



### 1 Colour co-ordinated

Workshops with architects led to the 17 new colours in Corus Colorcoat HPS200 Ultra, an update on its range of prefinished steel for roof and cladding launched two years ago. Feedback suggested more colours to connect with the natural environment, and a mix of tones and shades. Products are guaranteed for up to 40 years. [www.colorcoat-online.com](http://www.colorcoat-online.com)



### 2 Western world

Studio Conran has collaborated with British Ceramic Tile to launch the Tactile range of floor and wall tiles aimed at hotels and restaurants. Inspired by the West Country, where managing director Sebastian Conran spent much of his childhood, the tiles reflect the tones and textures of the landscape. Six designs are available in varying sizes and colours. Prices start from £23.97 per sq m. [www.britishceramictile.com](http://www.britishceramictile.com)



### 3 Get the picture

Create bespoke ceramic tiles for walls, cladding or swimming pools with Johnson Tiles' Artile process, using photographs, paintings, sketches or computer-generated images. Designs can be applied to tiles, panels or large murals and the product is fade-, UV- and scratch-resistant. [www.johnson-tiles.com](http://www.johnson-tiles.com)



## Bringing a light touch to heavy metal

**New roofing partnership will enable wider use of metal-effect roofs**

The lead-effect roof on Stirling County Cricket Club's new clubhouse (above) is the result of a new partnership between single-ply membrane roofing supplier FDT and 20-year-old specialist Membrane Coated Metal (MCM) Systems.

FDT has bought MCM's patented technology, which coats 0.7mm sheets of galvanised steel sheet with a 600 micron-thick layer of membrane. Manchester-based MCM will now exclusively use FDT's Rhepanol, a low-PVC single-ply membrane. The panels can be used for flat, pitched or barrel-vaulted roof applications, and can pick up vertical cladding,

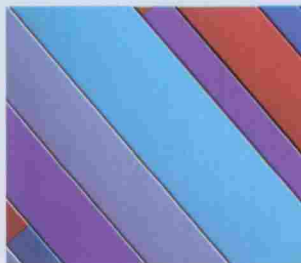
guttering or fascia details. FDT's investment will make the product more competitive on price.

Rhepanol can be coated any colour in the RAL spectrum, and the finish can incorporate metal particles. It lends itself to flat roof details or the raised seams of traditional roofs.

Robert McNeil, MCM specification manager, says: "As part of FDT, we now have the ability to create a wider range of finishes. Our RAL 7046 colour weathers like lead, and simulates lead very closely, and is also very sympathetic to lead detailing."

The two companies plan a marketing push to specifiers towards the end of the year.

## Three of a kind: Metal ceilings



### 1 Luxalon ceilings by Hunter Douglas

No need to worry about the weather outside with Hunter Douglas' new colour options for its Luxalon linear metal ceilings. The three additions are inspired by the seasons of spring, autumn and winter, adding crisp contrasting reds and mauves, warm pastel shades, or cool opalescent silver and white tones to hospitality areas or sporting facilities. The ceilings are available in different lengths and widths, with more than 40 colour options. The clean flat look adds a strong design signature. [www.hunterdouglascontract.com](http://www.hunterdouglascontract.com)



### 2 Casino ceiling by SAS International

SAS International bent its standard ceiling panels out of shape to create this 770sq m waveform feature ceiling at the Rendezvous Casino in Glasgow. The structure runs through the entrance, up between the escalators to finish at ceiling height on the second floor. Precoated woodgrain effect metal panels were assembled on site to fully clad the steel skeleton supporting the huge structure. The £8 million casino was designed by architect Burrows Cave International, with Real Studios working on interior design. [www.sasint.co.uk](http://www.sasint.co.uk)



### 3 Custom solutions by Armstrong

Suspended ceiling supplier Armstrong has assembled a new team to provide expert ceiling advice and project management support for specialist projects. The team brings together Armstrong's innovative product portfolio with its range of metal custom solutions to create bespoke ceiling solutions. To create something out of the ordinary, the Armstrong canopy and metal ceilings range offers flexibility. The team can advise on acoustic properties and arrange special products such as vertical baffles, light rafts and canopies. [www.armstrong.com](http://www.armstrong.com)