

LAY OF THE LAND

Landscaping surfaces for driveways, decks, rooftops and beyond

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DECKING

1 NATURAL CHOICE With the look and feel of tropical wood, TruGrain with Resysta is made from rice husks. Mixed with a synthetic polymer and rock salt, the waste product forms a durable surface that resists rot and UV rays. tru-grain.com

2 WOOD LOOK Unilock's Del Conca indoor/outdoor porcelain tile collection includes DaVinci, featuring a slip-resistant wood-grain finish. The line includes two colours - Driftwood (shown) and Birch. unilock.com

3 HIGH STABILITY CFP Cladding & Decking's Thermal Ash is made from sustainably harvested ash that's heated to over 180 degrees Celsius to increase stability and decay resistance. cherryforest.ca

4 SYNTHETIC DURABILITY Made from a fibreglass-reinforced composite containing 25 per cent recycled materials, Esthec's Terrace is wear- and slip-resistant and splinter-free. It is suitable for high traffic areas. esthec.com



PAVING



1 MODERN PAVERS Eterna plank-style pavers from Oaks pair vibrant hues with a durable, smooth-textured and stain-resistant surface. Three modular sizes and seven colour options are available. oakspavers.com

2 CONCRETE TEXTURE Part of the Pro Tiles collection by Turkish brand Vitra, Metro porcelain tiles offer a concrete-like texture in a variety of colours, finishes and sizes. vitraglobal.com

3 RUNOFF CONTROL Made of recycled ceramics and porcelain, SpongePaver, from Next Level Stormwater Management, is a highly absorptive permeable solution that effectively controls runoff for rooftop walkways. nism.ca

4 FRENCH ACCENTS French outdoor flooring specialist Altiis has launched Natural Stone Deco, a collection of slip-resistant stone tiles embellished with contrasting inlays in coloured concrete (shown) or stainless steel. altiis.com

GREEN WALLS AND ROOFS

1 AIR SCRUBBER Nedlaw has created some of the world's largest living-wall bio-filters, including a 223-square-metre installation at the Edmonton Federal Building. The systems improve air quality, indoors or out. nedlawlivingwalls.com

2 COOL CHOICE ZinCo Canada's Urban Climate Roofs mitigate the urban heat-island effect by combining a specially developed plant selection with an irrigation system that boasts more than 20 times the evaporation capacity of a conventional green roof. zinco.ca

3 MODULAR GARDEN The Greenery series of steel-framed modular green walls, from Paola Lenti, features an integrated watering system that enables ornamentals and vegetables to be grown on one or both sides of the planters. paolalenti.it

4 WIND PROOF LiveRoof's green-roof modules can be fastened together across an installation with WindDisc connectors. The added security helped LiveRoof become the first brand to pass new wind uplift tests from CSA Group. liveroof.com



RECREATIONAL SURFACES

1 PLAYGROUND SAFETY Fifth generation Durasafe rubber playground tiles by Sofsurfaces incorporate a hollow-core impact pedestal into their underside to increase energy absorption. They're made from 100 per cent post-consumer recycled materials. sofsurfaces.com

2 ALL-WEATHER ICE PolyGlide Synthetic Ice panels, from Home Ice Supplies, use the latest in polymer technology to create a synthetic, ice-like surface that can be skated on like the real thing. polyglidesyntheticice.com

3 WATER PLAY Surface America has partnered with Landscape Structures to produce Aquaflex, a skid-resistant surface for water play environments. A porous version can be applied over concrete or asphalt, while a non-porous iteration can be combined with a cushioned underlayment. surfaceamerica.com

4 SOLAR POWERED Construction firm Heijmans worked with artist Daan Roosegaarde to develop the luminous stones that line the Van Gogh-Roosegaarde bike trail in the Netherlands. The stones are charged by the sun during the day and illuminate the path overnight. heijmans.nl

