

New collection: "Retour à la Source"



As the world becomes increasingly artificial, and natural spaces gradually disappear, new environmental expectations are coming to the fore.

Nature and plants are now the focus of books, magazine articles and television and radio programmes. Plants are invading our balconies, clinging to our walls, taking up residence on our rooftops.

More and more products are being described as "organic", "local" and "traditionally crafted", with "biodegradable" packaging – all displayed on artificially lit shelving, rife with plastic, aluminium and plywood.

Today's consumers dream of authentic products that respect the environment and that are made with respect for traditional values.

In France, 76% of the population lives in towns and cities. Few can access places where nature is king, and we live in a society ruled by speed and competitiveness – which creates a lot of stress. Which is why so many people feel the need to get back to nature, get back to their roots. Nature can bring a sense of calm, can help clear the head of worries, can help to focus on what's important. It brings a feeling of ease, and it brings inspiration.

Climate change, pollution, waste, recycling, depletion of resources – nowadays all of these are primary concerns. Respecting the environment has become a worldwide issue, synonymous with the need to recognise our responsibilities towards the generations to come. Since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, governments have been meeting regularly to ensure the sustainable development of our planet, by taking steps to limit man's negative impact on his environment. The measures introduced involve science, politics and the general public.

Interior design is changing to meet these new challenges, by getting closer to nature. "Our interiors reflect what's important to us. Today, more than ever, we feel the need to tune into the beauty of the earth. Wind, light, water, wood, stone, fire! Sometimes through technology, sometimes through a fusion of craft and design. It's like a new way of looking at and living our lives." Ryuko Kida, Tokyo, Brand Director, ELLE Decor Japan

Each of the colour themes in this "Retour à la Source" collection represents a key element of the origins of life.

There are 5 different ambiences:

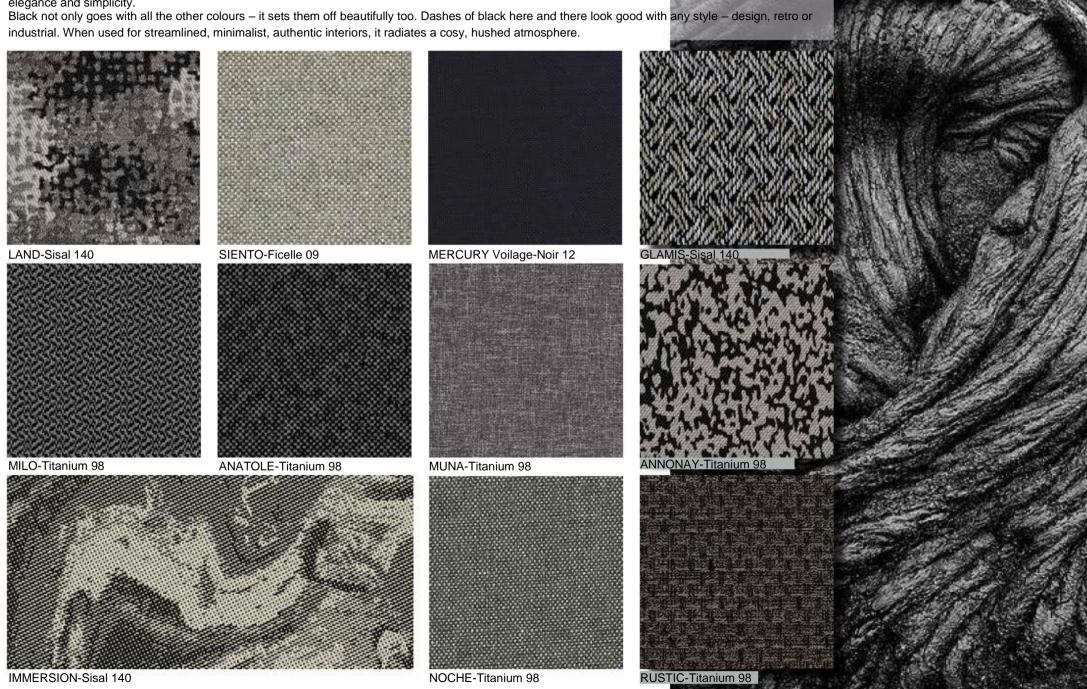
ambiences that are natural, like sand, blue, like water, ochre, like the earth, black, like minerals, and green, like plants.

Retour à la Source - MINERAL ambience

Lava consists of the molten minerals flowing out of volcanoes, the magma expelled from the earth when a volcano erupts.

When you look at lava inside a volcano, you are looking at the origins of creation. Volcanoes are probably the key to the origins of life on our planet. They were responsible for bringing to the earth's surface a powerful cocktail of chemicals, water and heat – the origins of life.

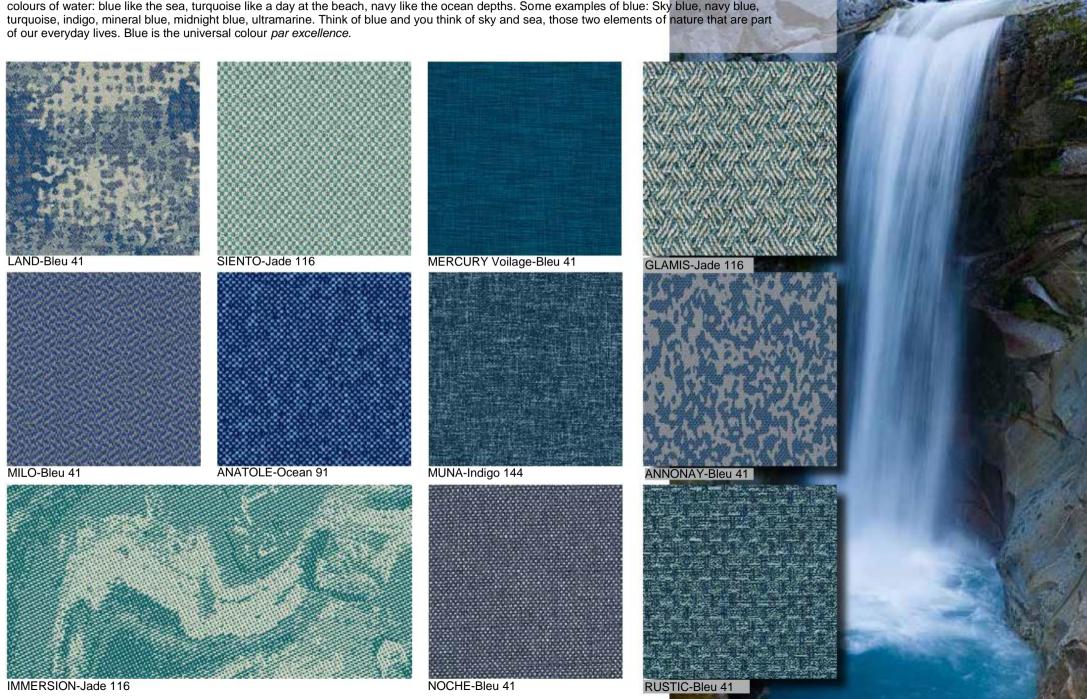
The colours of lava: shades ranging from grey through to white, with sometimes a touch of silver for a vitrified look, and on to an intense black, symbol of elegance and simplicity.



Retour à la Source - BLUE ambience

The earth isn't called "The Blue Planet" for nothing: 71% of it is covered by water, whose beautiful shade of blue can be seen from space. Water is a source of life and energy – it is the liquid that no life on earth can do without.

This multi-faceted element can be fresh or salty, crystal clear or dark and murky, it can spring from the earth, rage unbridled, or lie stagnant. The colours of water: blue like the sea, turquoise like a day at the beach, navy like the ocean depths. Some examples of blue: Sky blue, navy blue,



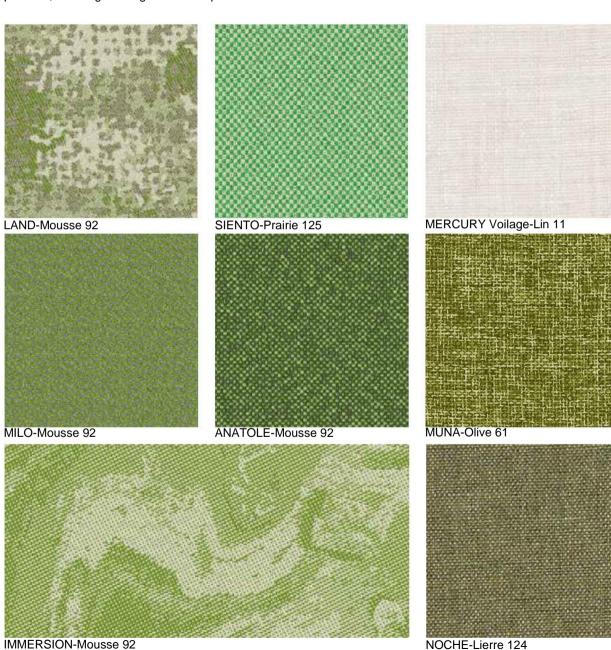
Retour à la Source - PLANT ambience

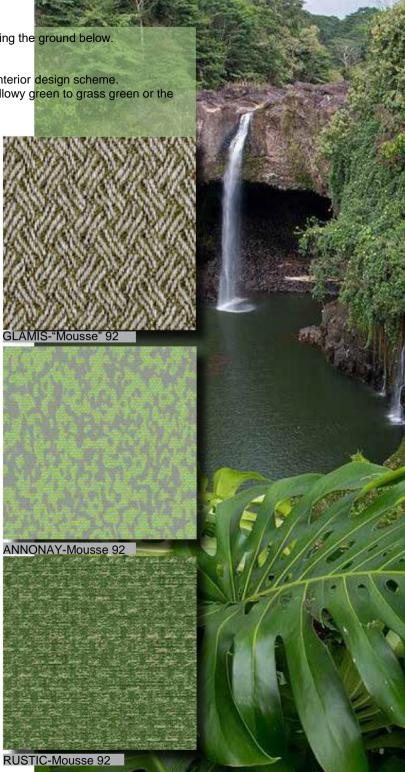
Plants are living things; they make up the planet's greatest biomass. Every landscape is the sum of all the plants covering the ground below. Plants have a positive effect on man's living environment – sometimes just pleasant, at other times completely crucial.

The colours of plants: Chlorophyll is common to all the shades of green that give plants their natural colour.

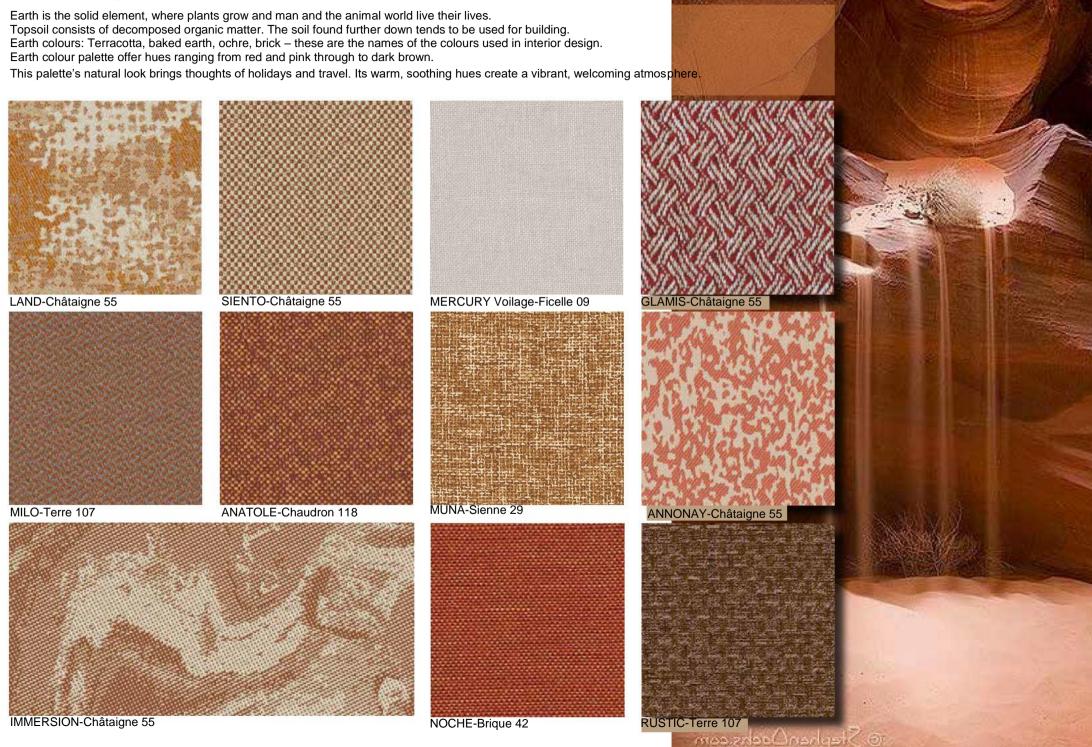
Green symbolises nature, it has a positive dimension whose soothing, inspiring virtues are a welcome addition to any interior design scheme.

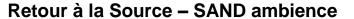
This colour is like "green gold" – revitalising living spaces, bringing a touch of nature to urban interiors. From vibrant yellowy green to grass green or the peaceful, soothing bluish green of a tropical forest.





Retour à la Source - EARTH ambience





Sand consists of tiny particles formed when mineral and organic materials gradually break down.

From the ocean bed to deserts of sand, river beds and beaches, many different species have adapted to an entirely or partially sand-based life cycle. Sand is also vital to life on earth and helps maintain environmental balance.

Sand is a symbol of the passing of time, renewal and regeneration. The colour known as sand is inspired by the lighter shades of sand and is a key element in every interior design scheme. It speaks of simplicity and comfort and produces a chilled, relaxed atmosphere. It blends harmoniously with every other colour and every type of decor or furniture.

