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## **PROJECT CASE STUDY: BURMATEX® AND UNIVERSAL FIBERS® ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY TAKES PRIORITY IN ARCHITECT'S RELOCATION**

Bond Bryan architects are known for creating lasting sustainable environments that enrich the lives of people and their communities. They are committed to becoming a truly Net Zero practice – both in the way in which they design and deliver their buildings but also through the choices they make in running their own practice. So, as part of their continued commitment to the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge and Architects Declare they made the decision to relocate to a more sustainable, carbon-conscious space within Sheffield city centre.

Several years in the making, this move is a huge step forward for Bond Bryan, better representing their values as a practice. The new office has an open plan layout, including a collaboration zone upon entry, as well as open booths, a 'make and meet' area, a large social kitchen area and a staff wellbeing room. Their emphasis on staff health, wellbeing and happiness is developed in accordance with the WELL Standard.

In addition to repurposing existing furniture, fittings and finishes as part of their zero-demolition waste strategy, Bond Bryan prioritised materials for their low embodied carbon content. They actively specified low VOC and low formaldehyde products and avoided glue fixings to ensure a high level of indoor air quality.

When it came to flooring the 5,000 square foot office space, it was no surprise that Bond Bryan specified Burmatex® arctic® carpet tiles, which unites Burmatex® BioBase®, a carbon-neutral recycled backing, with Universal Fibers® innovative Thrive® matter yarn, the world's first carbon negative recycled yarn. Made in the UK, this eco-friendly flooring solution was the perfect choice for this project.





Additionally, IOBAC MagTabs® were used to securely affix the carpet tiles to the metal raised access flooring, for an adhesive-free installation. This method eliminated VOCs associated with adhesive-based installations to ensure a higher level of indoor air quality for contractors and occupants. And thanks to the unique reversible fixing mechanism, the carpet tiles will be contamination-free on uplift and can be easily reused or recycled via the Burmatex® Recovery Take Back Service.

John Doherty, Head of Marketing for Burmatex® said, “At Burmatex® we place sustainability at the top of our agenda. Our eco-friendly product portfolio focuses on the design and creation of innovative products such as our versatile arctic® plank and tile collection, available in 12 easy to use naturally inspired colours. Working in collaboration with companies like Universal Fibers®, and manufacturing in the UK enables us to deliver effective sustainable flooring solutions to clients like Bond Bryan”.

Anna Plumb, VP European Sales and Marketing at Universal Fibers® adds, “Our ‘You First™’ commitment is a promise to our customers that we will continue to innovate unique fibres and finishes that ensure they can develop sustainable, high-quality products with confidence. We work in close collaboration with our customers and are delighted to have new products from Burmatex® on show at our booth during this years Clerkenwell Design Week”.

Join Burmatex® and Universal Fibers® to discover the latest developments in sustainable design at Clerkenwell Design week in London May 21st-23rd, 2024. Universal Fibers will be located in Design Fields, stand DF9, and their latest brand activation ‘ReFigure’, can be found in Clerkenwell Close.

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