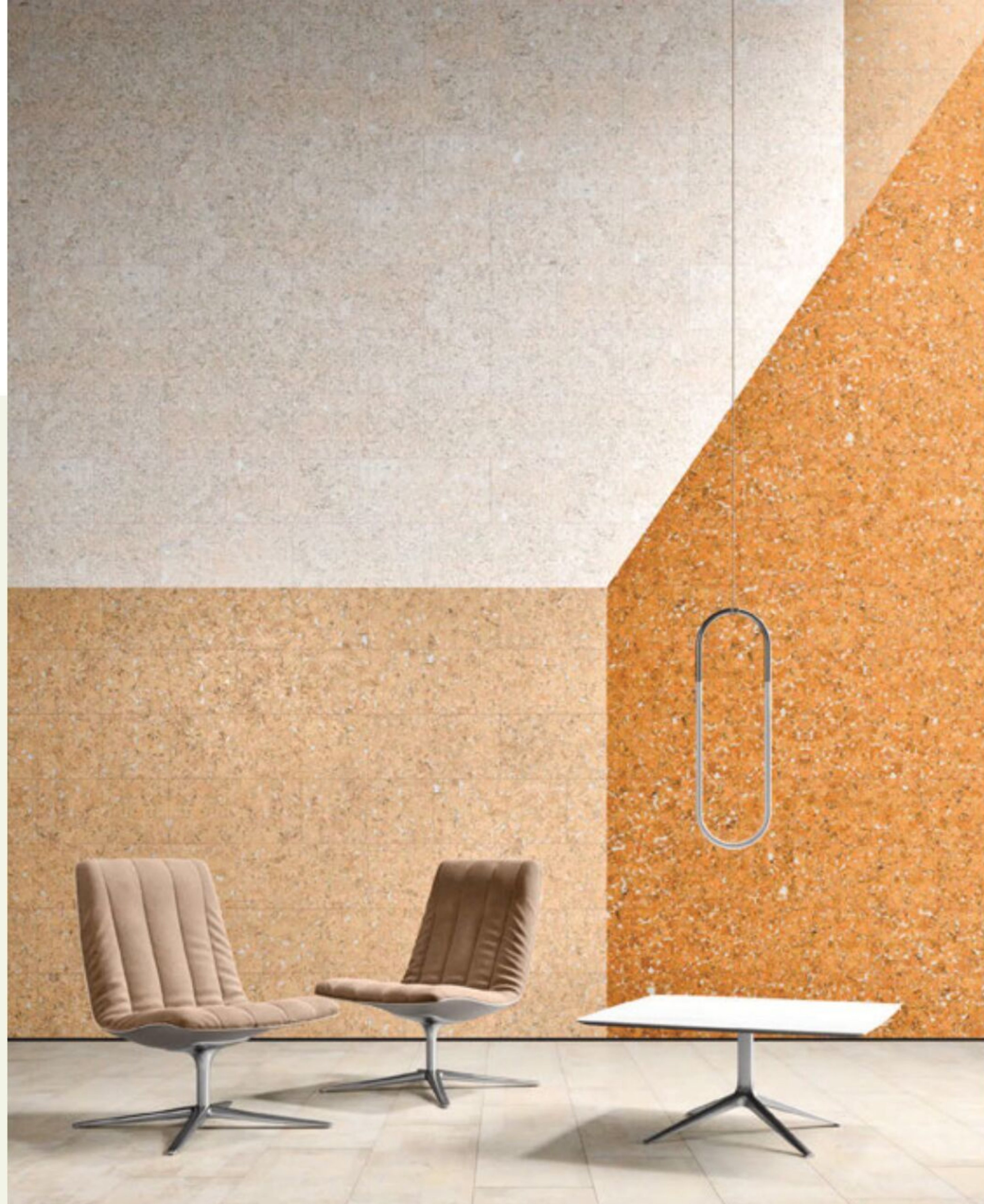
RIGHT: These encaustic-style decorative Italian glazed tiles come from Ceramique Internationale's Moons collection. Shown here in Ersä, five other striking patterns are available, each boasting a worn aesthetic. (tilesandmosaics.co.uk)

FAR RIGHT: Measuring 600mm x 300mm, these Buxy Antracita tiles appear like a hive of hexagons with a natural stone vibe. Price: £36.99 per sqm. (ctdtiles.co.uk)

BELOW: Natural 100 per cent recycled cork wall tiles from the Tatami collection cost from £71.50 per sqm. (granorte.co.uk)



LEFT: This Georgian wall tile aesthetic has been created using 26cm x 13cm octagonal white tiles (£60 for a box of 15 tiles) accompanied by 3.5cm x 3.5cm mosaic tiles in midnight black, each priced at £2. (imperial bathroom.com)



ABOVE: Shown here in three different tones from the Decodalle collection, cork wall tiles are priced from £30 per sqm. (granorte.co.uk)

RIGHT: The Positano Blue Terrazzo is part of the Mineral collection, boasting a subtle shimmer and flickering quartz. Price: from £192. (showerwall.co.uk)

BELOW: These Caledonian oak wood-effect tiles come in a 9.8cm x 59.3cm plank format and can be laid out in various ways, from offset to herringbone, for a completely different finish. Also available in birch and grey, they are priced at £42.51 per sqm. (tilegiant.co.uk)



LEFT: Ceramic with a realistic leather effect, these Vintage Leather Elephant tiles can be natural or polished. 60cm x 60cm, they are priced from £78 per sqm. (sacw.co.uk)

BELOW LEFT: Made from durable porcelain, the rectangular Halley tiles have a subtle shimmer, brightening up a space with their light-reflecting qualities. Price: £44.98 per sqm. (tilegiant.co.uk)

BOTTOM CENTRE: Measuring 80cm x 80cm, Statuario Venato marble effect porcelain tiles are shown in matt. Also available in a polished version or smaller size, the tiles shown cost £96. (sacw.co.uk)

BELOW: 3D cork wall tiles from Granorte are shown in Bluemoon, costing from £365 per sqm. (granorte.co.uk)



HOME OFFICES

Unprecedented numbers of people have been working from home, meaning dedicated office space is more important than ever before. Traditionally known for neither style nor comfort, office furniture can now offer both, creating a workspace that serves body and mind.

Planning your space is essential. If a desk is in the middle of a room, cables need to run safely and discreetly to the power socket – flexible conduit is a good option. Consider houseplants. Research by the Royal Horticultural Society suggests their presence can improve productivity, alleviate stress, improve mood and some say they purify the air. They can also reduce blood pressure, fatigue and headaches, and even combat pain. English ivy, mother-in-law's tongue, cheese plant, aloe vera and peace lily are all nice to look at and easy to grow.

Sturdy and plentiful storage is essential. Workspace for a computer, drawers for paperwork and shelving for books and ornaments, are all key to a clutter-free, calm working environment, as is good task and general lighting, including a source of natural light such as windows.



Tactile surfaces

The Pictor home office features furniture from Portuguese design company Laskasas and is designed to be visually enriching as well as comfortable. The Rosie desk (price: £1,525) has a large central drawer as well as two smaller curved corner drawers, and combines a leather top, matt smoked oak and wrought iron. The Robson swivel chair (price: £992), in leather and wrought iron, has low arm rests and is available in other colours and fabrics. (laskasas.com)



Out in the open

Cleverly separated from the kitchen by a dividing wall, this stylish home office offers a sense of privacy within a wider open space. The surfaces are hand-painted in Linen Grey, maintaining a neutral, light, coherent flow. (martinmoore.com)

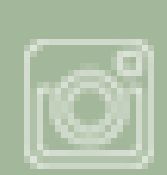
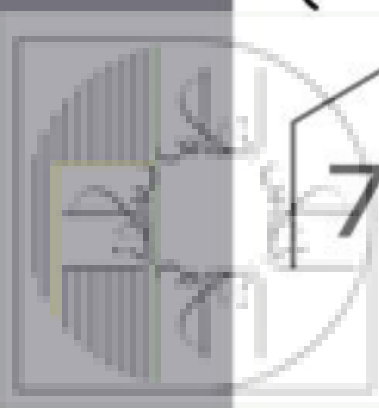
Small is beautiful

Perfect for smaller homes, this simple bespoke desk creates a multi-use space that takes up no more room than a large cupboard. The stool is stowed away below the desk when not in use and concealed behind doors. (nevillejohnson.co.uk)



Hidden from view

Small, compact and accessible, this simple, pared-back desk and shelves can be hidden from view by pocket doors that are stowed away in recesses to either side of the workspace. A wide shelf provides a level surface for computer, notebooks and phone, while slim shelves above offer critical storage for paperwork and books. Designed by Design Space London, it forms part of the Modulnova kitchen and is finished with a dark tone satin lacquer in Tortora, which further enhances its subtle presence, while the kitchen colour is Corda. Kitchens start from £25,000. (designspacelondon.com)





Tried & tested Working standing up

Research suggests that 81 per cent of us spend between four and nine hours a day seated at our desks, so the choice of furniture and the design of our workspace is paramount to our well-being and productivity.

When the Varidesk Pro Plus 30 desk arrived we were curious about how it would feel to work standing up. We were impressed by the sturdy and robust nature – made using high-quality materials, it could not be easier to set up.

Designed for a desktop computer, it has space for a monitor on the top tier and keyboard below. It also fits a 15in laptop on the bottom connected to a large screen above.

Our initial concerns about the wires getting caught or damaged in the mechanism were quickly dispelled – even with power, HDMI and USB cables in the mix they all remain clear and untangled.

The variable nature of the desk (as suggested by the brand name) really is its strong point.

The desk height can be changed easily by squeezing two discreet handles. The desk sweeps to the desired height with a fluid, robust action where it is locked into position. It can be used for sitting as well as standing, so that the amount of time spent on your feet can be gradually increased.

The taller the user and the higher the desk, the further it protrudes. For a 6ft-tall user it protrudes about 15in – which could be problematic in tight spaces.

Working standing up has many benefits, not least building leg and general postural strength.

The Varidesk Pro Plus 30 costs £275. (vari.com) **Louise Parkin**



Bespoke storage

Featuring bespoke joinery by Hux London, this office space (above right) tucks neatly below a galleried landing, and addresses the maxim that storage is key to any organised home. The desk is placed simply in the foreground, allowing the full-height shelving to take centre stage. A ladder to the upper storage zone adds to the librarian feel of this stylishly studious installation. If pared back is your preferred style, this built-in unit of wooden desk and shelves (right) blends with the shallow staircase and surrounding joinery. (zulufish.co.uk)



Accessories

Velvet soft

A comfortable seat is a must, but that doesn't mean it can't look fantastic too. Pine green velvet and brass combine on the Keira chair, creating a sleek, classic look with a touch of glamour, a refined piping detail visible along the edges. The swivel chair has a supportive back and armrests and imbues any interior with a sense of opulence. Price: £179. (made.com)

In the spotlight

There is no denying the elegant simplicity of the classic Anglepoise lamp. This Original 1227 brass desk lamp is adjustable, but thanks to constant tension spring technology it feels sturdy and well balanced. The timeless design is a perennial favourite, suitable for both contemporary and traditional decor. Price: £200. (johnlewis.com)



Stovax Elise 540T free-standing multifuel stove. (stovax.com)



HEATING YOUR HOME



Above: Warm your cockles with Eurostove's ilektro, a stylish electric fire with high heat output and good efficiency. Designed by Paul Agnew Designs, the fire is available in various sizes and configurations, with styles ranging from authentic gas and wood imitations to sculptural and abstract shapes, with LED flame effects. The ilektro 2000 landscape fire, shown here, is priced at £2,609.10. (eurostove.co.uk)

Right: The elegant Lotus Style 470W has a heat output of up to 10kW, with a choice of limestone, soapstone or Indian night stone frames, it also has a log store base. Price: from £3,189. (lotusfires.com)



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Above: Clever sensors on the electric Dimplex Pemberley create a 3D flame and smoke effect with a fuel bed of pebbles. The wall-mounted fire has two settings, and can produce either 1kW or 2kW of heat. The heat is

provided by a fan heater, and the flame effect can be created without giving off heat if required. Price: £449. (ao.com)

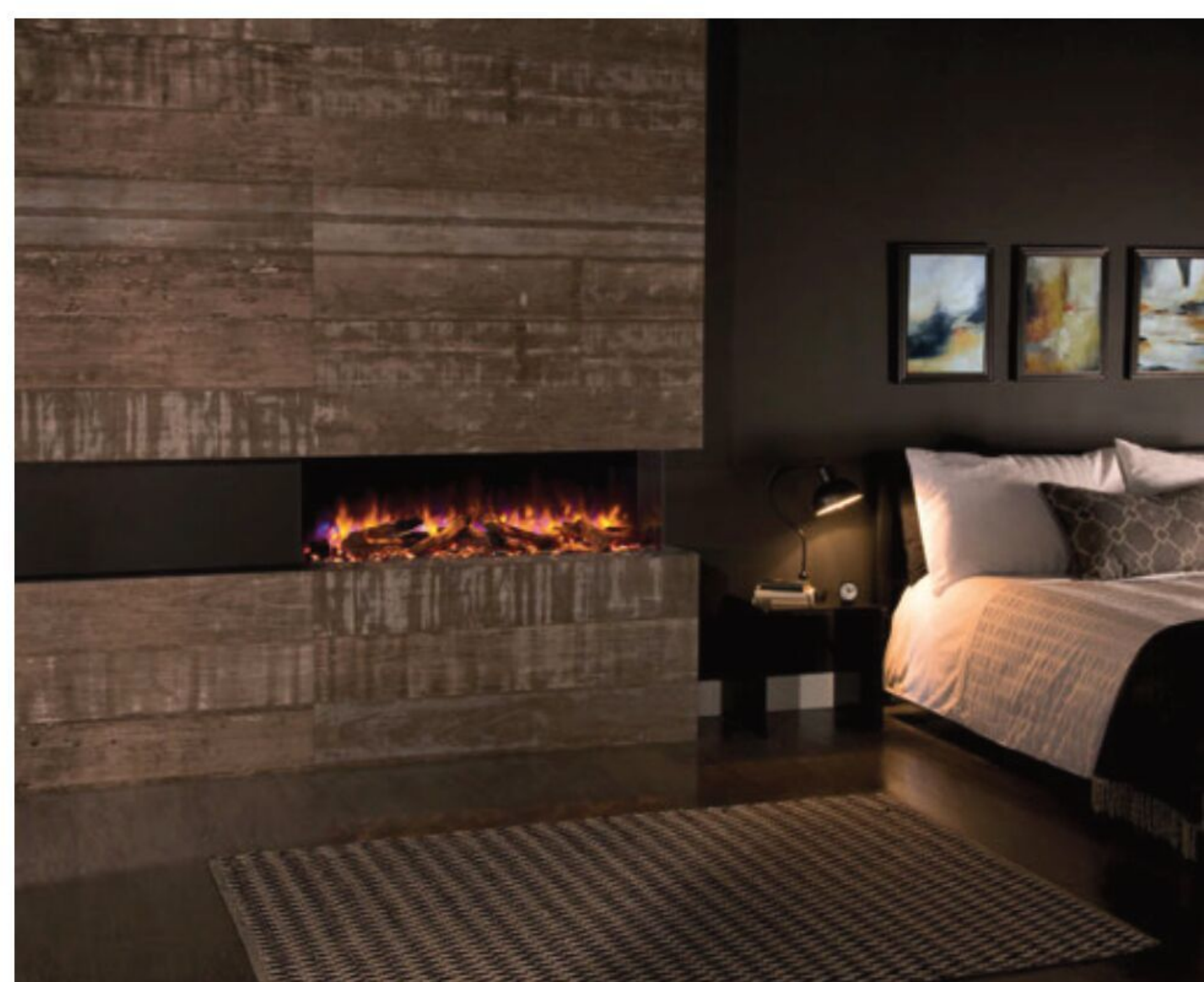
Below: The Reflex gas fire range has a bed of logs to create a gas flame effect almost



Top left: The 73 suspended glass or hanging gas fire has a ceiling-hung canopy of tinted glass with a white plaster finish around the top. The area below the canopy is open, allowing the flames to be visible from every angle, and the sandblasted Belgian Bluestone base is custom fitted around the step, and can even be made into useful storage. Price: from £9,800 plus VAT (excludes stone base). (modusfireplaces.com)

Above: The 997 double-sided fireplace features a circular centrepiece with a striking exposed flue that stretches up to the ceiling. Partially closed with glass blades, the fireplace can be finished in an array of colours and finishes and can be designed to rotate. Price: from £12,150 plus VAT. (modusfireplaces.com)

Left: Bio-ethanol fireplaces can provide a welcome blast of heat, without the need for a chimney. There are no emissions, odour or smoke, thanks to the natural bio-ethanol fuel which produces up to 3.5kW of heat. This option, from Le Feu, can sit on a stand or hang down from the ceiling. Price: £1,499. (cuckooland.com)



Above: Undulating flame visuals and a deep bed of realistic logs or shining crystals are achieved with the latest LED technologies, with a choice of fuel beds. Available in a variety of outset and inset fires, the eReflex has a programmable thermostatic eco handset to control a host of energy-saving features, including open-window detection. Price: from £945. (gazco.com)

STOVES



Far left: Shown here with a low pedestal, the Hoxton 7 is Defra exempt, Ecodesign Ready and comes with a click closure mechanism for optimal safety. It has an average heat output of 7kW, ideal for heating larger spaces, and costs £2,474. (aradastoves.com)

Top left: The stylish i8 corner cassette stove has front and side windows. Defra exempt and Ecodesign Ready, it heats up to 120 sqm with a 7kW heat output. Prices start from £1,995. (contura.eu)

Left: The large F500 ECO wood stove is made from cast iron with a choice of contemporary plain door or trademark Gothic arches, as shown here. It has a nominal heat output of 8.5kW and comes with an air wash system to keep the glass clean. Price: from £3,465. (jotul.com)

Below: Boasting a 5kW nominal heat output, the matt black Buxton II multifuel stove is constructed from steel with a cast iron door. Defra exempt, it has a powerful air wash system to keep the large ceramic glass panel clean. Price: £1,215. (acrstoves.com)



A stove can add the finishing touch to your living area, providing the much-loved hygge effect on cold, dark winter evenings. After all, the stove will be largely surplus to the heating requirements of any new home with high levels of airtightness and insulation. So choosing a stove that isn't too big is just as important as one that isn't undersized.

There are plenty of options, with models to suit most interiors, from contemporary open-plan areas, to cosy inglenooks. Showpiece stoves suspended from the ceiling, wood-burners with double doors or multiple glass panels that can be viewed from different angles, and electric or ethanol fires that don't require a flue are just some of the options in addition to the traditional inglenook stove.



Left: The 330G traditional floor-level fireplace can be fitted as a free-standing stove or inside an existing fireplace. It has a heat output of 7kW and costs from £1,995. (contura.eu)

Right: Ecodesign Ready and Defra exempt, the multifuel 3112 stove costs £1,199. (morsoe.com)

Far right: Defra exempt and clearSkies level 5 approved, the Celsius stove can be placed next to any combustible material, such as a wall, as the casing does not get hot to touch. Sourced from the Hekia Volcano in Iceland, the volcanic pumice around the stove is a natural insulator, allowing flue gases in the chimney to quickly reach optimum temperatures, meaning less wood is required to heat it. Prices start from £3,043 for a 4.5m high standard home. (scheidel.com)



HOME HEATING



Made from cast iron, the Vue Portrait multifuel model from F2 Fires comes with an air wash system, easy-to-use controls and adjustable feet. Price: £788. (eurostove.co.uk)



Above: Shown with log storage, the 6143 wood-burning stove is Ecodesign Ready, Defra exempt and carries the Nordic Swan Ecolabel. Price: £1,799. (morsoe.com)

Below left: Displayed with an optional log store, the i600 slimline stove is shown in Mist. Price: from £1,325. (aradastoves.com)

Below centre: Ecodesign Ready and Defra exempt, the Solution 5 widescreen stove is shown here in Spice, a warming metallic shade. Price: from £899. (aradastoves.com)

Below right: Displayed in white, the 510 stove boasts a large glass door, spreading the light effectively around the room. It has a heat output of 7kW. Prices start from £1,895. (contura.eu)

Bottom: The Tenbury T550 has a removable convection outer box for simple installation with the option of either a three- or four-sided frame. Defra exempt, it can use logs up to 40cm long or smokeless fuel. Price: £1,360. (acrstoves.com)



Right: The Cranmore collection of wood-burning stoves takes inspiration from the Regency era with a single-framed glass door and archetypal detailing. Available in two sizes, it uses clean burn Blu technology and is exceptionally efficient with a clearSkies level 5 rating. Ecodesign Ready and Defra exempt, it has a heat output of 5kW-7kW and costs from £1,700. (charnwood.com)



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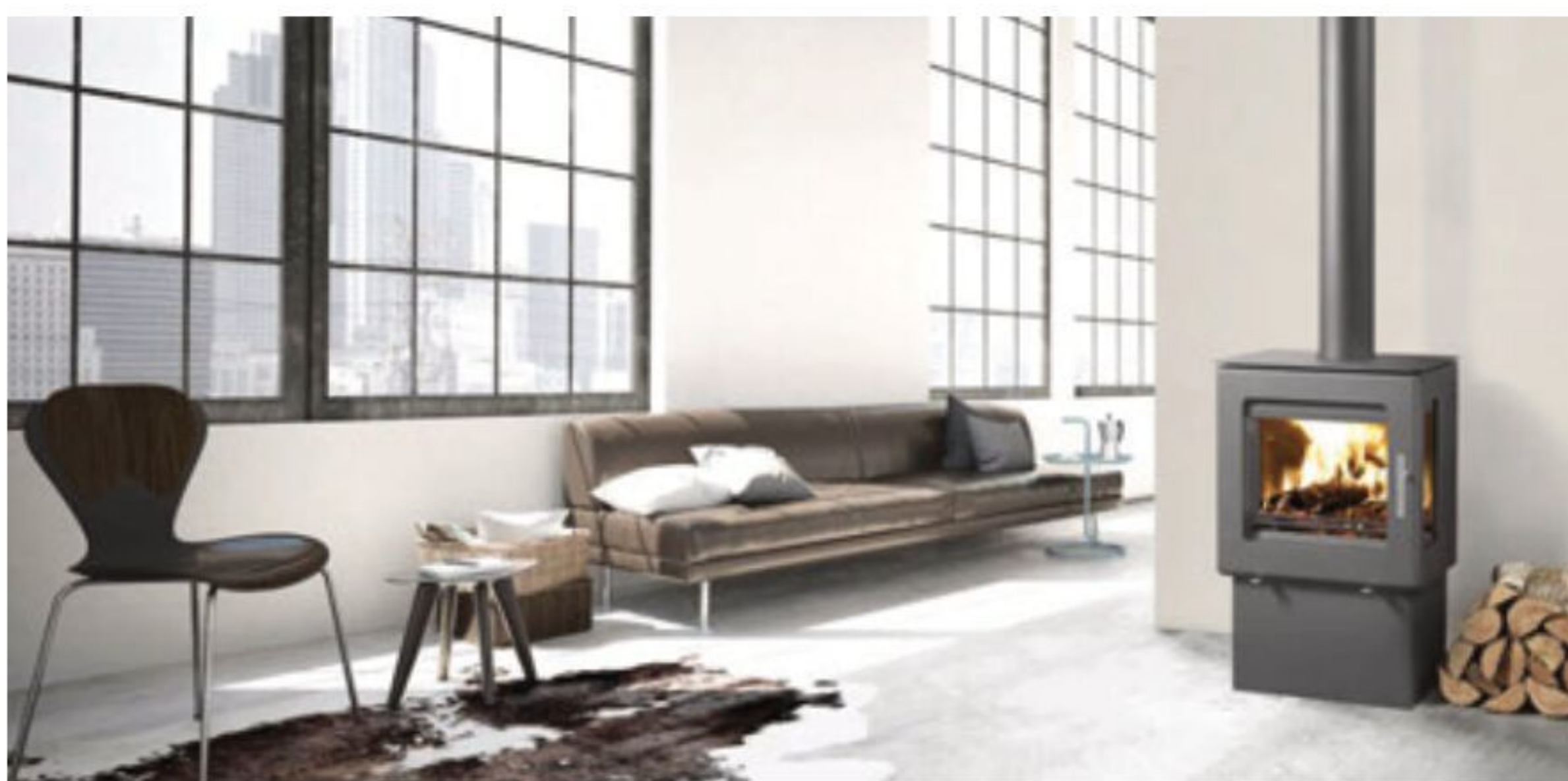


Above: The Dovre Rock 500 wood-burning stove features Cleanburn and Airwash systems, ensuring highly efficient operation. With a heat output of up to 9kW, this comes as a tablet or wood-base model in grey or white enamel. Price: £2,645. (dovre.co.uk)

Top right: In the rear of this i61 stove an extra duct system outputs preheated combustion air. The system, called Clean Burning, is activated by a sliding control on the front. The stove emits 6kW and burns at 80 per cent efficiency, with very few particle concentrations. Price: £3,190. (contura.eu)

Middle right: The new ESSE 175 is the cleanest wood-burning stove yet from this manufacturer which has been in business since 1854. It delivers 5kW of heat using a three-stage combustion process to extract every last bit of energy from each log. Incorporating ESSE's innovative Particulate Reburn technology, the ESSE 175 reignites gases and particles to minimise emissions while maximising heat output. (esse.com)

Right: The NEO3F Gas and E-NEO3C Electric (far right) stoves have flame beds visible from three sides, thanks to two side-window panels. Manufactured in steel and finished in a matt black powder-coat, the electric model has the option of 1kW or 2kW heat output with four flame settings and even has an optional decorative flue pipe kit. Price: £1,299. The gas version, which has ceramic logs on the fuel bed, is suitable for natural gas or LPG, with a variety of flue kits and heat outputs of 6.75kW. It can be controlled via a smartphone app. Price: £2,760. (acrstoves.com)



Left: The angular Westfire Uniq 23 Pedestal wood-burning stove is highly efficient thanks to insulated chambers and triple air supplies. Pedestals vary in height, and a log store can also be included. Output is 5.3kW. Price: £1,155. (eurostove.co.uk)

Above: Presenting a stunning view of the flames, the Vogue Midi T has an expansive glass viewing window, kept clear by the Airwash system that ensures high levels of combustion efficiency. A log store base is optional. Price: from £1,765. (stovax.com)





Left: Available in wood-burning and multifuel options, the Arada i600 stove has a max output of 4.9kW and is suitable for use in smoke-control zones. It is available in seven colours including black, grey, cream and blue. (aradastoves.com)

Right: The Zebru Walltherm Air is a 6kW-12kW stove, with an integral fan to distribute warm air evenly into the room. Operating at 87 per cent efficiency, the Zebru stands 1,250mm high and can accept logs of up to 350mm. Price: £5,000. (ludlowstoves.co.uk)



Above left: The Chilly Eighty Ate 88 has a large fire window, a small oven and a stainless steel hotplate on top. The 8kW stove has an integral plinth with space for log storage. Price: £2,150. (ludlowstoves.co.uk)

Left: The Alea is a pellet stove with reduced depth of less than 28mm, making it ideal for confined spaces. The smoke outlet can

be either on the back (pictured) or on the top, reducing the total volume even further. Emitting 7kW of heat, the Ecodesign ready stove operates at an efficiency of up to 93 per cent. From £1,960. (mcz.it/en)

Above: The Stanford S21 cast iron oil stove is designed to provide a continuous source of background heating,

with the ability to increase the heat output at the turn of a dial. Price: £2,319. (eurostove.co.uk)

Below: The Ecoburn 5 stove is Ecodesign ready, and achieves heat outputs of 4.9kW. Suitable to burn wood or solid fuel, it is approved for use in smoke control areas. A widescreen version is also available. Price: from £1,149. (aradastoves.com)





Above: Supplied in a traditional black painted finish, the Wychwood has a large glass door and a 5kW output. Ecodesign Ready and Defra exempt, it comes with a choice of skirted base, log-store base or legs. Price: £1,365. (acrstoves.com)

Above right: The County 3 multifuel stove has a rustic, compact appearance. Price: from £799. (stovax.com)

Right: Shown with a white decorative trim, the Studio Air 2 free-standing fire costs £3,155. It has a wide viewing window and an impressive 8.2kW heat output. (stovax.com)



Left: The Churchill 5 from Mendip Stoves is a clean-lined free-standing multifuel stove. It has a large curved glass viewing window and features a three-way air system for optimum combustion. Price: £1,192. (eurostove.co.uk)

Right: The F163 wood-burning stove is characterised by its large side windows and three sturdy legs, available in black paint or maintenance-free white enamel with a heat retaining top made of soapstone. Price: from £2,100. (jotul.com)



Ethanol

Right: The FLA3+ is an intelligent ethanol fireplace that doesn't require a flue or vent, allowing it to be built into the wall or as a stand-alone piece. With an automatic refill system and six adjustable flame heights, it burns clean and won't produce soot, smoke or ash. The FLA3+ can be connected to any Smart Home System or the Planika App. Price: £5,450. (planikauk.com)

Far right: The Prime Fire 990+ automatic bioethanol fireplace has an automatic refill system and comes with Forma casing. It is available in six options: single sided, left corner, right corner, three-sided open, see through (shown) or room divider. Price on application. (planikauk.com)



Below: A modern solution for traditional large inglenook fireplaces, the Elmdale wood-burning stove has an angled air-wash door, premium-grade cast iron firebox and matching steel canopy to radiate heat back into the room. Defra exempt, it has a heat output of 9kW and costs £1,895. (acrstoves.com)





Above: The E-NEO3C electric stove stands on an open cupboard base for added height, and comes with two side-window panels. It has several flame options and a selectable heat output. Price: £1,135. (acrstoves.com)

Below: The cylindrical SLE42S can be fitted as a corner, front-facing or panoramic electric stove. It features etronic flame-effect technology, a handcrafted ceramic log fuel bed and infrared remote control. Guide price: £999. (solutionfires.co.uk)



Electric

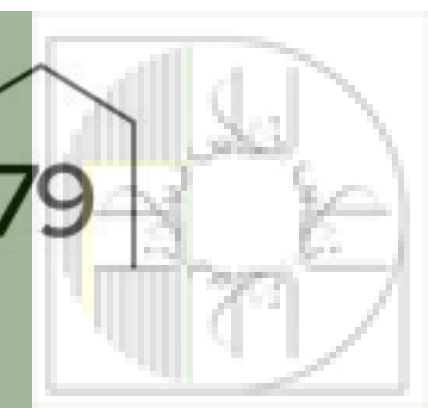
Above: Shown in Marine Blue, Everhot has launched its first electric stove, made from steel and cast iron. A 1.5kW thermostatically controlled heating element gently warms the room and provides heat long after it has been turned off. Price: £1,295. (everhot.co.uk)

Below: The E-Astwood has a traditional style, made from lightweight steel and cast aluminium with a black powder-coated finish. It has selectable heat outputs of 1kW, 2kW or no heat, and features a realistic 3D holographic flame projection in four settings. Price: £690. (acrstoves.com)



Left: The SLE125t double-sided electric tunnel fire features etronic 3D flame-effect technology with a 1-2kW heat output. Supplied with a black trim and infrared remote control, it has four customisable flame effects, a choice of fuel bed colours, and crackling fire audio with volume control, all managed by the Solution Fires App. Guide price: £1,949 plus installation. (solutionfires.co.uk)

Far left: The Avanti 190RW electric fire is installed here as a two-sided corner fire, with a split silver birch log effect. Price: from £2,814. (onyxfires.com)



RADIATORS



Above: The Morsø 1412 Squirrel cast iron multifuel stove may be compact but it has a powerful 5kW output, with an airwash system to keep the glass clear. Price: £1,099.

Right: Morsø's 4441 (right) 5kW multifuel stove is certified for use in smoke control areas, and is Ecodesign ready. Price: £1,299. (morsoe.com)



Above: Operating at almost 90 per cent efficiency, the Debdale wood-burning stove from Burley's Fireball range is Ecodesign ready, and has a maximum output of 5.3kW. Price: £900. (burley.co.uk)



Above: The Carre radiator has square pipes, and comes in widths from 295mm to 895mm, and heights from 1,600mm to 3,000mm. Available in a broad range of colours, BTUs are from 3,364. Starting price: £475. (vasco.eu)

Right: The Bubbles towel warmer comes in a broad range of colours including standard colours of matt black and white. Heat output ranges from 208W to 442W. Price: £552. (theradiatorcentre.com)

Below: Now your favourite photo can be printed onto a panel radiator, using UV-bonded ink. This Panio Crystal Glass triptych achieves high-resolution print, and has a BTU of 7,230. Price: from £2,354. (agadondesignradiators.co.uk)



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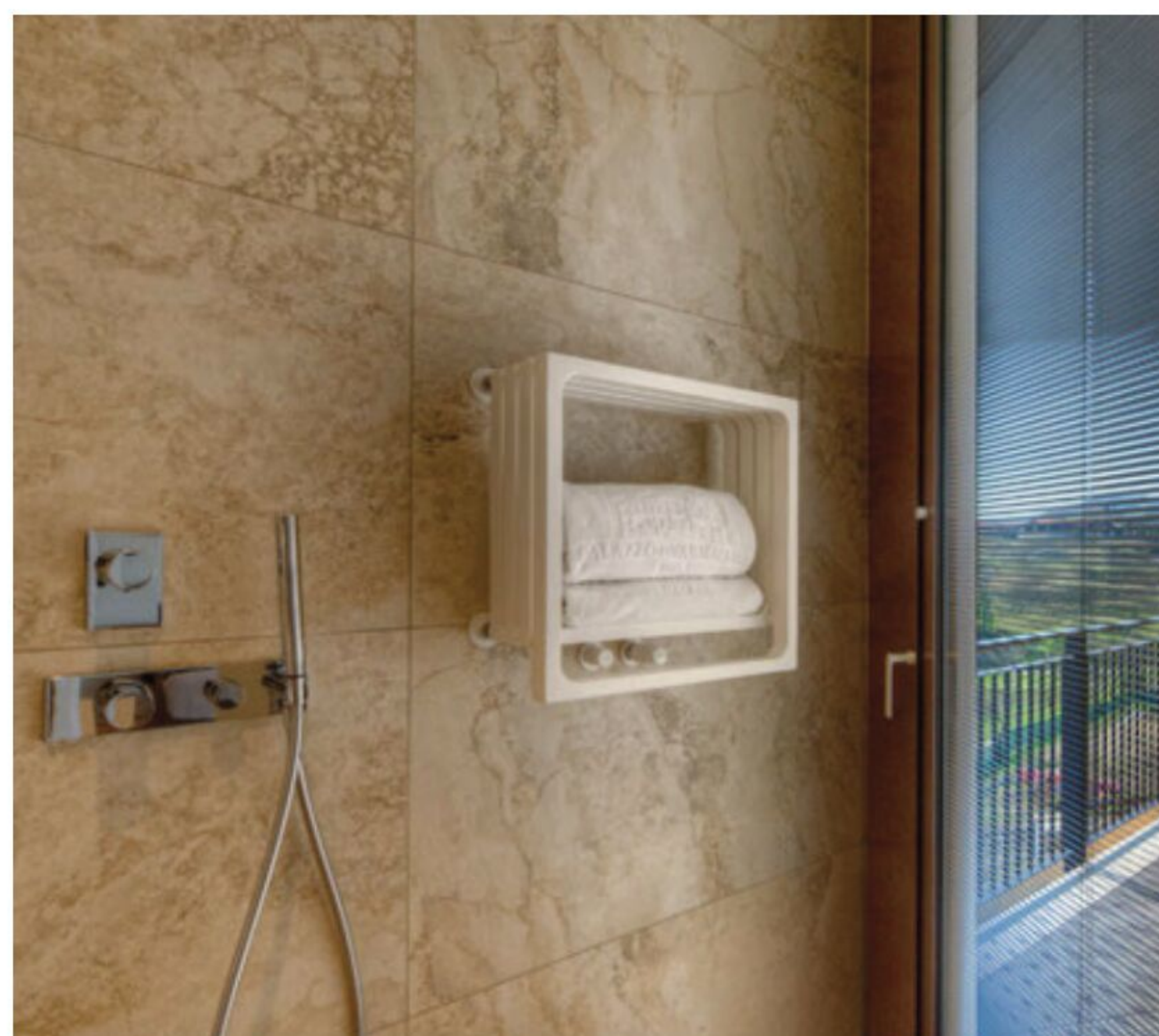
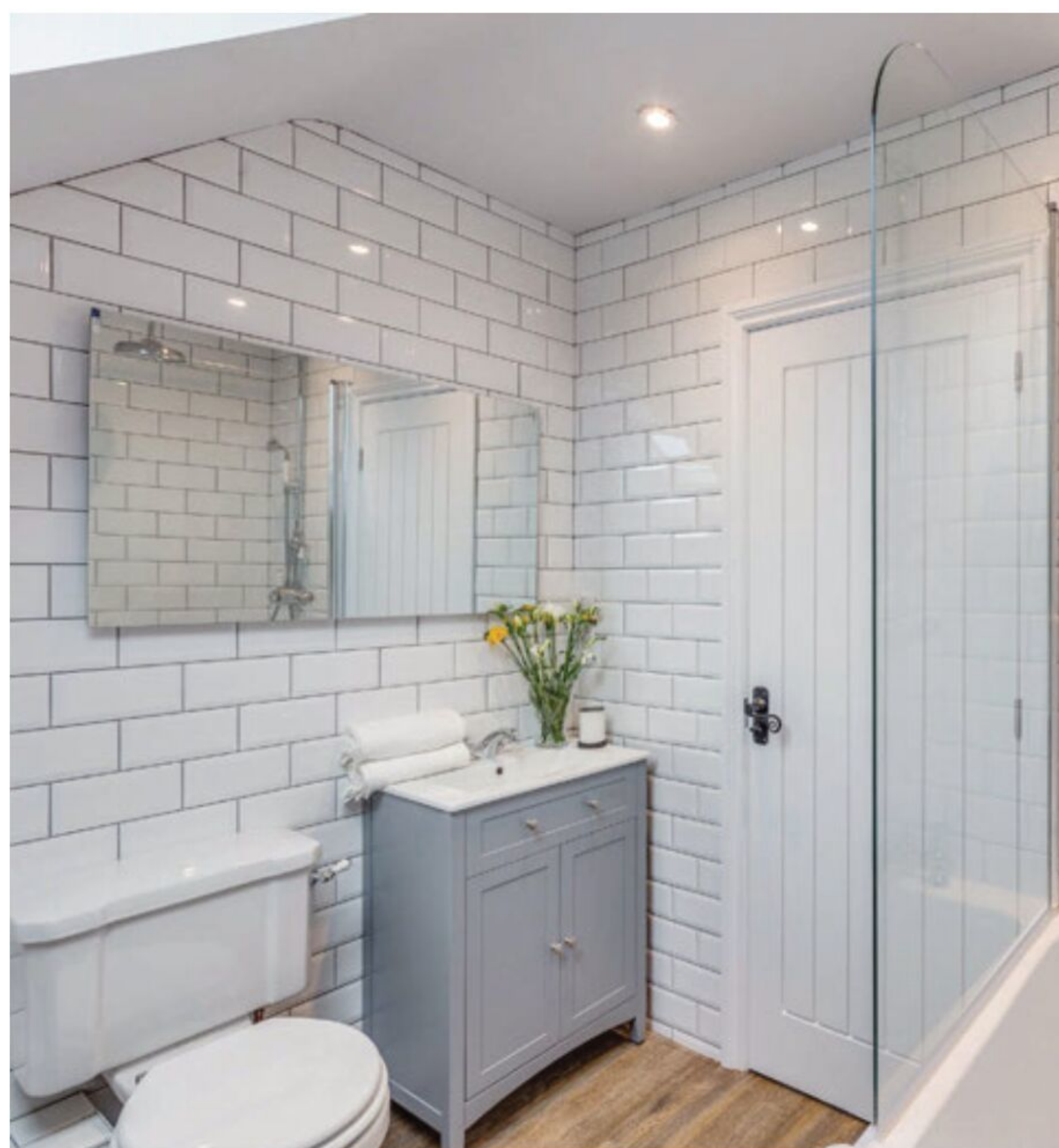


Above: Featuring bold metallic finishes of copper, bronze, silver and gold, these column radiators are perfect for tight budgets. With heat outputs of 2,504 BTUs, equivalent to 734W, they are available in vertical and horizontal formats. Price: from £199.95. (bestheating.com)

Top right: Inspired by a cascading waterfall, the Rio has a stainless steel polished or brushed finish, and is available in one size with impressive heat outputs of 807W and 863W respectively. RRP: £3,000 and £3,134. (mhsradiators.co.uk)

Right: The Sirius infrared mirror heater emits 1,000W of heat. Made from mirror-finish toughened glass, this saves wall space and can provide effective heating in any room. Price: £825. (jigsawinfrared.com)

Below: This is a modern take on a traditional column radiator. The Etam achieves a BTU of 5,780, featuring a double panel design and 14 stylishly curved bars. It measures 600mm x 860mm. Price: £319. (easybathrooms.com)



Left: Available in horizontal, vertical and square models, this towel warmer comes in electric and mains versions, the latter producing 314W to 604W. Price: from £2,580. The electric model produces 300W to 900W. Price: from £2,037. An optional wooden shelf for storage is available on some models, and all variations come in a range of RAL colours. (tubes radiator.com)



Cool colours

Part of Bique's Earth collection, the Flow Form in Lake Red (from £480) and the Classic in Dutch Orange (from £460.80) explore sophisticated pastels in the home. These are painted with colours by Farrow & Ball, and colour matching is also available. Flow Form BTUs are from 839 to 2,718, and Classic heat output is from 1,875 to 5,074 BTUs. (bisque.co.uk)



Classic looks

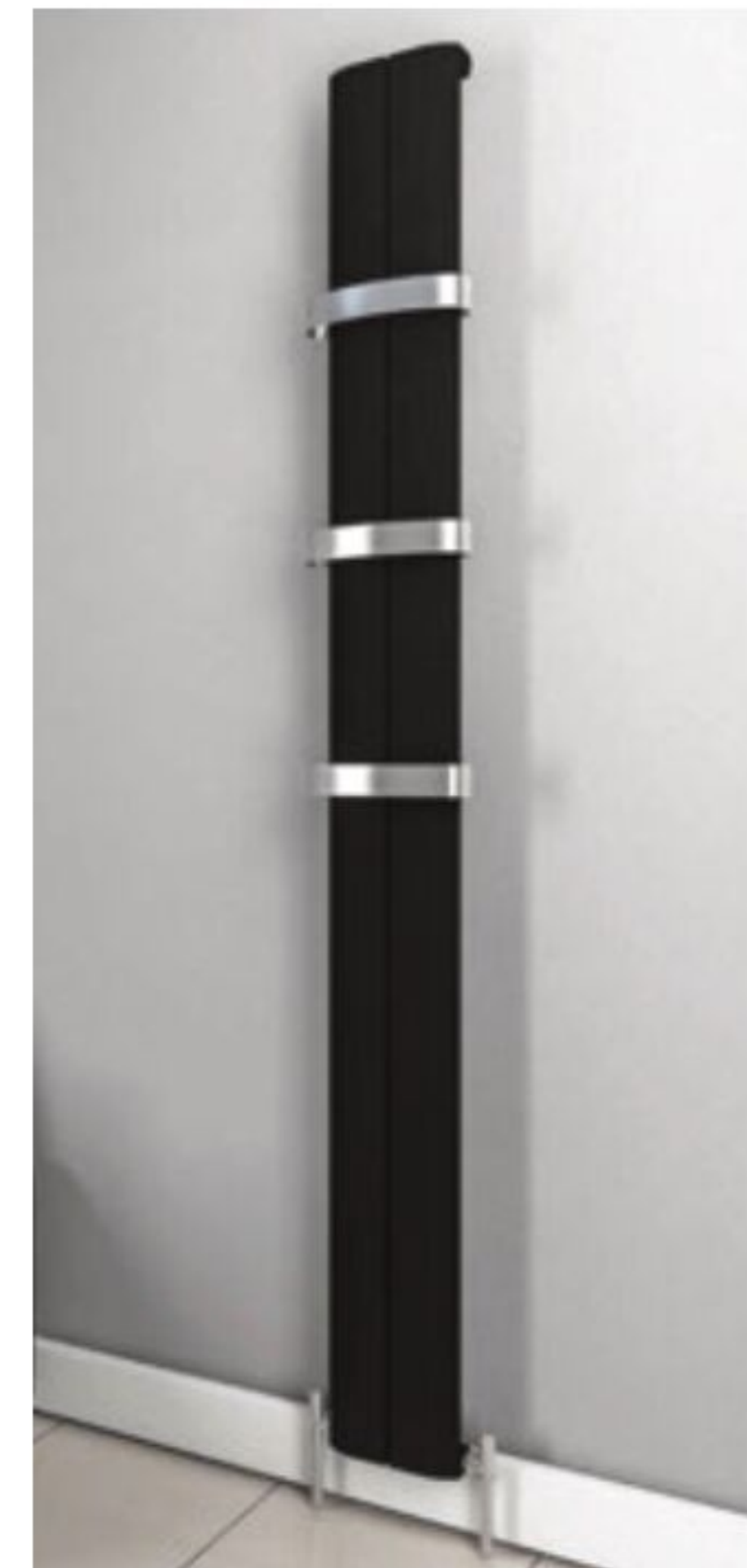
Burlington's Arcade Lansdowne (top), shown here in nickel with a white insert, offers 1,904 BTUs of heat output. It has angled radiator valves and stands 950mm tall, 600mm wide and 235mm deep. Price: £1,098. The Trafalgar radiator, with a chrome finish and choice of white or black insert, has an output of 2,346 BTUs. Price: £649. (burlingtonbathrooms.com)

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Adding a touch of gold to the bathroom, the Beams mono electric radiator is 1,800mm tall and costs £1,214. (vasco.eu)



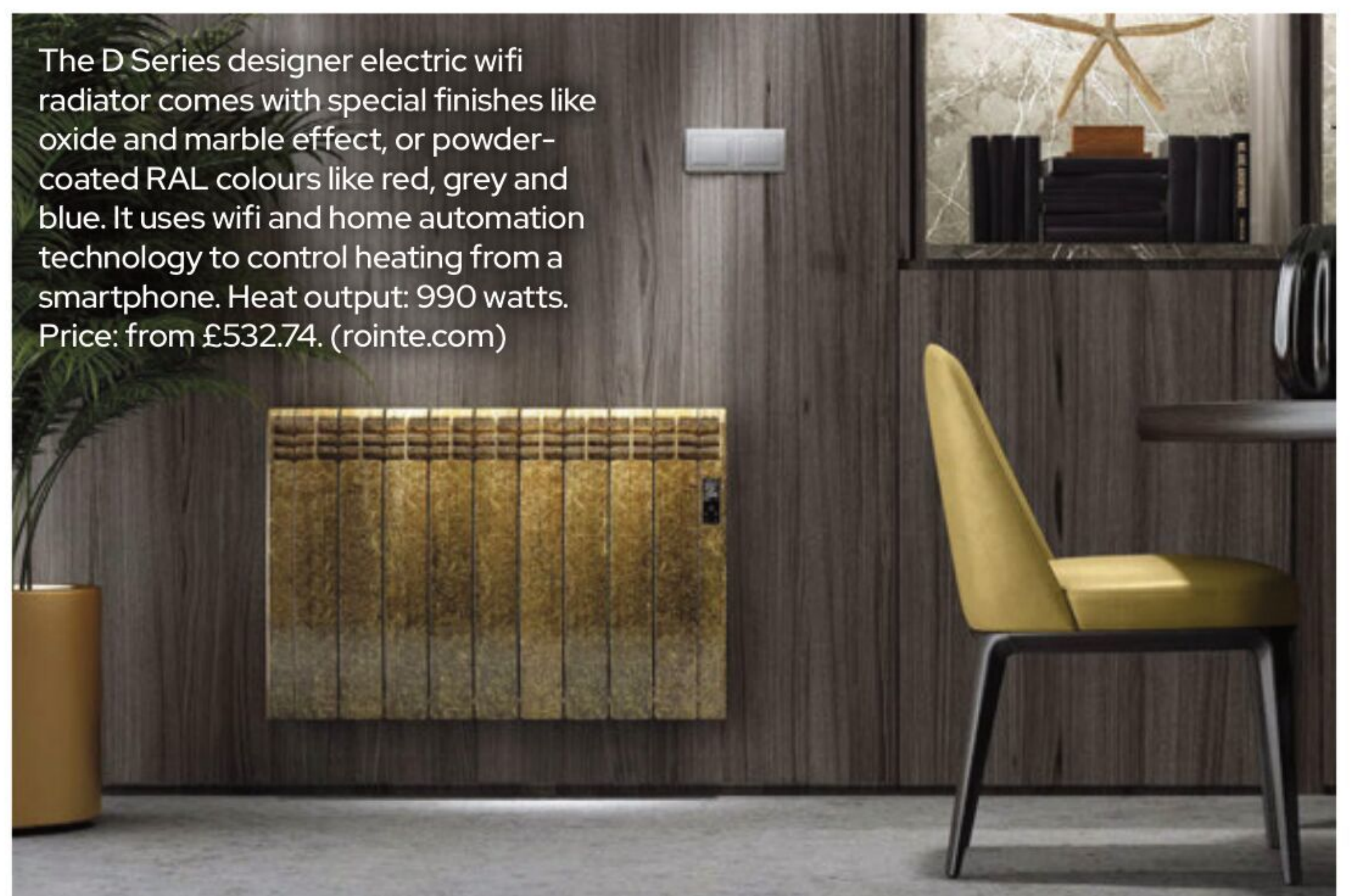
Bamboo is a modular aluminium radiator with a Scandi finish. It has a low water volume and a diverter fitted as standard for a rapid warm up. It measures 1,824mm x 454mm and costs £2,162.40. (theradiatorcentre.com)



Made from lightweight aluminium, the vertical Astute Compact radiator comes in anthracite, black or white. It measures 1,800mm tall and has a high heat output of 1,488 watts. Price: from £204. (vogueuk.co.uk)



Formed from copper pipe work with a variety of angles and joints, the Pajak combines 'hipster' art and functionality. A natural patina will develop over time. The model shown here is priced at £1,063.60. (theradiatorcentre.com)



The D Series designer electric wifi radiator comes with special finishes like oxide and marble effect, or powder-coated RAL colours like red, grey and blue. It uses wifi and home automation technology to control heating from a smartphone. Heat output: 990 watts. Price: from £532.74. (rointe.com)

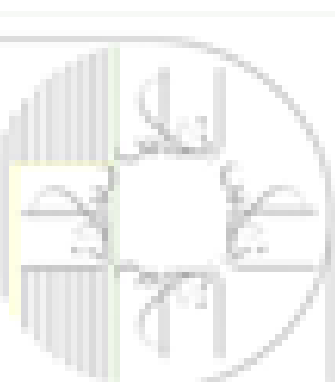
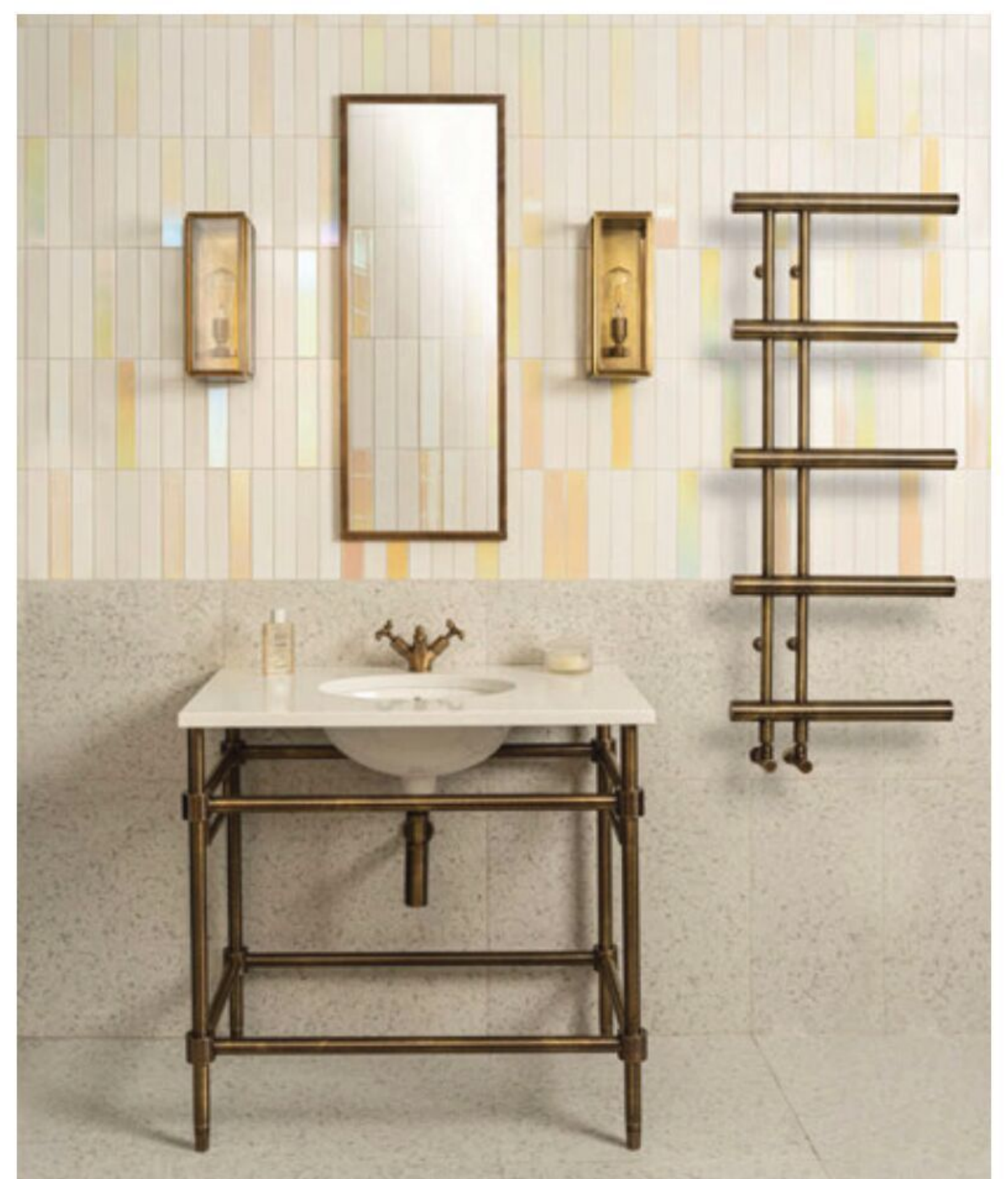


Above left: Available in any RAL or Farrow & Ball colour, the Paladin Neo four-column cast iron radiator comes in various height and width options and can be purchased with a highlighted, burnished or antique effect. Prices start from £81. (justradiators.co.uk)



Left: The Athens Anthracite traditional three-column radiator is available in six sizes, from 600mm x 425mm to 600mm x 1,415mm. Prices start from £134.99. (bathroommountain.co.uk)

Right: The Finsbury heated towel rail is priced from £820. (rutland-radiators.co.uk)

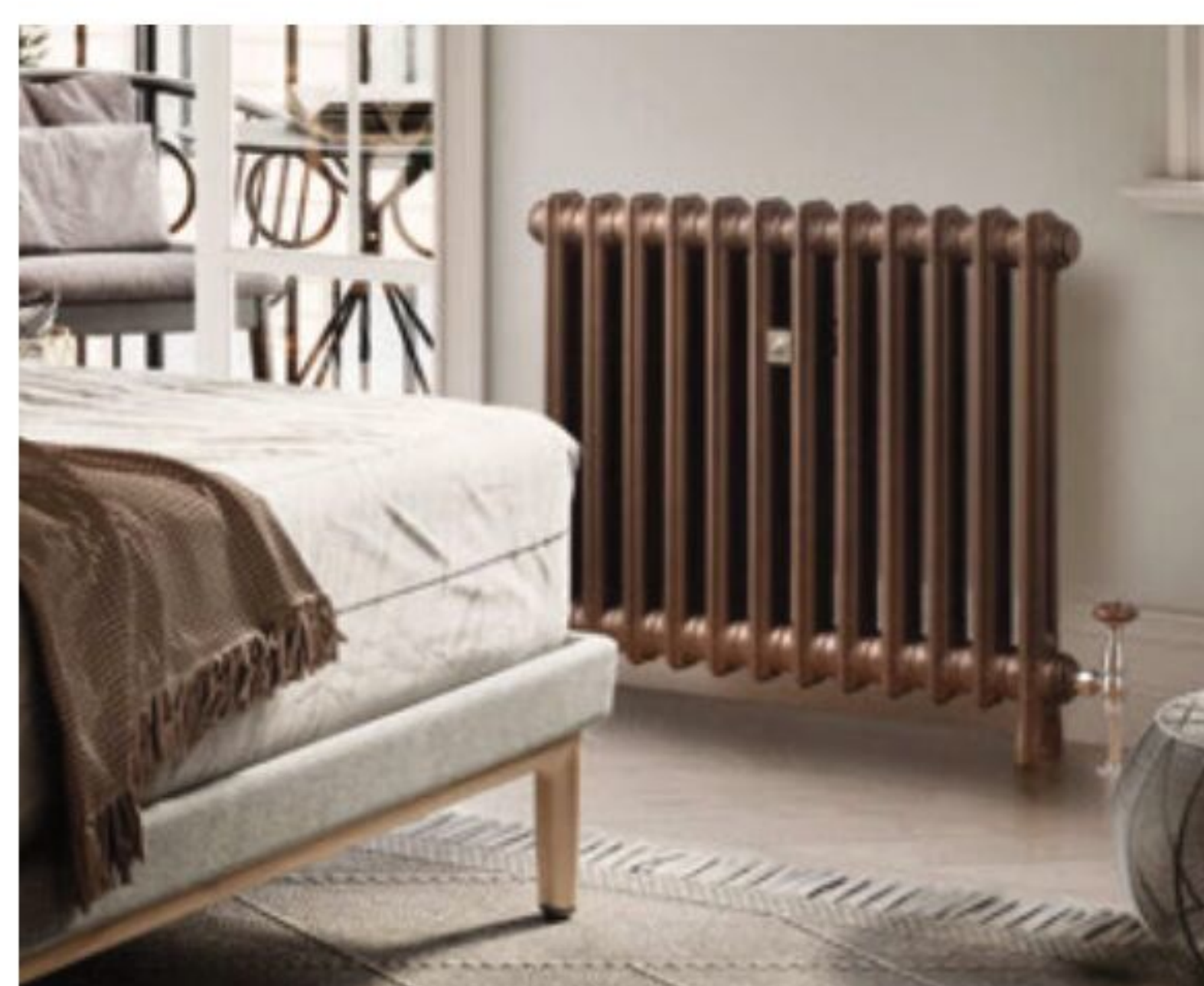




Practical and aesthetically pleasing with an Italian design, the Ancona steel multi-column radiator is supplied with a design-led wooden seat. Price: from £1,465.20. (theradiatorcompany.co.uk)



Left: From the Campa range, the Iconic Style 1 has tempered black glass, open-window detection and presence detection. It has an output of 650W and costs £1,908. (theradiatorcentre.com)



Left: The Ionic two-column cast iron radiator is shown here in Light Old Penny measuring 640mm x 746mm. Available in a variety of matt, gloss and semi-gloss finishes, it retains heat for an extended period of time. Price: £706. (mhsradiators.co.uk)

Right: The Chedworth column radiator is made from high-quality steel and comes in a variety of bold and neutral colours. Several sizes are available, with heat outputs ranging from 718 watts to 2.6kW. Shown here in Burnt Orange and Sage Green, prices start from £904. (rutland-radiators.co.uk)



Below: The Big One creates a statement with its chunky tubes and high heat output. It comes in heights of 600mm or 1,800mm and lengths of up to 1.1m. Finished in anodised aluminium and painted in one of a range of RAL colours, it costs from £582.12. (theradiatorcentre.com)



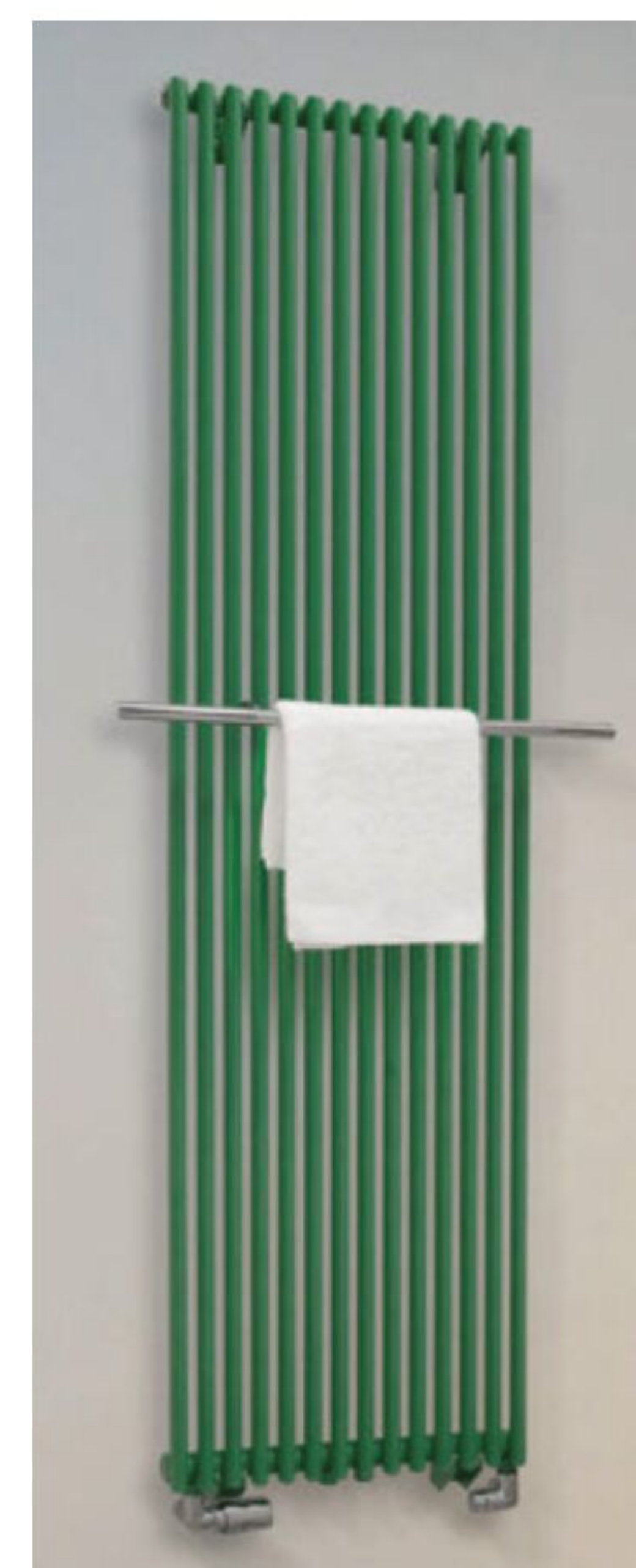
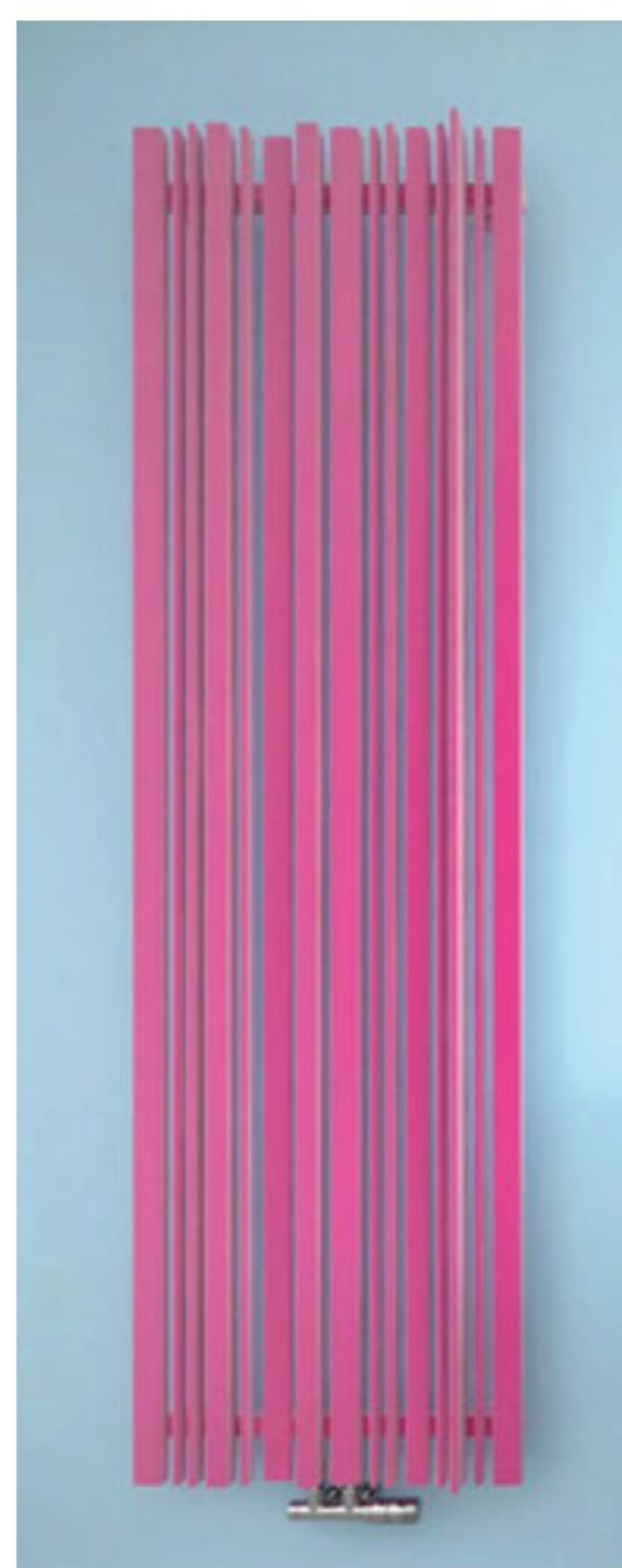
Left: With a heat output of 1kW, the Iconic Verre vertical reflect radiator can detect when someone is in the room or if a window is open. Controlled by an integrated control box with a built-in programme facility featuring three pre-set options and customisable programmes, it costs £2,172. (theradiatorcentre.com)



Left: The Girasol is a carbon steel heating panel displayed as a work of art. Available in a variety of impressive designs, it comes in several sizes and costs around £1,197.60. (theradiatorcentre.com)

Right: Made from steel and shown in an eye-catching bright pink, the Sherwood combines varying sizes and shapes of tubes. It comes in four heights, three lengths and an array of colours and finishes. It has a heat output of 478 to 1,393 watts and costs £952.80. (theradiatorcentre.com)

Far right: The Veronica radiator is shown here in Moss green measuring 2,000mm in height. Prices start from £520 for 12 tubes. (vasco.eu)



ACCESSORIES

Natural material

These standing log holders come in two sizes: 50cm x 31cm x 32cm and 60cm x 43cm x 45cm. Made from rattan, each one is handmade with varying tones, and can be placed next to the fireplace for a modern, practical log storage solution. Price: £95 for the small, or £125 for the large holder. (coxandcox.co.uk)



Screened in

Fire screens protect the room from flames while preventing children or animals from coming into contact with the fire. This antique brass fireguard (right) features a curved design with a built-in mesh spark protector and brass scrolled detailing. It measures 80cm x 126cm and costs £149. Also shown (above) is the more contemporary Kensington Nickel fire screen, which boasts an Art Deco style featuring overlapping mosaic squares. This model measures 62cm x 84cm and costs £164. (dibor.co.uk)



Practical collection

Morso's range of fireplace accessories includes the Ellipse fire tools set (right), consisting of a brush, shovel and poker which doubles as a blowpipe. The steel tools are contained in a steel bucket which can be used to store gloves, matches and fire-starters, or to remove ashes when cleaning the stove. Price: £110. Also shown here (below) is the loop log ring, which features a simple, elegant design for neatly stacking firewood. It has a soft rubber handle for comfortable carrying, and a rubber mat to catch any dust or debris. Measuring 62cm x 38cm, this modern log store costs £100. (morsoe.com)



Cool copper

This contemporary copper fireplace tool set comprises a brush, shovel, poker and tongs, all made from a strong and durable metal with wooden handles and a stylish copper finish. The set comes with a matching copper stand which suits both modern and traditional hearths. Price: £54. (dibor.co.uk)





Stylish design

Made from recycled leather scraps (80 per cent leather and 20 per cent natural rubber) with an aluminium coating and a Danish oak handle, this versatile container by Lind DNA stores logs and doubles up as a small table if turned over. It is available in a range of muted natural tones with accents of steel, aluminium and oak. Dirt and water repellent, it measures 32cm x 38cm x 31cm and costs £210. (linddna.com)



Luxury leather

This stylish large rectangular log basket is made from leather with a chestnut finish. Measuring 57cm x 40cm x 28cm, it has two practical handles for carrying between log store to hearth. Price: £199. (lifeofriley.co.uk)



Safety first

Operating on a seven-year sealed-for-life lithium battery, the Fire Angel CO-9D digital carbon monoxide alarm is portable with clear LED indicators for power, fault or alarm statuses. It provides early detection of the presence of carbon monoxide in the home, showing low levels of CO down to 10ppm and peak readings over the previous four weeks. Price: £29.99. (fireangel.co.uk)



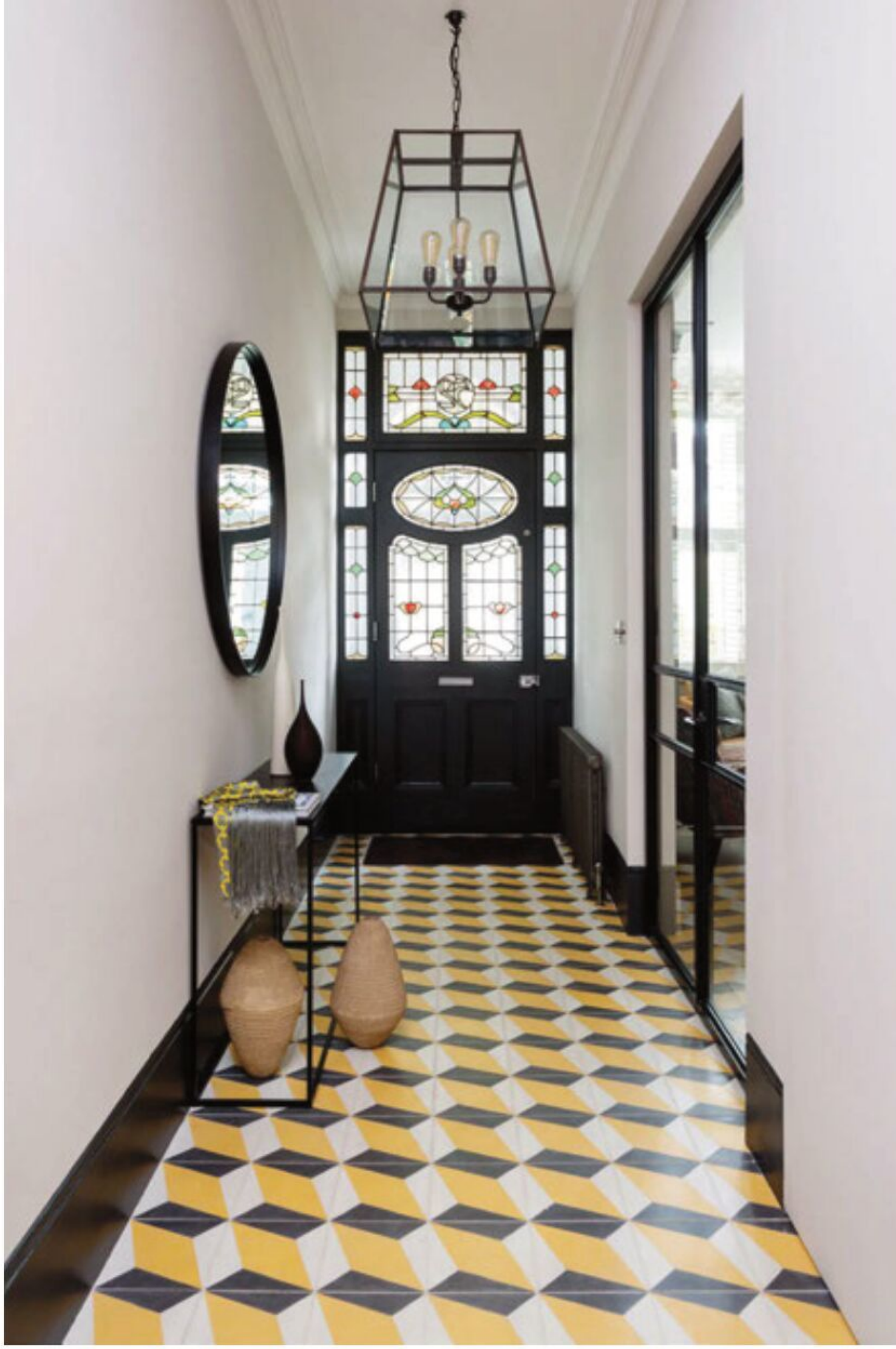
Eye-catching storage

Available in steel or aluminium with a rusty steel patina or powder-coated charcoal grey paint finish, the Woodstock log store collection comes in a variety of shapes and sizes that can be connected together, creating a feature out of firewood storage. Suitable for inside the home or outdoors, each one is handmade in England, with bespoke designs and colour options available. Shapes include triangles, hexagons, squares and circles, with prices ranging from £250 to £795 depending on size. (parkerandcoop.com)



Multipurpose

Crafted from durable and weatherproof blackened spruce and a galvanised metal sheet top doubling as storage or shelving, the Moreton Cross log store is suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Divided into four equal actions for both logs and kindling, it measures 91cm x 110cm x 40cm and is priced at £280. (gardentrading.co.uk)



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ENTRANCE HALLS



Sumptuous surfaces

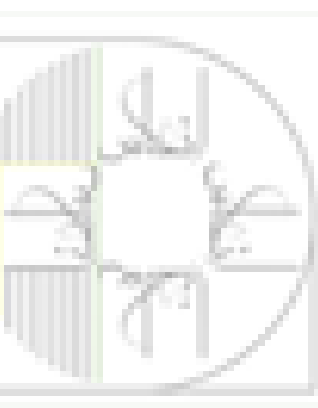
This elegant hallway was formed when interior architect Thomas Griem successfully joined two Kensington apartments to create a spacious, stylish home. The double-height entrance lobby has six steps leading to the upper-ground floor, with metal-pleated woven silk wallpaper and an oak portal framing the stairs incorporating low-level lighting, while a circular ceiling recess features an elegant chandelier. Feature sliding doors lead to the study and to a hallway with storage space, so the area is functional as well as visually appealing.

Be bold

Bold geometric patterned tiles are key to the appeal of this light, bright hallway in a six-bedroom semi-detached Victorian house in Acton, London. Successfully marrying period features with contemporary fixtures and fittings, the high ceilings, stained glass window and ornate mouldings in this long hallway are linked by a quad pendant light, minimalist round black-framed mirror, metal-framed console table and steel and glass doors, which punctuate the black and yellow scheme with graphic lines and introduce glimpses into the living area beyond.

Linear light

The lighting in this linear hallway emphasises the exposed brick wall, and the stylised artwork. John Cullen Lighting's uplighters cast interesting stripes of light across the textured brick, and downlighters illuminate the artwork, whilst floor washers skim light across the floor.



HALLWAYS

PHOTOS: SOPHIE MUTEVELIAN



Paint it black

Jet black-stained stairs in this contemporary new-build home take centre stage, and may be lit from below by an LED strip making the whole staircase appear to float above the pale grey floor.

Large format mottled grey ceramic tiles in the hallway contrast with the spectacular wooden structure, which is open beneath, and tall internal doors add to the sense of height. Exposed brick is an effective way of adding texture and enhancing visual appeal, lit from above by another LED strip light.



Celebrating period features

Once a jumble of doors, with an orange-stained wooden floor, patchy paintwork and an ugly radiator, this glamorous hallway is the result of a dramatic makeover full of bold patterns, monochrome fittings and striking furniture.

The existing period features within the house have been kept intact to create a New England feel.

Interior designer Carla Brookes of Carla Designs painted the floorboards in a subtle pale grey tone, lightening the space with a Farrow & Ball eggshell paint. Existing dados, deep skirting and a stunning front door were given a dark grey coat, and panelling was installed beneath the dado and painted the same colour.

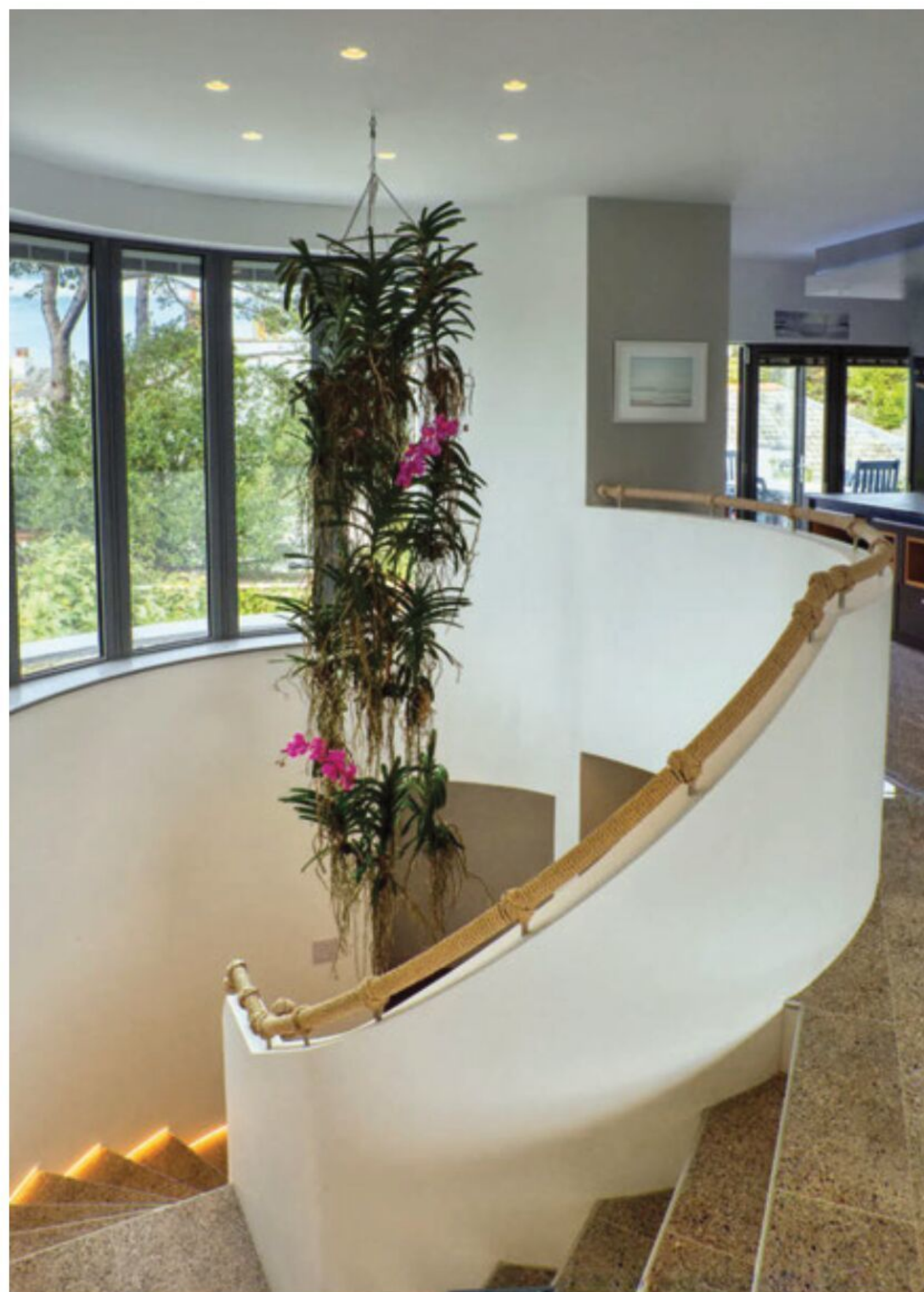


PHOTO: JOHN CULLEN LIGHTING



Cast a shadow

Lighting can be extremely effective to create drama and depth in hallways of all sizes and formats. Using uplighters, wall lamps and stair lighting, a play of shadow and light in this spacious hallway accentuates the unusual architectural shapes of the building.



Lights out

When Andrew and Joanna Jeffery couldn't find the right feature light fitting for their double-height hallway, they chose instead to hang living orchids from three-metre chains, lit from above by downlighters. Vanda orchids were chosen because they do not require soil or pots. The plants just need a constant year-round temperature of 20C, and watering daily.

The plants are enveloped by a cast concrete sweeping staircase, with polished concrete-effect high-gloss porcelain tiles on the floor and stair treads.



Random geometry

The tiled floor in this hallway makes a striking statement, positioned against the deep teal hue of painted walls and woodwork. The tiles are illuminated by a well-placed skylight that casts a welcoming glow. Leading seamlessly into an open-plan living/kitchen/diner, the hexagonal geometric tiles intersect with the chevron wooden floorboards in an asymmetric, random configuration to create a bold, eye-catching, almost organic feature.





Grand entrance

A traditional Victorian tile design was chosen for the grand hallway of this property. The result is visually stunning, with the tiles sweeping through the entrance. A bold stripe carpet was laid on the stairs to lift the white paintwork. (miakarlsson.co.uk)



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Mid-century styling

Architect Rupert Wheeler of Mackenzie Wheeler reinstated and renovated the original features of this mid-century home, designed and built by Centre Point designer Richard Siefert on a WWII bomb site within an otherwise unblemished row of Georgian terraced mansions.

Wheeler went to great lengths to source and specify a wood-veneered wall, not only highlighting

a rare graceful curve in an otherwise angular building, but also in a nod to Spitalfields, the veneering centre of industry in the mid-20th century. Pascoe Interiors sourced an original 1950s hall stand, complete with coat hooks, umbrella stand and hat rack to dress the space in a practical yet fitting way without unduly overdressing or cluttering the space. (pascoeinteriors.com)

Bright and beautiful

Injecting a little energy and contemporary style into a beautiful and well-proportioned but somewhat serious house, vivid colours have been paired with original features and period detailing, together with vibrant artwork and mid-century-style furniture. "I love to have a unifying colour either subtly or boldly iterated through a house or project," says designer Rebekah Caudwell. "It creates a visual link through the property that people unconsciously respond to. It makes the home hang together." The grand, classic space is enriched by the dramatic geometric wallpaper, while a fuschia-pink lacquered cabinet creates impact.

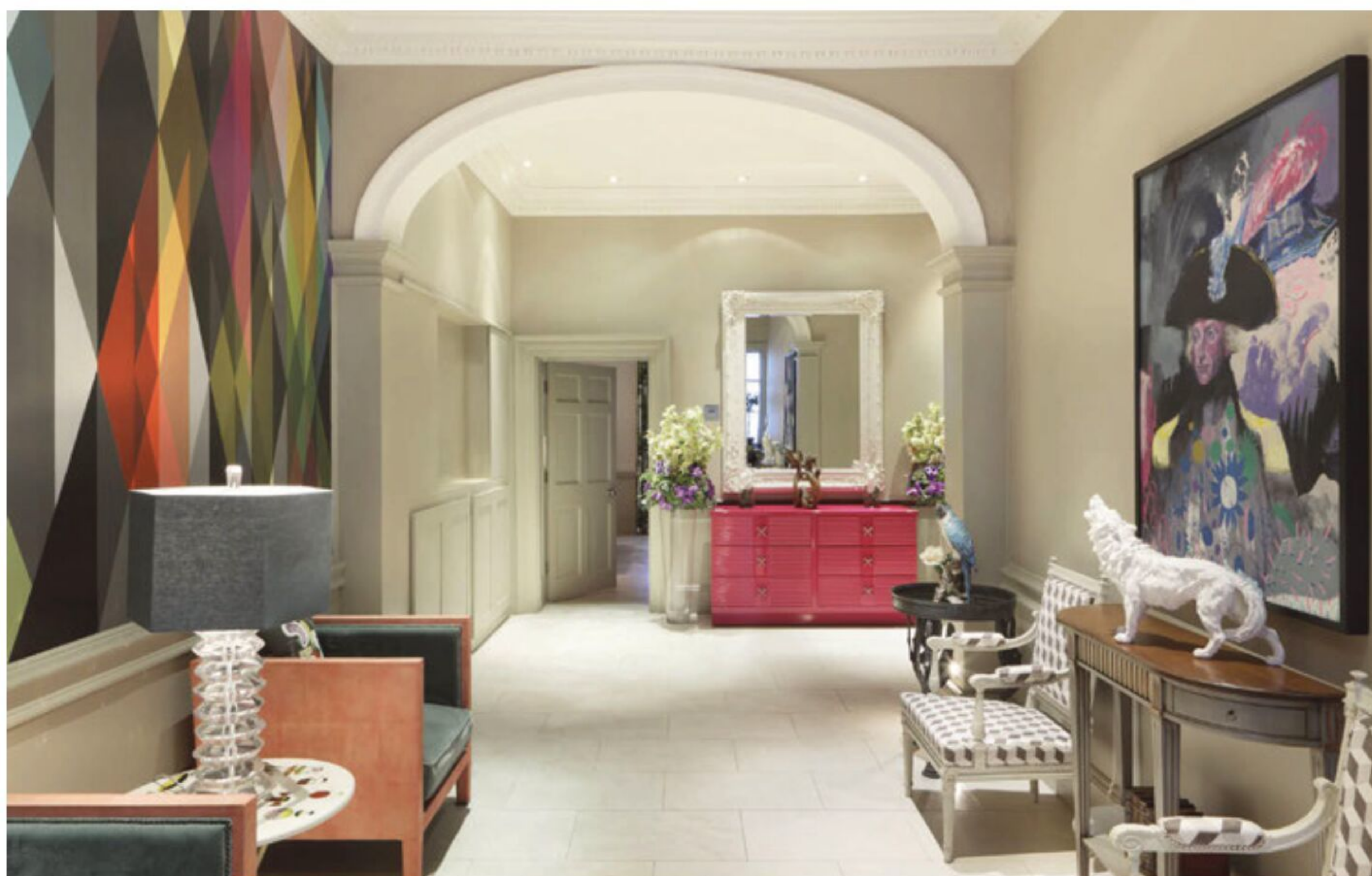


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Right: A statement floor, the Greenwich smoked oak engineered hardwood has striking saw marks and a smoked finish. Price: from £56.99. (akirby.co.uk)

Bottom left: Franklin flooring from the antique collection, shown here in a Parquet de Versailles

pattern, has a 20mm thick engineered construction.

Price on application. (tedtodd.co.uk)

Bottom right: This herringbone floor is made using precision-milled engineered blocks from V4's Zigzag collection in a Tannery Brown finish. (v4woodflooring.co.uk)



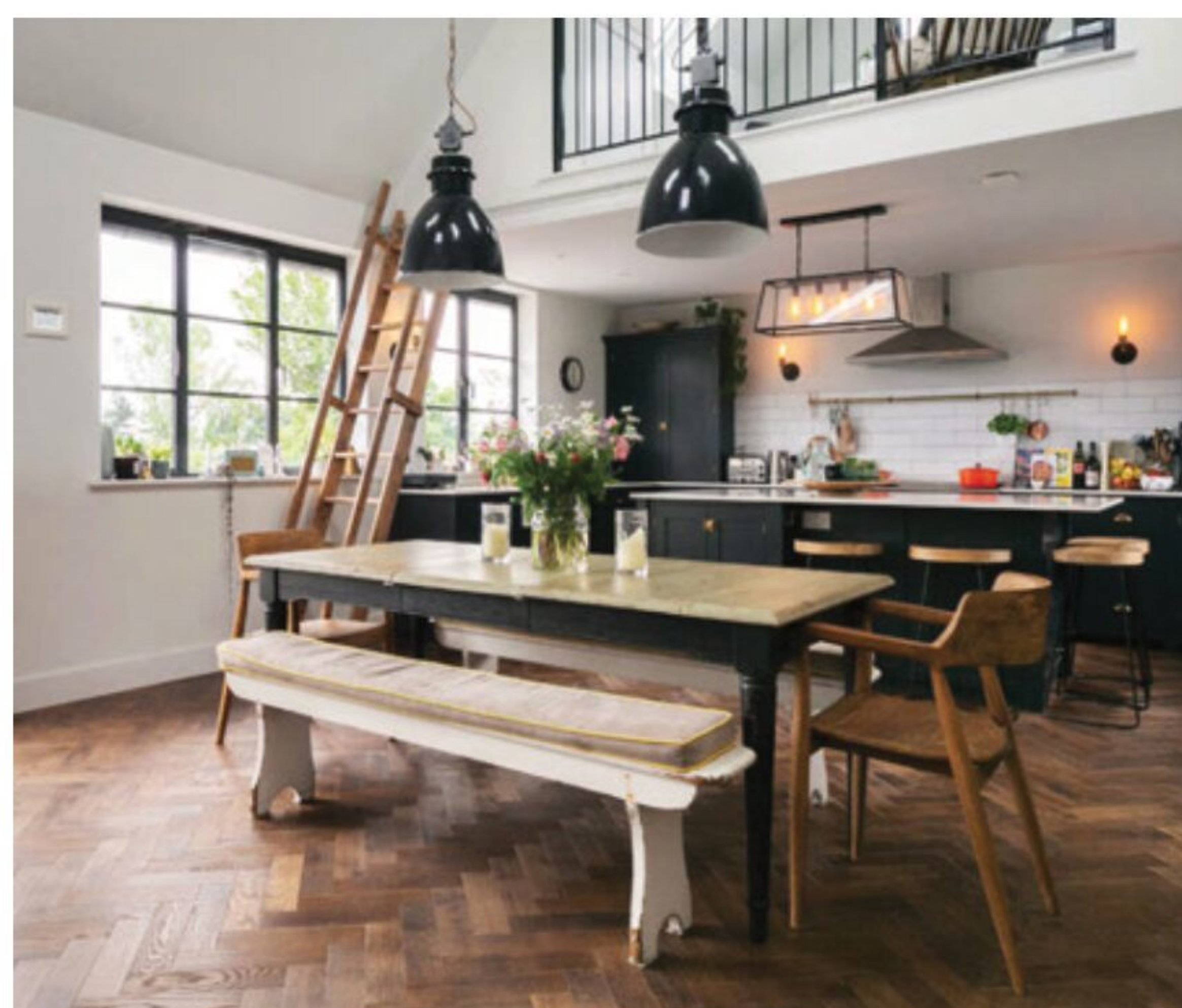
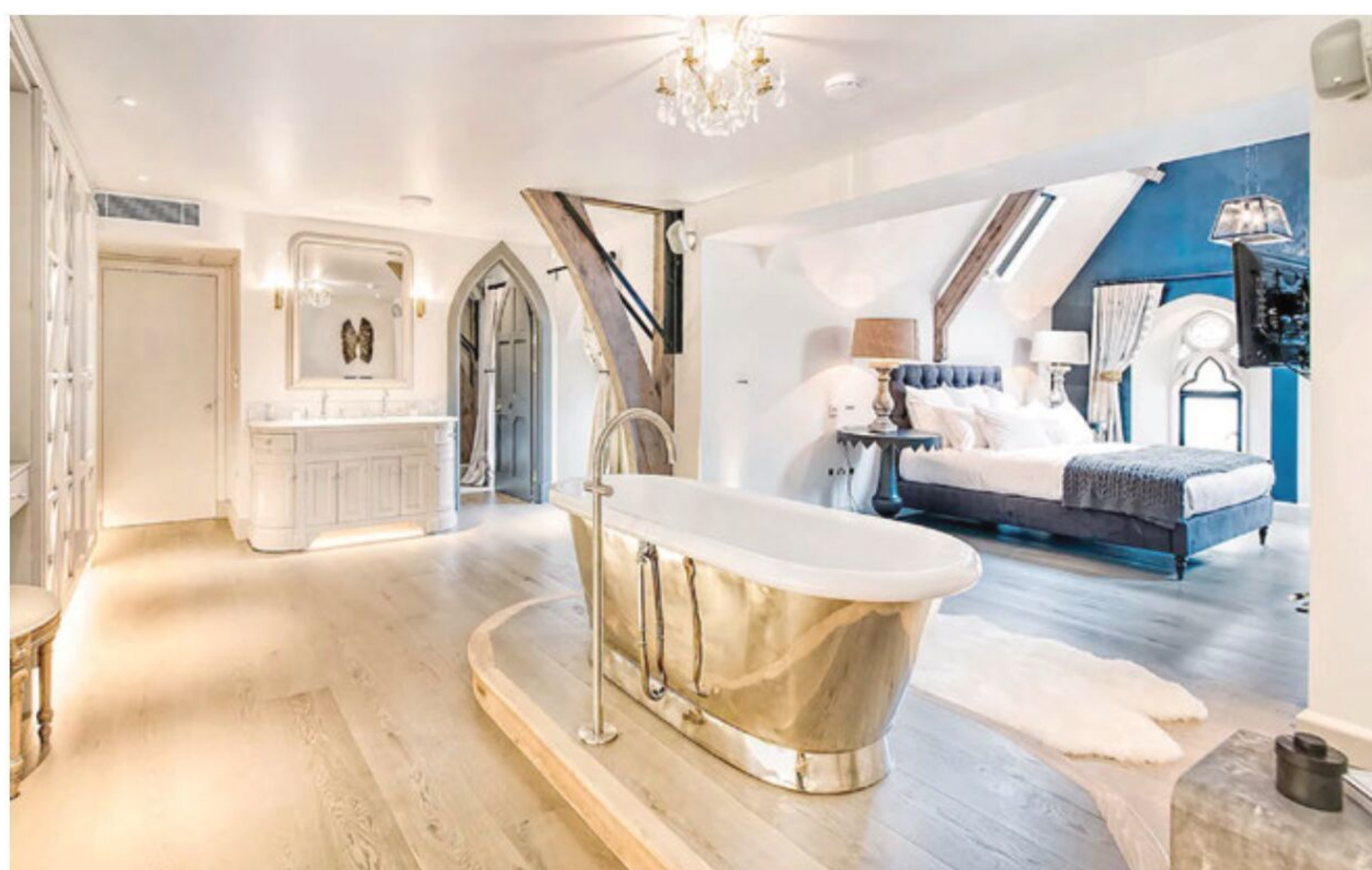
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Below: This Oak Drift Wood oiled flooring celebrates the natural beauty of wood with some on-trend grey tones. Available in three board sizes, prices start from £63 per sqm. (naturalwoodfloor.co.uk)

WOOD

There's no denying that a wooden floor adds warmth and character to a room, whatever the decor. Textured solid oak works wonders in creating a rustic aesthetic, while a lighter grain such as ash can modernise the interior.

A solid hardwood floor is an investment. Although expensive upfront, it is hard-wearing, durable and easy to clean with a simple sweep. It can also be refinished if it is tarnished or you just fancy a change. However, this type of flooring can feel cold underfoot and may be vulnerable to moisture, and can be damaged by humidity and floods. Installed directly onto a solid floor or joists, traditional wooden floors are made from a single plank, each having some colour and knot variances. There are four different grades: prime, select, natural and rustic. While prime grade is uniform with very few knots, rustic wood is at



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Left: This unfinished parquet solid oak flooring has a rustic-grade finish and costs £39.99 per sqm. (flooringsuperstore.com)

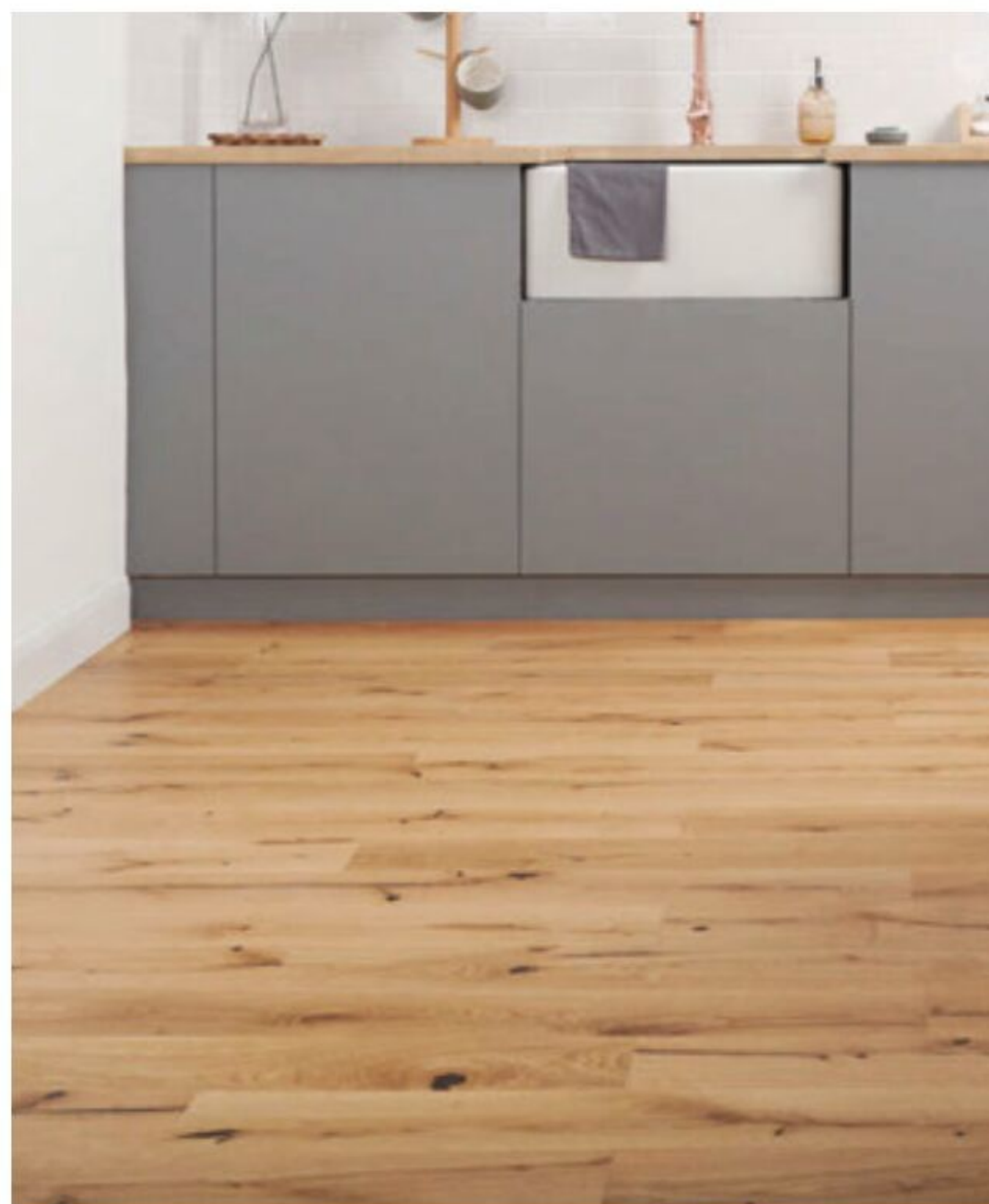
Above: Baronial Hall engineered oak flooring has a rustic appearance and a tumbled finish. Available in various sizes, it costs from £131 per sqm. (indigenous.co.uk)

Below left: A modern and eco-friendly twist on a traditional herringbone design, this Oxwich coffee strand bamboo flooring

boasts golden tones and a satin smooth finish. Price: £82 per sqm. (woodpeckerflooring.co.uk)

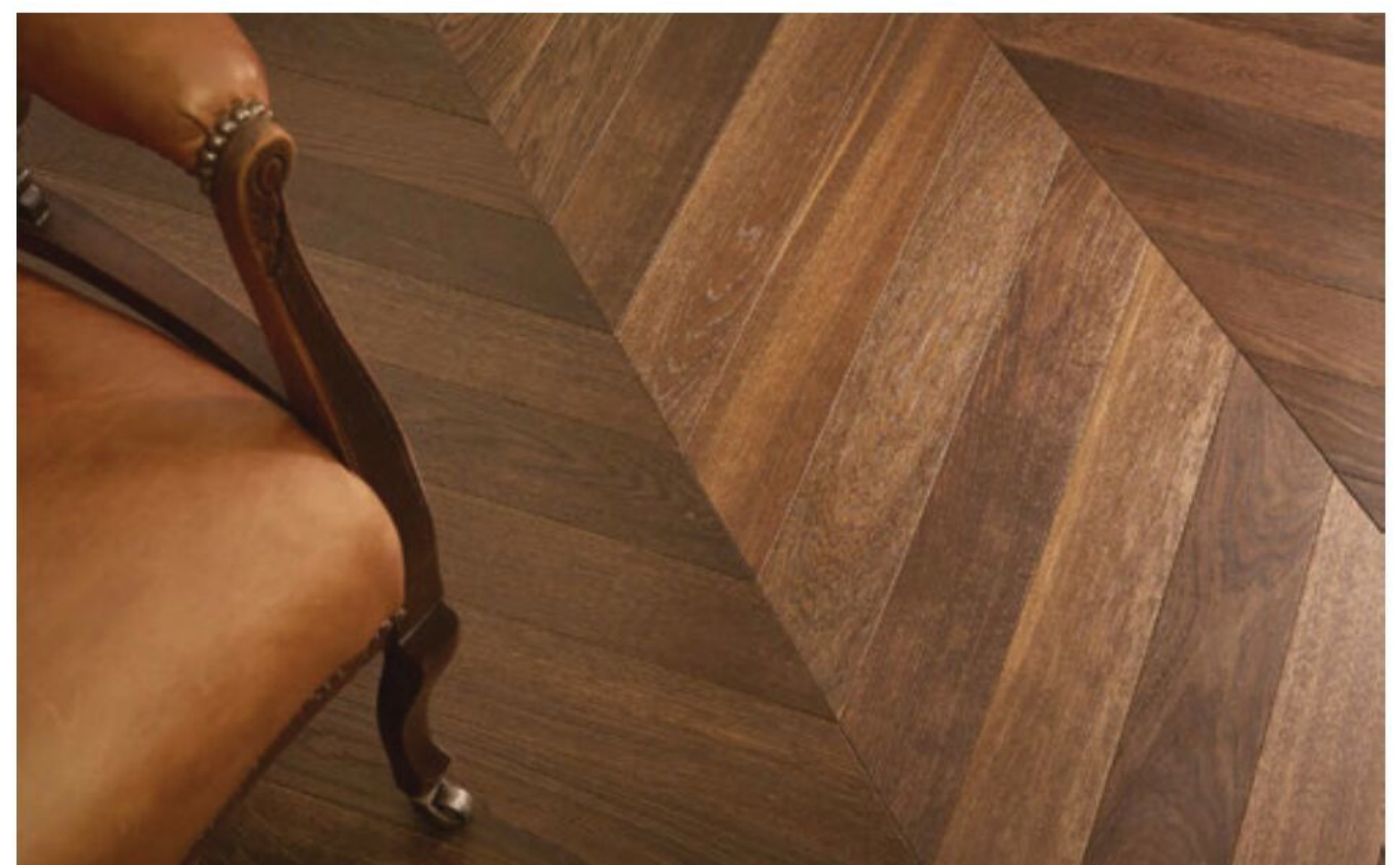
Below centre: DiMedio rustic engineered oak flooring has a European oak top layer and costs £32.95 per sqm. (flooringmountain.co.uk)

Below right: Each Fjor Orka engineered oak plank measures 1,800mm x 180mm with a lacquered finish. Price: from £61.99 per sqm. (kersaintcobb.co.uk)



Left: These Ollerton 190mm wide planks come from the Ted Todd Project collection. They have a soft black tone with contrasting silvery grain detail and cost £65.19 per sqm. (tedtodd.co.uk)

Right: Displaying a 45-degree chevron design, the Notte Select 95mm dark brown flooring from the Italian collection is made from engineered oak with a matt lacquered finish. Price: £69.95 per sqm. (havwoods.com)

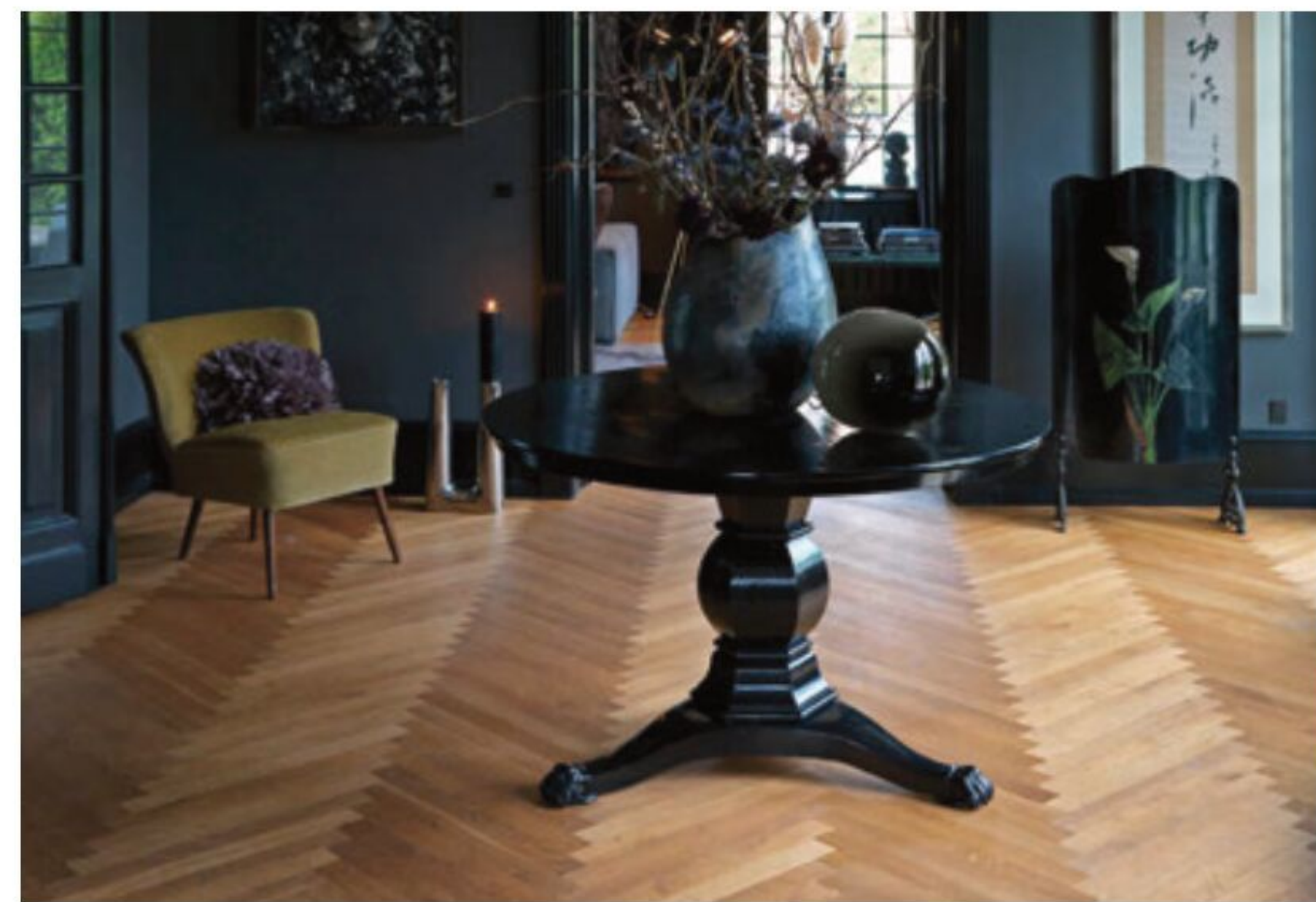


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Left: York whitewashed solid oak flooring evokes feelings of the seaside. Fresh and light, it costs £77 per sqm. (woodpeckerflooring.co.uk)

Above: The Grande Latte engineered oak flooring has a European oak top layer with a lacquered finish. Price: £37.95 per sqm. (flooringmountain.co.uk)



Above and left: A sustainable and long-lasting choice, solid oak flooring from Junckers is hard-wearing and suitable for use with underfloor heating. Shown here are the herringbone oak design, priced from £92 per sqm, and oak variation two-strip flooring, priced from £59 per sqm. (junckers.co.uk)

the opposite end of the spectrum, offering a traditional look with a wide range of knots and colour variation. It's all down to individual preference, though prime is generally best suited to a modern contemporary look for new homes, while rustic works well for period properties.

Solid oak is the most popular choice for timber flooring, as it is readily available and long lasting. However, engineered timber, where a thin veneer of wood is fixed to a stable backing board, is becoming increasingly popular. It offers the same finish at a much lower price and as it doesn't swell or shrink like solid wood, is safer to use in bathrooms and other areas exposed to moisture.

Although wooden flooring is usually laid in a traditional plank formation, there are some eye-catching alternatives, including chevron and herringbone, where the planks are cut at angles. Parquet flooring is another way to create a similar look, where smaller boards can be laid out in geometric, brick or basket-weave patterns.



Left: From the Henley collection, these Largo 190mm one-strip planks are made from engineered European oak with a rustic grey finish. Price: £59.95 per sqm. (havwoods.com)

Right: Available in several plank sizes and a herringbone pattern, this Tall Ship Brown engineered oak floor is priced from £122 per sqm for planks or £163 per sqm for herringbone. (indigenous.co.uk)





Above: These lacquered oak boards from Liberty Floors measure 14mm x 125mm with a tongue and groove installation. Price: £24.99 per sqm. (leaderfloors.co.uk)

Above right: This Fendi herringbone 120mm European oak flooring costs £73.95 per sqm. (havwoods.com)

Left: Priced from £89 per sqm, this engineered oak chevron floor is made from premier oak, which has a lower knot content for a more contemporary look. It comes unsealed. (naturalwoodfloor.co.uk)

Right: From the English Native Timbers collection, the Galion plank has the authentic look of antique oak flooring. Price on application. (tedtodd.co.uk)



Left: This oak-aged parquet flooring adds warmth and texture to a large, open-plan kitchen and living space. Price: from £70 per sqm. (naturalwoodfloor.co.uk)

Right: These Trade Select 14mm x 190mm brushed and oiled engineered oak boards cost £29.99 per sqm. (flooringsuperstore.com)



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Left: Richmond oak engineered hardwood flooring has a natural colourway in a select grade, so more large knots are likely. Price: from £48.99. (akirby.co.uk)

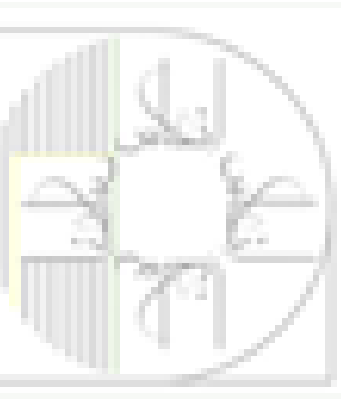


Above: Woodworks by Ted Todd Parquetry Rhine planks have a chevron pattern and are made from European oak. Price on application. (tedtodd.co.uk)



Far left: Heritage Parquet solid oak flooring is shown here in Cathedral, priced from £49.99 per sqm. (kersaintcobb.co.uk)

Left: Dark and dramatic, the Salcombe shadow oak engineered wood flooring has natural textures and tones enhanced through smoking, brushing and a matt lacquered finish. Price: £75 per sqm. (woodpeckerflooring.co.uk)





SOFTER OPTIONS

Above: The Audrey Sunset 100 per cent wool carpet has an eye-catching striped pattern. Price: £163 per sqm. (crucial-trading.com)

Above right: The Amtico Signature colour edit collection is on display here, comprising Encaustic Tourmaline, Kyanite, Jasper, Amber, Stucco Hay and Flax, Diffusion Chambray and Lux, and Modernist Frame. Price: from £70 per sqm. (amtico.com)

Right and far right: Cork flooring is shown here in Camada Corka (right) and Bacana Grey Corka (far right). Cork is one of the greenest flooring options, providing natural thermal and noise insulation thanks to its honeycomb cell structure. It is durable, low maintenance and suitable for use with underfloor heating. Price: £49 per sqm. (colourflooring.co.uk)



Left: The Odyssey wool carpet comes in a width of 4m or 5m. Displayed here in Twilight, it costs £54.98 per sqm. (kersaintcobb.co.uk)

Right: Ando is a light, unfinished concrete-effect floor, composed of large vinyl tiles creating the appearance of raw concrete slabs. Price: £34.30 per sqm. (harveymaria.com)





Above: This rubber flooring comes in a roll size of 1.9m x 10m. It is easy to clean, waterproof, warm underfoot, suitable for use with underfloor heating, and offers excellent noise insulation. Shown here in Stoke Newington Blue, it costs £58 per sqm. (colourflooring.co.uk)

Left: This Byron French Grey carpet is made from 100 per cent wool flat weave. Price: £132 per linear metre. (rogeroates.com)

Right: Gentle Fawn from the Sisal Harmony Herringbone collection costs £70 per sqm. (crucial-trading.com)

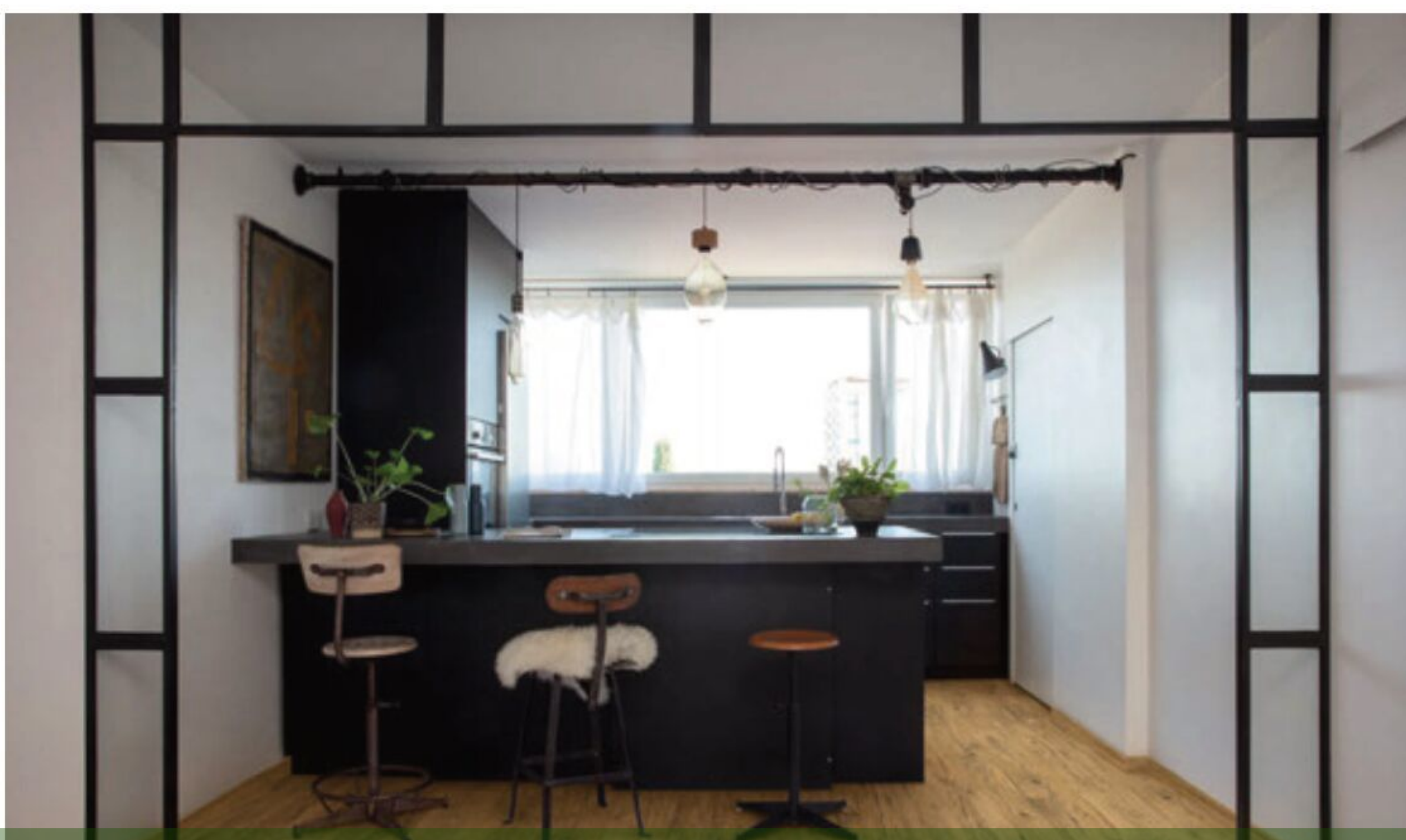
Right: Featuring a uniform chequered weave, coir boucle is shown here in a Natural design, priced from £24.70 per sqm. (sisalandseagrass.co.uk)

Below: Check slate luxury vinyl tile designed by Neisha Crosland provides a fresh take on the classic monochrome checkerboard. Price: £46.80 per sqm. (harveymaria.com)



Right: Shown here in Martini, this 10mm-thick luxury velour Teksilk carpet comes from the Manhattan collection. Price on application. (elements.london)

Below: Laminate from the Signature collection is displayed in White Premium Oak and a Cracked Oak natural design, priced from £29.99 per sqm. (quick-step.co.uk)



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Above: Colosseum Chevron Oak luxury vinyl tiles have a simple click system installation. Price: £29.95 per sqm. (lifestyle-floors.co.uk)

Top right: Priced from £33 per sqm, Babylon Conker from the Sisal range offers a darker tone. (sisalandseagrass.co.uk)

Above right: Savoy super soft cut pile Teksilk carpet is shown here in Stone and comes in a 4m or 5m width. Price on application. (elements.london)

Right: From the Signature collection of luxury vinyl tiles, Modernist Frame, Stucco Putty, Encaustic Umber and Encaustic Mineral are shown here in a small laying pattern. Price: from £70 per sqm. (amtico.com)





STONE



Top left: Imperial tiles are made from limestone in tones of dark grey and ebony, with a gently tumbled finish for an authentic aged look. Price: from £74.40 per sqm. (indigenous.co.uk)

Top: Made from 18th-century sandstone, these genuine antique reclaimed flag tiles have been brushed and milled for an even thickness. Price: £234 per sqm. (lapicida.com)

Above: Lyon Terracotta traditional handmade tiles are reclaimed from 18th- and 19th- century French houses and farms. Terracotta is naturally porous and so requires sealing every few years. Price: £210 per sqm. (lapicida.com)

Left: These Antique Pammets handmade terracotta tiles come with a textured surface in a variety of sizes, priced from £28.80 per sqm. (indigenous.co.uk)

Right: Hazlebury limestone tiles boast a grey tone and come in an aged or tumbled finish in a variety of sizes. Price: £75 per sqm. (realstoneandtile.co.uk)



Above left: Made from mid-grey limestone sourced from Morocco, these Aged Woburn tiles have a tumbled finish giving a rustic aesthetic. Prices start from £96. (martinmoorestone.com)

Above: Dakota light grey porcelain tiles measure 600mm x 600mm and have a riven finish. Porcelain is a very durable material that is resistant to scratching and staining. Suitable for inside and out, these tiles are priced at £29.99 per sqm. (tilemountain.co.uk)

Left: Soft grey Tala limestone tiles are shown here in contrast with Mallawi Egyptian limestone tiles, both with a tumbled finish and measuring 300mm x 300mm with a thickness of 18mm. Prices start from £59.94 per sqm. (claybrookstudio.co.uk)

Below: Hand finished with a broken edge, Old English aged limestone flagstone tiles are priced from £78 per sqm. (indigenous.co.uk)



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