

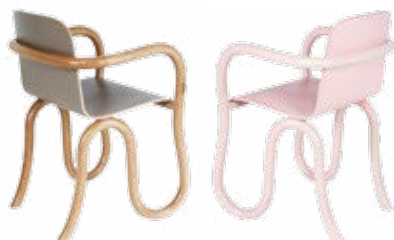
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SUPERFICIAL BEAUTIES

Many of today's exciting surface innovations seem inspired by materials and styles that were last in fashion decades ago

15 'ExCinere' by Formafantasma for Dzek

Five years ago the architectural materials developer Dzek launched the now iconic Marmoreal – an 'engineered marble' made in collaboration with designer Max Lamb. Dzek's founder Brent Dzekciorius (pictured right) is a design curator who has previously worked for Moss Gallery in New York and Phillips in London. His company's latest innovation is 'ExCinere', created with the Amsterdam-based studio Formafantasma. The result of three years of experimentation, this collection teams porcelain tiles with glazes made from volcanic ash from Mount Etna – a material Formafantasma has been working with for a long time. There is a distinct Seventies feel to the tiles, which are available in two rectangular sizes and a colour palette of hazy yellows and browns. The shades are determined by the amount and density of ash used in the firing process. The tiles cost €474 a square metre. dzekdzekdzek.com | formafantasma.com



16 Matthew Day Jackson with Formica for Made by Choice

The American artist Matthew Day Jackson has long incorporated Formica in his works. Recently he teamed up with the manufacturer to develop a new surface. This, and other Formica ranges, feature in a furniture collection designed by Matthew for the Finnish brand Made by Choice. This 'Kolho' chair costs €1,200. madebychoice.com



17 'IQ Surface' by Studio Note for Tarkett

Vinyl is experiencing an unexpected return to grace. 'IQ Surface' is a collaboration between two Swedish firms: floor specialist Tarkett and design brand Studio Note. The first collection has been made to resemble terrazzo. It can be used to cover anything from architectural components to furniture and costs from £40 a square metre. tarkett.com | studio-note.com



18 Cork wall tiles by Havwoods

Havwoods, the British wood flooring company, is helping to bring back cork as a material for interior design with its new range of wall tiles. The geometric forms of 'Modo' (above), 'Reyes' and 'Giza' give the appearance of three-dimensional cut stone and come in three colours. 'Skifer' has a rougher finish. The tiles cost from £216 a square metre. havwoods.co.uk

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