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Diespeker aims for greater sustainability with new collaboration

Terrazzo specialist Diespeker & Co has teamed up with Dutch company Duracryl as the key UK supplier of its sustainable seamless terrazzo Durabella, a poured terrazzo that uses a unique and proprietary chemical-free biopolymer.

The collaboration was established after Diespeker undertook rigorous testing in-house to ensure the product provides the same quality and durability as its traditional resin terrazzo.

Whilst Diespeker will continue to supply standard terrazzo, its production of non-standard poured and precast resin terrazzo will be transitioning to the new material. Durabella has already been selected for two major projects in the first half of 2025: a seamless floor for a West London hotel, and countertops plus skirting for an event and conference venue in Westminster.

In a sector that is challenging to green up, this is the latest step in Diespeker's growing list of eco-credentials.

Diespeker MD John Krause explained: "Over the past few years we have been implementing sustainable measures across the business, including water recycling and dust suppression in the factory, a solar PV installation to provide green energy, and the development of Rubblazzo, our own terrazzo-style product which reuses waste materials.

"Durabella is a far more sustainable terrazzo than anything we've looked at so far. Ultimately it will allow us to move towards a bio-based bespoke service, demonstrating Diespeker's genuine commitment to minimising our impact on the planet."

Durabella's environmental attributes include:

- Use of a biopolymer made from vegetable oil that contains no chemicals or materials on the Red List
- A low carbon footprint of just 1.6kg/m² as opposed to traditional epoxy resin at 35kg/m²
- No requirement for the use of epoxy, or harsh chemicals during the installation process.

The material is ideal for seamless flooring including high traffic commercial environments. It is a flexible terrazzo offering 40 percent better sound absorption than standard resin terrazzo. This attribute also means it is less prone to cracking and crazing. Durabella has excellent characteristics in terms of aesthetics and durability making it suitable for precast and moulded projects such as worktops, vanity units, reception desks, cladding and splashbacks.

Diespeker is already a UK market-leader in the creation of unusual and complicated bespoke terrazzo designs. Krause said: "Our expert bespoke team, who ran the testing process for Durabella, are excited by its potential. They will continue to use our tried and tested methods of creating terrazzo to order - but now with an added sustainable benefit."

The switch to Durabella means that architects, designers, and other commercial clients can now specify Diespeker terrazzo for projects with critical environmental targets without any compromise to finish and quality.

“We’re confident that this will give Diespeker a real edge in the commercial sector where there is quite rightly an increasing focus on sustainability,” Krause added.

Durabella has been successfully used for numerous projects across Europe, including Carrier Transicold, Guerilla Games, Personio, Uber, Schipol Airport, the Province of Zuid-Holland, Canada House, Dublin and Delft Station.

Duracryl CEO Jeroen van den Berg said: “Diespeker is a well-established terrazzo supplier in the UK market. The company has a lot of history with prestigious projects. Duracryl is very excited to start our collaboration with such a company.”

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Notes to Editors

Images (credit Nina Assam)

Diespeker MD John Krause and Duracryl CEO Jeroen van den Berg

Diespeker & Co

Diespeker & Co is a specialist supplier of natural stone and man-made materials for flooring, tiles, cladding, worktops and treads, for the commercial and domestic sectors. The company was founded in 1881 in Hamburg and expanded into London where it was one of the first companies to offer terrazzo and mosaic to the UK market.

Diespeker offers a rare service at its factory in South East London where traditional hand-casting skills are employed to create bespoke designs. This enables the company to also match existing materials for refurbishment projects. The factory boasts the latest in Italian cutting and polishing machinery and has recently invested heavily in two new CNC machines.

Standard materials are imported from trusted suppliers in Italy where they can be cut to a much thinner finish than in the UK if required. The full service includes site surveys, technical support, drawing, supply and installation and an exceptional aftercare package.

Diespeker is proactive in addressing the sustainability issues in the sector. The factory has been upgraded with dust reduction and water recycling and Diespeker has developed its own sustainable terrazzo-style material, Rubblazzo which reuses rubble from London construction sites. Diespeker is currently moving bespoke resin terrazzo production to the Dutch bio terrazzo, Durabella.

Diespeker has supplied and installed standard and bespoke solutions for numerous prestigious clients as The Royal Academy, Soho House, V&A, Oxford University, Harrods, NPG. The company’s creative work has appeared in several TV programmes such as Your Home Made Perfect and Extraordinary Extensions.

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