Third Space

Redefining the modern health club

An elegant space brought to life by an inspirational choice of tiles and surface finishes.
Festivals, awards, and launching new products

Riding high on the success of Clerkenwell Design Week 2019, the Design Week Awards 2019 and a huge array of exciting events, Solus is excited to bring the focus back to products with Quarter 18.

In this issue, we look to the future of terrazzo with a variety of authentic and porcelain material as well as introducing a wide selection of eccentric and interesting wall tiles.

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Stephen Baker, Commercial Director
Clerkenwell is home to more creative businesses and architects per square mile than anywhere else on the planet, making it truly one of the most important design hubs in the world.

To celebrate this rich and diverse community, Clerkenwell Design Week was created to showcase the leading UK and international brands in a series of showroom events, exhibitions and unique installations.

Celebrating its 10th year, CDW has firmly established itself as the UK’s leading independent design festival and annually attracts the international design community to the small, but vibrant area of Clerkenwell for three days of exciting events.

This year the team at Solus devised a full schedule of activities themed around concepts such as ‘utilising tiles in unconventional ways’ and ‘the future of tile design’.

Guests were able to explore some of the most exciting new tile ranges to enter the UK market, create tile inspired jewellery, take part in a mosaic mural masterpiece and visit an installation by ALEKSIA Studio.

Solus was thrilled to welcome a record-breaking attendance of more than 3100 guests to Solus Clerkenwell throughout the festival and were equally delighted to see the showroom mentioned with such praise on social media and in the media.

As well as activities and collaborations, Solus also introduced a wealth of new ranges specially for the festival, which were unveiled to Design Week visitors exclusively at Solus Clerkenwell.

Three-dimensional tiles are set to be the next big trend, and Solus hit hard with the refreshed colourful Carnival range, which now features complementary relief wall décors.
In partnership with ALEKSA Studio, Solus created two impressive window displays specially for Clerkenwell Design Week. The first entitled SUSPENDED COLOUR, utilised more than 600 colourful tiles from the Carnival range in 7 bright colours. The tiles were mounted on rods and could be spun 360 degrees, allowing guests to play with the gradients - creating their own display. The installation proved a great draw for visitors, capturing the attention of passersby and making a big impact on social media - appearing on many bloggers/influencers ‘CDW favourites’.

The second part of the collaboration was called ILLUSION, a collection of bespoke printed porcelain wall tile designs that feature dynamic parametric patterns. The geometric textures and colour gradients were created by ALEKSA studio using digital design tools and were printed on full size porcelain slabs.

ALEKSA Studio director, Aleka Rizova, said:

“Our key ambition was to create eye-catching installations showcasing Solus fabrication techniques and materials and how those can be utilised unconventionally to create dynamic wall screens and partitions. We used lots of colour and playful designs to draw people in and encourage them to interact with the installations.”
FARO ILLUMINATES
SOLUS CLERKENWELL

Solus is now home to an array of new lamps, pendants and accessories by lighting company Faro Barcelona.

Faro is new to the UK market and Solus Clerkenwell is the first showroom in the UK to feature their products. Some key installations include pendant lights above the bar area and in the windows, and lamps situated on the shelving units and chill out spaces.

At CDW, Faro were in the showroom demonstrating their products and meeting with guests.

CREATIVE JEWELLERY
WITH ONE WE MADE EARLIER

What is the connection between tiles and jewellery? If there wasn’t one before - there certainly is now thanks to the talented duo One We Made Earlier!

The respected jewellery designers offered a FREE workshop at Solus - combining their bold style with muted, pastel mosaics from the Fornia range. The makers had three designs on offer, which could be customised with mosaic pieces during a short 15 minute workshop. In total the team attracted more than 150 guests, including influential designers, bloggers and artists.

A MAJESTIC MOSAIC MURAL

Showcasing the artistry and intricacy of mosaics, Vitrogres performed a monumental miracle by completing a huge bespoke mural during CDW.

Inspired by an image of St Paul’s Cathedral at sunset (which can be seen from Solus Clerkenwell), the mural was created, piece by piece, by two Vitrogres experts, along with help from members of the public.

The show stopping design instantly captured the attention of visitors and perfectly conveyed the potential of mosaics. The design will be completed and put on display in the coming weeks.

EVENING EVENTS
AT CDW2019

Evening events are a huge draw at CDW, and Solus are well-known for their hospitality, entertainment and catering!

This year Solus held three exclusive, invitation-only events for clients and industry partners. The evening events offer guests the chance to let their hair down, network with peers and explore the showroom in a more informal setting.

Solus offered an array of tasty street food dishes including curry, pitas, houmous and kebabs, along with signature Solus drinks such as Aperol and Prosecco. Entertainment included a DJ and a live saxophonist - adding a fun jazz flavour to proceedings!

Solus Clerkenwell picks up award for best Retail Interior!

Following on from Clerkenwell Design Week 2019, the team at Solus had their eyes firmly set on the Design Week Awards 2019, where Commercial Branding & Interior Design Agency BusbyWebb were nominated for the Retail Interior Award for Solus Clerkenwell.

A hugely competitive category with the likes of Virgin Megastore and Johnnie Walker Madrid also on the shortlist, it was a nerve-wracking night for both the design team and everyone at Solus while they awaited the result at the ceremony.

‘Creating the best showroom in Clerkenwell’ was always an ambitious brief, but BusbyWebb hit the nail on the head with Solus Clerkenwell, so it was a with great pleasure to see the team win, and bring the award home!

Discussing the showroom, Nick Wills, Director of Branding at BusbyWebb, said: “I think what sets Solus Clerkenwell apart is how we designed it from the perspective of the designers and architects that would use the space – for example allowing tiles to be viewed under different light temperatures and informal spaces to sit and discuss projects etc.

“It is more of a collaborative studio than a showroom. We also incorporated touches normally associated with hospitality.”

External environments have always been a source of interior inspiration, from simple concepts such as using natural materials inside, to big statements with biophilia. Blurring the lines between these two spaces can create extraordinary designs.

However, for those looking for something a little edgier, why not look to the ‘urban jungle’ for inspiration?

Cities are melting pots of culture, architecture and art. They are complex contradictions of progress and monotony, a palette of the most vibrant colours mixed with the grayest shades. This evocative, metropolitan aesthetic is authentically captured in the new Terratek range, a porcelain product that endeavours to capture the diverse look of concrete.

Users can choose from a selection of four grey shades, which have been carefully realised in a rustic design featuring digitally sculpted elements of wear and tear on every tile. This exposed look is enhanced by the appearance of scratches and scuffs, which conjures the characteristics of worn pavement.

The range is completed by an array of four practical sizes, and the choice of Natural R10 or a Grip R11 (A+B) finishes, along with a matching mosaic décor option for each colourway.
Tiles feature evocative elements of movement and intriguing tonal blemishes.

**terratek technical details:**

- **Finishes:** Natural R10 and Grip R11 (A+B)
- **Appearance:** Concrete
- **Material:** Porcelain
- **Usage:** Floors and walls
- **Shade Variation:** V4 - Heavy

**Colours:**

- Anatomic 2GXJ101
- Organic 2GXJ103
- Formative 2GXJ102
- Monument 2GXJ104

**Sizes (mm):**

- 600x600
- 300x600
- 900x900
- 450x900

**Mosaics:**

- All mosaics are available in 300x300mm sizes in a Natural R10 finish.

- Anatomic Mosaic 2GXJ101m101
- Organic Mosaic 2GXJ103m103
- Formative Mosaic 2GXJ102m102
- Monument Mosaic 2GXJ104m104

Search for **terratek** at solusceramics.com for more information about this range.
link
A modern modular range for ambitious design

While universally overused in the surface and finishes industry, ‘unique’ is the perfect adjective to describe the new Link range – an original and peerless wall collection that challenges the status quo.

Forget traditional formats and repetitious patterns; Link offers a surprising yet functional assortment of funky modular shapes for users to explore.

Inspired by the look of chainmail, Link is made up of three core elements: the ‘H’ shaped ‘hit’ connector piece, the long ‘wall joint’ and the three-dimensional ‘dot’. The unusual shapes can be used independently to create uniform designs or can be mixed to produce incredible patterns.

From long ‘zip-like’ chains to a wall of interlocking ‘H’ shapes, creativity is in the hands of the designer, with the modular forms offering almost unlimited flexibility to develop enticing interior concepts.

Link is framed within a nautical palette of bluish, icy shades, which evoke a fresh, northern aesthetic. Each colour is finished with a brilliant glossy texture, and users can effortlessly mix and match different shades to form beautiful glacial themed environments.

In addition to individual formats, Link also includes a mosaic sheet version of the ‘dot’ for those looking to create consistent ‘micro brick’ effect patterns.
The modular style formats can be mixed together to create unusual chain-like patterns.

link technical details:

Finish: Gloss and Gloss Relieve
Appearance: Irregular
Material: Ceramic
Usage: Walls only
Shade Variation: V1 - Uniform *

* Slight shade variation may occur, please ask for details.

Colours:

- Zipper 5KZT101
- Connect 5KZT102
- Linked 5KZT103
- Aventail 5KZT105
- Canmail 5KZT104
- Puzzle 5KZT106

Mosaics:

- Zipper Mosaic 5KZT101m101
- Connect Mosaic 5KZT102m102
- Linked Mosaic 5KZT103m103
- Aventail Mosaic 5KZT105m105
- Canmail Mosaic 5KZT104m104
- Puzzle Mosaic 5KZT106m106

Sizes (mm):

- 50x50
- Dot 31x79
- Wall Joint 10x10
- Kit 10x10

Layout examples:

All mosaics are available in 310x360mm in a Gloss Relieve finish.

Search for link at solusceramics.com for more information about this range.

Bespoke colours and mix mosaics are available on request.
vigilant

Porcelain Floors and Walls
Evoking the subtle nuances of natural limestone

For centuries limestone has been the stone of choice for bringing a sense of timeless character and natural beauty to architectural design, and it continues to be a favourite amongst the design community due to its versatile aesthetic and robust characteristics.

Solus introduce Vigilant, a new range which offers the stunning natural appearance of stone, with all of the benefits of engineered ceramic.

The collection is made up of five neutral shades, which range from light beige to dark grey, and are enriched with the greenish tinge commonly found within strata of limestone.

The surface of each tile features generous movement in the form of visible veins and speckles of quartz, that only adds to the evocative drama of the range.

Vigilant comes in three finishes, Natural R10, Lucidato and Outdoor R11 (A+B). In the Natural finish, the range comes in a complete array of five sizes, including familiar formats such as 300x600mm, 600x600mm and 600x1200mm, but also some distinctive sizes such as 200x1200mm and 450x900mm.

Also, the range includes an array of exciting décor options such as a ‘tumbled’ effect mosaic, a mixed finish geometric style mosaic and an irregular striped wall décor.
Décors offer a host of architectural options for designers.

vigilant technical details:

- **Finishes:** Natural R10, Lucidato and Outdoor R11 (A+B)
- **Appearance:** Limestone
- **Material:** Porcelain
- **Usage:** Floors and walls
- **Shade Variation:** V3 - Moderate

**Colours:**

- Watchful 3FNL101
- Attentive 3FNL102
- Observe 3FNL103
- Alert 3FNL104
- Guarded 3FNL105

**Mosaics (available in all colours):**

- Mosaic A 300x300x10mm
- Mosaic B 300x300x10mm
- Mosaic C 300x600x10mm

**Sizes (mm):**

- 600x600
- 300x600
- 600x1200
- 200x1200
- 600x900

PTV results available upon request.

Search for vigilant at solusceramics.com for more information about this range.
In the spotlight:
exploring fluorescent tiles

Bringing the kitsch vibrance of the '80s to the present, Zealous is a neon-infused wall range that celebrates the colour, style and abundance of the decade renowned for indulgence and excess.

Typifying the period, neon was replicated in fashion, make-up, art, music and décor, and now it returns in the form of tiles, bringing the excitement and intensity of colour to the world of interior design.

While neon is sometimes regarded as a divisive theme, Zealous takes a subtle approach by offering three-dimensional tiles with subtle elements of neon, which adorn the relief edges.

The range is available in two face colours, black and white, and three styled styles, one flat and two relief décors. This means that the neon edges can be seen when tiles are arranged in a precise pattern.

Designers can mix and match different décor options, intersperse flat tiles, or lay tiles in alternating directions to create the desired effect.

These unusual and innovative tiles are ideal for creating arresting and evocative feature walls, and would be ideally suited to nightclubs, bars, hotels and restaurant design – where a visual statement is required.

The neon edges can be exploited with the use of directional ultraviolet ‘blacklights’, which intensify the vivid colours and make them glow in the dark, just like fluorescent paint!

zealous technical details:

Finishes: Gloss Relief and Gloss
Appearance: Irregular
Material: Ceramic
Usage: Walls only
Shade Variation: V1 - Uniform

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Search for zealous at solusceramics.com for more information about this range.
An elegant and refined wall range

Atlantis is a sophisticated yet traditional style wall range that provides a glamorous, stately aesthetic in a choice of warm and cold tones.

Bevelled metro tiles have long been a favourite for those looking to achieve a classic, Victorian-influenced design, but Atlantis offers something a little different, with an original take on the style.

Firstly, the tiles in the range are longer and slightly thinner than a conventional metro tile, more akin to a brick slip, which helps designers achieve a unique and urban finish.

The range comes in both a chic flat design and a tactile bevelled décor. The three-dimensional finish features a luxurious relieve design that is similar to the profiled edge of a picture frame.

Colour tone is particularly arresting, with the décor featuring tonal pools of light and dark pigmentation, adding to the rippled effect of the borders.

Made up of five high quality, glossy colours, Atlantis features a snowy white, a warm creamy beige, a subtle tan mauve, a light sage green and a cool grey. Designers can play with mixing colours and even formats, to create rich, textured schemes.

atlantis technical details:

- **Finishes:** Gloss and Relieve Gloss (décor only)
- **Appearance:** Traditional
- **Material:** Ceramic
- **Usage:** Walls only
- **Shade Variation:** V1 - Uniform

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mountain

The next big trend in terrazzo

One of the oldest and most versatile surface options, terrazzo is a composite material that typically consists of marble chippings and a cement binder, cast into shape, and polished to a beautiful finish.

With the material only growing in popularity, new chip colours and base shades are emerging apace, and Solus is at the forefront of the flourishing terrazzo trends.

The new Mountain range is made up of 23 distinctive colours, covering a vast array of tones from dusky pink, to burnt yellow and various neutral grey and beige shades. Chip size across the collection is impressive, with tiles coming in either large flecked styles or subtle, salt grain variations.

Terrazzo surfaces are often unpredictable and difficult to match. In the Mountain range, chip size is consistent, but the spread and configuration of flecks is always random, leading to unique constellations in every tile.

Interestingly, Mountain also features numerous colour options with vibrant red base tones and red chips, a rare and hard to achieve colour configuration in the tile industry!

While all tiles are only available in one size, Mountain includes four finishes to suit a versatile array of project types. From Polished to Hammered and Antiskid, Mountain has the characteristics to suit almost any commercial or residential environment.
A contemporary reimagining of ‘cast stone’

Dating back to ancient Greece, ‘cast stone’ is the process of mixing crushed stone and marble with white or coloured cement – that when hardened, mimics granite.

This evocative material is brought to life in the form of porcelain in the new Terrain range, an adaptable collection of tiles that have been designed with commercial and residential use in mind.

There are six colours in the range, available in a chromatic scale from grey to soft beige, with two designs in each tone. The large flecked design features sizeable chips and speckles, while the second option is made up of subtle, sandy mottles.

Always different yet always authentic, the complex production process means that the grains in each tile are randomly and evenly distributed on the surface, maintaining the traditional look of the source material.

For those looking for a granite or terrazzo style material, but require the characteristics of full-bodied porcelain, Terrain is a fantastic culmination of chic style, natural flair and technical prowess.

The range includes a practical array of sizes and various finishes, Natural R10 (A), Levigato and Bush Hammered R11 (A+B+C), meaning that it is suitable for almost any kind of architectural project.

Featuring confetti-like flecks and interesting tonal speckles.
terrain technical details:

- Finishes: Natural R10 (A); Levigato and Bush Hammered R11 (A+B+C)
- Appearance: Terrazzo
- Material: Porcelain
- Usage: Floors and walls
- Shade Variation: V2 - Light

Colours:
- Homeland 3BMA112
- Firma 3BMA106
- Land 3BMA109
- Relief 3BMA103
- Fields 3BMA110
- Precinct 3BMA104
- Topography 3BMA111
- Arena 3BMA105
- Area 3BMA108
- Regional 3BMA102
- Bailiwick 3BMA107
- Province 3BMA101

Sizes (mm):
- 300x600
- 600x600
- 600x1200
- 1200x1200
- 1500x1500
- 2000x1200
- PTV results available upon request.
42 Berners Street is a contemporary new development situated in the heart of one of London’s most stylish neighbourhoods, Fitzrovia.

Designed by BuckleyGrayYeoman on behalf of The Berners-Allsopp Estate, 42 Berners Street has replaced two post-war buildings at the northern end of Berners Street, delivering a major uplift in floorspace, from 17,500 sq ft to 36,500 sq ft (GIA). The first to seventh floors provide office space, with a commercial unit on the ground and lower ground floors.

BuckleyGrayYeoman’s design for 42 Berners Street delivers a grand set-piece for one of Fitzrovia’s major thoroughfares. The elegantly proportioned façade is constructed of high-quality solid Portland stone with contrasting window setbacks that feature panels of Roach Bed Portland Stone that is visibly filled with the shells of turreted molluscs.

The depth of the window and door reveals gives the building a monolithic, sculptural quality and a quietly assertive...
While terrazzo has long been favoured in architectural projects, there has been a tangible resurgence in popularity in recent years, and with projects like 42 Berners Street is easy to see why it is specified.

From the organic, natural speckling and wide array of chic formats and colour options, there is a terrazzo product to fit any style of commercial or residential project.

Shower rooms were finished with a combination of white wall tiles and textured, anti-slip floor tiles from the Program range.

Tiles used in this project:
- Salerno 7BAB009, Terrazzo range
- Ainsworth 2TBT857, Program range
- Rieter 5VNA505, Magnetic range
- Wearing 5HTR506, Bright range
- Leawood 3MDL266, Marblite range

For more information please visit solusceramics.com
Kym’s Project

Chinese restaurant blossoms in the City of London

Located in the Bloomberg Arcade near Bank Station in the City of London, Kym’s is an innovative premium casual restaurant showcasing the art of Hong Kong cuisine as well as creative interpretations of well-known favourites from China’s culinary landscape.

Featuring an open kitchen, a statement curved bar and an iconic five-metre high cherry tree in full bloom, the stylish interior is spread over two floors subtly incorporating Chinese traditions and modern design cues.

The second restaurant by Michelin star chef Andrew Wong, Kym’s was designed by Michaelis Boyd, the passionate and creative team behind Soho Farmhouse, Hotel Indigo – One Leicester Square and many luxurious residential properties.

Tiles from the Terrazzo range provide a smooth and natural finish to the restaurant. Speckled with green marble chips, the floor tiles effortlessly fit with the chic and rustic interior, seamlessly working with the hand-painted tones of the reclaimed bar front. Used in the main dining area, the terrazzo offers a hard-wearing and practical surface, while also complementing the warm and soft tones used throughout the restaurant.

Alex Michaelis, Director at Michaelis Boyd, commented: “We wanted to create a vibrant and timeless restaurant that transports guests from the busy streets of Central London into a sophisticated and harmonious space, where they can enjoy the exquisite Chinese cuisine from Chef Andrew Wong.”
“We selected Solus’ Terrazzo range for its excellent quality, contemporary design and natural palette. The marble and quartz flecks on the tiles add character to the restaurant, while also providing a solid surface that fits with the calm colour palette used throughout.”

In addition, the design team also selected beautiful glazed mosaic tiles from the Peacock range for the bathrooms. These variegated green tiles were used to decorate the walls and sink areas, as well as cladding the monolithic sink troughs to complete the bold, traditional aesthetic. The subtle variations in colour effectively add depth to the surface while complementing the exposed copper pipes.

Terrazzo is a gorgeous composite material featuring unique constellations of glassy quartz chips and tonal marble flecks.

For more information please visit solusceramics.com

Kym’s Project

Rhenish 7BA8026, Terrazzo range
Downe 6MPP073, Peacock range

Tiles used in this project:

Jo Burley
Solus Area Sales Manager
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A complementary blend of green themed tiles

Working on this stylish new London restaurant has been an exciting project. The striking interior truly captures the spirit of the orient in a contemporary way.

The characteristics of the Terrazzo range make an excellent choice for the restaurant, creating a stunning aesthetic that truly complements the overall design of the interior.”
According to the 2018 State of the UK Fitness Industry Report, the UK health and fitness industry is continuing to strengthen with more gyms, more members and higher market value than ever before.

In a heavily saturated sector, with gyms on almost every high street, shopping centre and retail park, brands need to stand out to capture the attention and loyalty of the consumer.

Third Space, a luxe health and fitness brand with six sites across London, is doing something extraordinary – offering clubs with a sense of individual style that members can feel are their own.

Designed by Studio RHE, Third Space City is a 27,000 sqft health club that spans the ground and basement floors of ‘Minster Court’, a neo-gothic, post-modern office building located just three minutes from Fenchurch Street Station.

The refined and luxurious club features a range of high-end leisure facilities, including an 8,000 sqft open gym space, 20m swimming pool and spa, mind and body studio, treatment rooms, café and changing rooms.

Solus was thrilled to work with the design team to supply material to almost every area of the club including the dramatic reception area, which features an impressive copper clad desk and floor tiles from the Inspired range.

Mirroring the tessellated shard-like copper ceiling used in the reception, the pool area stands out as one of the most iconic spaces in the club. With raw, natural effect tiles from...
the Inspired range, the pool hall appears carved from the subterranean area, a fitting aesthetic to the building that has been previously dubbed the ‘Bat-Cave’.

The evocative, dark grey tiles were used from wall to floor, while a lighter shade was applied to the pool surround, which was specially fabricated to incorporate grating and drainage channels.

Maintaining the same coherent aesthetic, Inspired was also used in the boutique style changing rooms and complemented by a pairing of green and black wall tiles from the Program range in the shower facilities.

Richard Hywel Evans, Director of Studio RHE, commented, “Having designed the first Third Space in Soho back in 2000, a completely revolutionary concept for its time, we were delighted to revisit this extraordinary brand who remain committed to providing the best workout and Club Membership experiences in a fast-changing environment.”

The pool features bespoke grating tiles that were fabricated specially for the project.

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Combining serious training with luxury

Third Space is renowned as a refined and luxurious health and fitness brand, so it was a pleasure to work with Studio RHE on this project.

The design features a complex array of complementary and highly technical materials, and the application of the products showcases how versatile and practical tiles can be.

For more information please visit solusceramics.com

Tiles used in this project:

- Durer 3YFX105, Inspired range
- Braque 3YFX104, Inspired range
- Elder 3YFX102, Inspired range
- Ainsworth 2TBT857, Program range
- Infer 2TBT869, Program range
A contemporary and sophisticated steakhouse arrives in Aberdeen

Situated on 254 Union Street in Aberdeen, Vovem is a superior independent steakhouse owned and operated by premium hospitality brand PB Devco.

Having recently completed work on another venue for PB Devco, Aberdeen based practice Tinto Architecture were approached to work on the overall design and interior fit out of the project.

Nina Cradock, Interior Architectural Designer and Mark Hadfield, Chartered Senior Architect spent a year working on the project, helping the client to create a destination unlike anything else in Aberdeen!

The team spent a lot of time in the discovery and conceptual stages, making trips to London and Edinburgh to explore other venues – exploring finishes and details that would create a real talking point in the city.

With a fully glazed entrance, the main bar had to be dramatic, which was achieved with a carefully curated fusion of refreshing muted tones, rustic textures, fresh botanical elements and rusty metallic floor tiles from the Furnace range.

Intricacy was introduced around the bar with elongated hexagon shaped tiles from the Stealth range, which feature random geometric patterns in a monochrome palette.

Metallic toned tiles from the Furnace range draw guests from the bar through to the restaurant.
While the overall design is amorphous, the team took the opportunity to clad the bar area with tiles from the Experience range, adding a pop of denim blue to the restaurant area.

Finally, downstairs in the secret hidden bar 21 Crimes, the team wanted to create a dark, moody and glamorous atmosphere. The undulating gold décor from the Narrow range was the perfect choice for the bar front, providing a luxurious reflective shimmer in the seductive space.

Client collaboration was paramount to the success of the project, as Nina explained: “We actually took the client to Clerkenwell Design Week to show him the new Solus Showroom. We really wanted them to be involved and see the product at the core of the design. It was very much a collaboration between the designers and PB Devco, and I think that’s why it was so successful.”

“Vovem offers a superior food and beverage experience in the heart of Aberdeen”

A complex yet satisfying fusion of finishes

Vovem is a wonderful showcase of Solus material, especially the way in which various ranges have been used in harmony to create a coherent and memorable interior design.

I particularly appreciate the way in which the design team used ranges with very specific tonal qualities, patterns and textures to create talking points in every distinct area of the space.

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Tiles used in this project:

Muirend 2CGL003, Furnace range
Gleaston 2CPA110, Stealth range
Marwan 7BAB020, Terazae range
Nymet Decor 3 5PUR107d703, Narrow range
Ardor 2VWG108, Experience range
Everyman Horsham

Redefining the cinema experience, Everyman is bringing an upmarket lifestyle approach to their venues, where you swap your soft drink for a nice glass of red wine, and a slice of freshly made pizza served to your seat.

Everyman creates a warm and friendly atmosphere with a unique blend of hospitality, customer service and a distinctive, boutique design aesthetic that provides a unique flavour to every venue.

Opened in early 2019, Everyman Horsham is the latest in the expanding chain, which now consists of 28 venues spread throughout the length and breadth of the UK – with more planned in the future.

With three screens, each theatre in the cinema contains a mixture of double or single sofa-style chairs complete with cushions, small side-tables and plenty of leg room, offering a more refined experience to that of a typical multiplex.

Known for its retro-chic brand identity, Horsham like many of the Everyman sites, was designed by Fusion DNA, effortlessly blending the glamour of the golden age of Hollywood with the relaxed atmosphere of a restaurant or bar.

Nostalgia is turned up in the reception area, which features a dramatic statement bar, fronted with an extensive skirting of bespoke tiles from Solus. The intricate pattern, which was designed specifically for the project, was fabricated with four...
complementary shades from the Rockface range – waterjet cut off-site and delivered ready to fit.

The sophisticated geometric design is carefully referenced throughout the design scheme, from the fabric of the gorgeous sofas and chairs, to the Solus supplied encaustic tiles in the lobby area.

And the same eye for detailed is carried through to the WCs, which showcase delicious honey-yellow wall tiles from the Sparkle range, paired with the hand-drawn style floor tiles from the aptly named Sketch range.

Four tiles were chosen from the Rockface range and subsequently transformed into the design seen in the bar area.

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Tiles used in this project:
- Morelia 2CAA811, Rockface range
- Pochard 2CAA808, Rockface range
- Abaco 2CAA810, Rockface range
- Davan 2CAA812, Rockface range
- Doormouse 5ACM580, Sparkle range
- Simprim 5GFD110, Sketch range
- Tabathe 5ACM580, Unlimited range

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Caractère Project

Bringing a distinctive character to a Notting Hill restaurant

Located in Notting Hill, a popular area for stylish new restaurants, Caractère offers a casual and contemporary dining experience. Owned by Emily Roux, daughter of Michel Roux Jr, and Diego Ferrari, the menu combines their Italian and French heritage, offering guests a variety of exciting and innovative culinary dishes.

The restaurant was designed by Rosendale Design and the team were tasked with creating a chic and stylish interior that reflects the modern dining experience. With the name of the restaurant translating to character, it was important that this was expressed through the design, as well as the food.

Rosendale Design worked closely with Solus to create a standout design within the restaurant. The distinctive tiles from the Brickwork range provide a tasteful finish, with the exposed brick shapes effortlessly fitting with the contemporary interior.

The Brickwork range can be applied to walls like traditional brick slips and also works well on floor areas.
Used in the main dining area, the brick-inspired tiles create a stylish, yet understated feature wall, adding a rustic charm to the space.

Dale Atkinson, Associate Designer at Rosendale Design, commented: “We wanted to create a space that was laidback, but also elegant and luxurious. The contemporary design truly captures the modern culinary experience that we wanted the restaurant to offer.

“The client wanted the design to incorporate natural finishes, which is why we selected Solus’ Brickwork range. Offering authentically sized and textured brick shapes, the range adds to the overall aesthetic, creating a warm and inviting space.”

Finally, Solus also supplied tiles from the Convex range to the elegant and sumptuous bathrooms. The sage green, hexagon shaped tiles evoke a dramatic, art deco sentiment.

Tiles used in this project:

*Ombra 2BRK004, Brickwork range*

*Ickneid 2SCP103, Convex range*

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Caractère has been a fantastic project to work on. The Brickwork range worked extremely well and captures the contemporary design of the restaurant – each tile perfectly replicating the look of a unique and authentic brick slip.

It’s striking appearance and excellent quality made it an outstanding choice, complementing the overall look the designers were looking to achieve.”

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A perfect mix of tone, texture and form
CPD seminars with Solus

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