

TAKE INSPIRATION FROM THE HOTTEST COLOUR TRENDS IN FURNITURE, SOFT FURNISHINGS, WALLS AND FLOORS ON QUICK-STEP'S RADAR

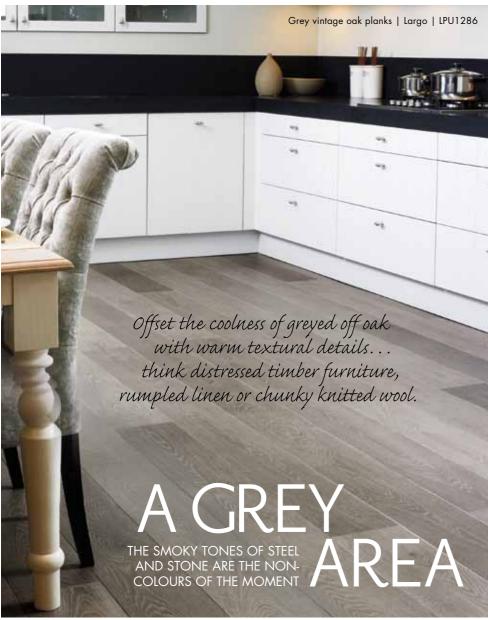
Over the course of the year, Quick-Step's fashion and flooring team explores the zeitgeist – taking inspiration from nature and tuning into the best design, culture and architecture happenings – to identify new trends before they hit the mainstream. In these pages, they present the four biggest floor colour trends to refresh interiors in 2014 and beyond as well as the expert tricks to making each style your own.



An on-trend floor is a stage on which to express your own style. Feel free to experiment. It's all about creating a mood you'll want to be immersed in.









Silver, greige, charcoal or slate – we're all going gaga for the many shades of grey this year. This cool operator has a serene and architectural presence that modernises a home. As the industrial trend gathers pace, expect lighter tones on the grey spectrum to compliment all that concrete and steel while darker, warmer greys are set to add depth to intimate spaces.



RAMP UP

THE ATMOSPHERE

Dark and mid-toned greys cast surfaces into the shadows, bringing architectural details, artworks and even people into the fore. These moody hues come to life under warm lighting. Use candles, lamps and pendants to create an ambient glow and cut crystal or glass vases to bounce light around.





Bring samples home to observe how they react to the light at different times of day





Innovation is driving a new golden age of flooring with Quick-Step patented ScratchGuard and Scratch Resistant Technology leading the way.





Warm tones are back and better than ever. On the flooring front, Australian red timbers are blazing the trail. These species become richer with time to fill spaces with unmatched ambience. There are all sorts of ways to introduce the fire of red into your home. Rooms with lots of natural light can take a deeper, richer red such as |arrah while the blushing tones of Sydney Bluegum will switch on the lights in dark spaces.







THE NEW RUSTIC

Spotted gum, blackbutt, ash and oak are taking the stage as the antidote to too much screen time. Texture is key to the natural trend with matt, brushed finishes, taking the place of the usual gloss and cracks, wormholes and nail holes all adding to the story.





The most coveted natural-toned floors are softened with a lick of smoke, lime or a hint of peeling off paint. It's all about rough luxe.

NATURE & NURTURE

Carry through the natural feel to the final details. Accessories in stone, felt, fur and leather feel warm and luxurious. Refined forms and clean lines will give the look a modern edge.





Platinum oaks and bleached teaks are taking over from pure white floors. These so-called new whites are inherent with tonal variation, which age gracefully with use.





MODERN GLAMOUR

A black or white floor speaks of old hardwood floors that have been painted, buffed back, stained and polished over the decades. Build on this sense of history with elegant furniture in black, white or grey. Then just add a few playful patterns to bring the interior to life.





THE WORD FROM DESIGNEX

Laminate floors are upping their game featuring surface texture and natural variation reminiscent of the real thing. When Quick-Step showcased their laminate range alongside their timber collection at Designex this year, few designers could spot the difference.







A monochrome palette is classic and there is reason it has such staying power; it's instantly stylish, perfectly polished and easy to reinvent with a few accessories. A white floor can be beautifully beachy or romantic and feminine – just be prepared to leave your shoes at the door. A black floor, on the other hand, is easy to live with and has a grounding effect on a home



