

## Press release

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# Global textile designer marks half a century in business

Global designer and manufacturer of environmental textiles, Camira is celebrating 50 years since the business was founded under the name Camborne Fabrics.

Established in 1974 in Huddersfield, the northern textile heartland of the UK, Camira now operates worldwide, producing more than eight million metres of fabric per year, with an annual turnover of more than £85 million.

Commenting on Camira's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Camira's CEO Alan Williams said: "Celebrating 50 years is a fantastic achievement – our success has been built on producing high quality, environmentally innovative fabrics, whilst providing excellent customer service and global logistics.

"Our business is unique in the fact that we control every part of the process, from yarn spinning, to weaving, knitting, dyeing, and finishing, which sets us apart from other textile companies and has laid our foundations for growth."

Headquartered in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, in the UK Camira employs 650 people and products are sold in 75 countries, with manufacturing facilities at six sites in the UK and one in Lithuania, as well as offices in Europe, North America, Australia and China.

Alan Williams continued: “We’ll be celebrating this special moment in history through key collaborations, events and new product launches which all tie into a celebration of sustainability, people, pattern and colour.”

Highlights for Camira in the last 50 years include winning the Queen’s Award for International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development, launching the world’s first contract interior fabric using nettles, introducing revolutionary digital printing technology, Camira Print and investing in wool recycling technology, in 2022, as well as supplying the fabric for the anointing screen at King Charles III coronation in 2023.

Over the last 50 years, Camira has also expanded its vertical manufacturing capability; in addition to weaving on more than 100 looms, the company also has wool and polyester yarn spinning, yarn dyers and fabric piece dyers, technical knitting and specialist upholstery services.

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**About Camira:**

Camira designs and manufactures textiles for every space and sector; from commercial and residential, to public transport, including bus, coach and rail.

Camira is a privately-owned UK textile group founded in 1974 under the name Camborne Fabrics, but its heritage goes back to 1783 through various acquisitions. Until a management buy-out in 2006, the company was a subsidiary of Interface, an international manufacturer of textile modular floor coverings,

for almost ten years. Today, Camira has an annual turnover of around £90 million and employs more than 650 people. Its products are sold in approximately 75 countries and the business produces eight million metres per year.

Headquartered in the UK, the company has manufacturing facilities in the UK and Lithuania, offices and showrooms in Europe, North America, Australia and China and a global network of agents and distributors.

The company has always been a pioneer of innovation when it comes to a sustainable understanding of textiles and has been producing recycled fabrics for more than 20 years, as well as innovating a new category of fabrics made from natural wool and bast fibres, such as nettle, hemp, and flax.

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