

Kit Kemp Design Studio x Schotten & Hansen  
Present the *Mythical Forest Salon* for Clerkenwell Design Week 2024



Images: Minnie Kemp and Torben Hansen at Schotten & Hansen Factory in Peiting, Bavaria

For Clerkenwell Design Week, 21-23 May 2024, Schotten & Hansen, creator of the finest-quality regenerable wooden flooring and surfaces, partners with long-term creative collaborator Kit Kemp Design Studio to present the **Mythical Forest Salon**, launching a new pioneering magnetic product treatment on floors and tables and collaborative design piece, the PIT-A-PAT table.

In celebration of Schotten & Hansen's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, Minnie Kemp, Design Director of Kit Kemp Design Studio has designed an immersive space centred around the **PIT-A-PAT magnetic table**, previewing at Clerkenwell Design Week, with further designs that can be swapped into the table template. Using Schotten & Hansen's magnetic floor treatment, this new technology will completely transform the way we use wooden flooring, not only does it make installation and repair easier, but it also allows for endless design possibilities and has the potential to be added to rented properties and even move house with its owner.



Images: Minnie Kemp and the Schotten & Hansen team working on design of Pit-A-Pat magnetic table

The collaboration sees Kit Kemp Design Studio and Schotten & Hansen, two family businesses that have been working together for twenty years across generations, push the boundaries of creativity. Schotten & Hansen founder Torben Hansen is fascinated by wood and is always exploring new ways to manipulate this material in our homes, and this is exemplified in the new **Minnie Kemp Douglas Fir Veneer Collection**. Minnie Kemp has created eight colours for the collection that will be displayed in a bespoke wood panelling and shelving unit. These new colours are vibrant yet textured and deeply sophisticated and can be used across a multitude of surfaces for maximum impact.

Throughout the space will be a series of furniture pieces designed by Kit Kemp Design Studio that harness and demonstrate the true beauty in the natural imperfections of wood, including: the Tête-à-tête bench carved from a tree chosen by Minnie Kemp on her visit to Schotten & Hansen's HQ in Bavaria; bespoke shelving showcasing a striking combination of coloured Douglas Fir veneers; the Mushroom Table, previewing Schotten & Hansen's forthcoming End Grain finish; a collection of layered veneer frames, telling the story of Schotten & Hansen; and two oversized totem sculptures of varying heights illustrating the new vibrant veneer colours.



Image: Minnie Kemp, Kit Kemp Design Studio Design Director, Ulrich Hansen, Schotten & Hansen UK Managing Director and Schotten & Hansen Founder Torben Hansen.

Torben Hansen, Schotten & Hansen founder, comments: *"We are delighted to be returning to Clerkenwell Design Week in 2024 – a significant year for Schotten & Hansen as we celebrate 40 years. Partnering with Kit and Minnie to create a space that tells the story of Schotten & Hansen through the products themselves has been thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring. We have been working with Kit Kemp Design Studio since the early 2000s, and they really are part of the Schotten & Hansen extended family."*

Minnie Kemp, design director of Kit Kemp Design Studio comments: *"Wooden finishes and pieces are key to all our projects – it's the element of nature, its rawness and warmth that really completes a space. Having the opportunity to explore and play with Schotten & Hansen's colours in wood and veneers, making something quite spectacular out of something quite ordinary, has been an exhilarating process."*

Schotten & Hansen has been operating in the UK for more than twenty years, with its showroom located in Wimbledon, London. Ulrich Hansen, UK Managing Director says: *“The UK is a key market for us, and we have strong relationships with many UK-based designers, architects, and design practices which we continue to build. Our focus, as we head into our fourth decade, is to continue delivering the highest quality residential and commercial projects in the UK and around the world and Clerkenwell Design Week is a great platform for us to launch our new collections.”*

### **Kit Kemp Design Studio x Schotten & Hansen Mythical Forest Lounge**

The Order of St John, St John’s Square, EC1V 4JJ

Clerkenwell Design Week

21-23 May 2024

### **Schotten & Hansen celebrates 40 years**

Schotten & Hansen celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2024 and has an exciting calendar of events and projects launching throughout the year. Since the company was founded in Peiting, Bavaria in 1984, Schotten & Hansen has been committed to making the highest quality, wooden floors and interiors surfaces using traditional workmanship in combination with modern engineering technology and natural ingredients. From a small business focusing on restoring historic furniture and surfaces, Schotten & Hansen has grown over the decades into an internationally renowned specialist maker and producer.

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### **ABOUT SCHOTTEN & HANSEN**

Founded in Bavaria, Germany in 1984, Schotten & Hansen is a global expert in creating the highest quality, regenerable wooden flooring and surfaces using traditional craftsmanship in combination with modern engineering technology and natural ingredients.

Founded by Danish carpenter Torben Hansen, Schotten & Hansen started life as a small business focusing on restoring historic furniture and surfaces with a passion for wood as a material, a deep respect for nature, and a commitment to maintaining and creating sustainable authentic wooden products. These continue to be the guiding principles for Schotten & Hansen today as it leads and innovates in the world of wood.

Schotten & Hansen’s product range includes premium and sustainable floorboards, parquet, stairs, doors, wall and ceiling veneers, as well as micro-perforated acoustic wooden finishes. Inspired by founder Torben Hansen’s love of colour and nature, the range of naturally coloured veneers has infinite possibilities, with the ability to match and create any colour of choice in perfect harmony with the entire design. Schotten & Hansen is committed to

delivering wooden surfaces that will stand the test of time in both commercial and residential settings and has developed a range of care products at its in-house laboratory. All products are finished with natural resins, waxes and oils. A comprehensive maintenance service allows Schotten & Hansen products to last a lifetime.

Schotten & Hansen has strong relationships with an international network of architects, designers, craftspeople, and suppliers, working with the likes of Antonio Citterio, Ina Rinderknecht, Francisco Cortina, Firmdale Hotels, Fortnum & Mason, Todhunter Earle, David Collins Studio, Hendrik Müller, Tara Bernerd & Partners, Liaigre, Norman Foster, Matteo Thun and Corinthia London amongst others, to deliver some of the most beautiful interiors in the world.

In 2024 Schotten & Hansen celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will mark the occasion with a series of events and new launches throughout the year.

[schotten-hansen.com](http://schotten-hansen.com)

### Schotten & Hansen Headquarters and Showrooms

Schotten & Hansen products are available worldwide. The company headquarters are in Peiting, Bavaria and they have 4 showrooms in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the UK.

#### Germany

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## ABOUT KIT KEMP DESIGN STUDIO

Founded by Kit Kemp MBE the Kit Kemp Design Studio is celebrated for its individual and original approach to hotel, commercial and residential design, with colourful and detailed storytelling which celebrates craft and captures the imagination.

At the helm of the Kit Kemp Design Studio, interior designer Kit Kemp is passionate about creating exciting and unique interiors. Over the years Kit Kemp has been forging an internationally acclaimed reputation as a successful textiles, fragrance, and homewares designer, author and a highly respected champion of British art, craft, and sculpture.

Kit has won many awards including House & Garden's Hotel Designer of the Year, The Crown Estate's Urban Business Award and CN Traveller's Best Hotel in the World for Design. Kit Kemp is a Trustee of Fine Cell Work and the Heritage of London Trust. She is the Founder and Creative Director of Firmdale Hotels.

Kit has collaborated with leading global design brands such as Wedgwood, Wilton Carpets, Andrew Martin, Anthropologie, Christopher Farr, Chelsea Textiles, Fine Cell Work, Porta Romana, Annie Selke, Spode and most recently renowned British fabric and wallpaper house GP & J Baker, creating collections including tableware, rugs, fragrances, giftware, furniture, fabrics, trimmings, wallpaper and lighting.

In 2012, Kit published her first book, *A Living Space* which follows an inspiring personal voyage through the many spaces she has designed. This was followed by *Every Room Tells A Story* and *Design Thread*. Kit's fourth book, *Design Secrets*, was published in May 2021.

Kit Kemp Design Studio is a family business, with Kit's daughters Design Director for Firmdale Hotels, Interior Designer and artist, Minnie Kemp and Art Ambassador for Firmdale Hotels and Design Director at Kit Kemp Design Studio, Willow Kemp leading key roles within the studio.

ShopKitKemp.com launched in 2017 bringing together the World of Kit Kemp presenting the collections of furniture, fabrics, fragrance and home accessories. The Kit Kemp Design Thread website ([www.kitkemp.com](http://www.kitkemp.com)) launched in 2019, showcasing the Kit Kemp signature world of colour and design, the blog explores projects and design collaborations whilst giving an insight into the day-to-day experiences at Kit Kemp Design Studio.