

## All Dressed Up

Launched at NeoCon 2023, Keilhauer's latest collaboration with EOOS brings an elegant yet approachable aesthetic to the office

In an era where athleisure wear and denim dominate our closets, it may seem that formal attire has all but left the workplace. But a well-fitted suit never goes out of style. For more formal office spaces, Keilhauer's latest launch, designed by long-time collaborator EOOS, offers an aptly dressed-up solution. And just like its name suggests, the Tailored collection, which debuted at NeoCon 2023, feels contemporary and refined — but never stuffy.

Featuring four product families that range from conference seating to occasional tables, Tailored was conceived to be effortlessly mixed and matched to curate cohesive and functional workspaces. "With this collection, the idea was to

design something warm and sophisticated by having furniture archetypes as the starting point — one product in each category for the different rituals in the office," says EOOS. "You will find different scales, footprints and functions — but with one language throughout all the products. Tailored is one comprehensive collection for all kinds of workplace scenarios."

Take Symm, for instance: the hero product of the series. A modern take on the timeless tuxedo sofa, the modular offering also includes a complementary low-back lounge chair, a side chair and occasional tables. Elevated with premium details, the sofa simplifies a classic design with just one cross seam

per cushion. With the choice of either wooden or aluminum feet, Symm easily adapts from casual to corporate environments.

The lounge and side chairs boast a hexagonal seat shape that allows workers to sit and move around freely, with the same tailored cross-stitching detail. The corresponding occasional tables feature Cambria quartz tabletops in rectangular, circular or square models to suit any space. Meanwhile, the sculptural Fold table family is another well-matched pairing for Symm seating, and is available in diamond, square and side table configurations with exposed edging.

The equally versatile Swav series can make the leap from the boardroom to the office kitchen.



Designed for everyday meetings, the mid-back conference chair offers an air of rich luxury and simple modernism. Its integrated-but-visible support shell and framed back detail add a sophisticated textural element while allowing for combo-cover upholstery (a scaled-down low-back version with a thinner side profile and classic loop arms is also available).

The Swav armless lounge chair, counter and bar stools feature the same signature design elements, with lightweight minimalist silhouettes that appear to float on their wooden frames. Like the Symm family, the pieces are unified by their clean lines and refined grid-stitched detailing.

Though designed to work together, the products within the Tailored collection can hold their own.

The elegant Neesh lounge chair, for instance, has all the makings of a design classic. Crafted for comfort and concentration, the chair's roomy yet cozy form envelops the user, while its walnut or ash base adds a touch of warmth to any office.

Together, the Tailored collection caters to every need in the contemporary workplace, delivering both functionality and high style. **keilhauer.com** 

## The Art of Time

Iris Ceramica Group's SapienStone 4D brings a poetic geological narrative to porcelain



Can porcelain embody a fourth dimension? In recent years, leading manufacturers have perfected three-dimensional tiles, whether through geometric relief motifs or innovative full-body printing that carries surface patterns and veining into the whole tile — or even both at once.

But while time and movement remain the stuff of science fiction, the striking SapienStone 4D collection pushes the poetic envelope, imbuing ceramics with a sense of narrative found in nature.

Developed by Italy's Iris Ceramica Group and available in Canada exclusively at Ciot, the SapienStone 4D large-format porcelain stoneware harnesses dynamic through-body veining to evoke the geological formation of stone. Inspired by the beauty of time and nature, these surfaces undergo a unique stratification process to become granitic. Rich in natural minerals, the seamless full-body porcelain celebrates the slow, epochal process of transformation, as well as the elements — water, fire and earth — that make it possible.

And the results are striking. A technologically sophisticated fabrication process ensures unparalleled consistency in appearance. The intricate patterns, full-body natural veining and eye-catching hues all seamlessly extend from edge to edge, ensuring a cohesive — and subtly luxurious — ambiance. Especially well-suited for kitchen countertops, vanities and fireplaces, as well as a broad range of interior design applications, SapienStone brings the look of natural stone to a wide variety of settings.

Offered in a 20-millimetre thickness, the large-format slabs measure 150 by 325 centimetres, creating a seamless — and easy-to-clean — surface. To complement any space, nine striking colourways are available, ranging from elegant hues like Calacatta and Grand Antique (shown, left) to bold, dramatic statements in Jatoba Brown (shown, below) and Arabescato. By celebrating the art of time, the results are timeless. *ciot.com* 



Through-body veining distinguishes the edges of SapienStone 4D slabs with a natural look.



## The View from Here

In a New Zealand home by Ponting Fitzgerald Architects, Fisher & Paykel appliances enhance a luxurious sense of natural immersion



On a site like this, there's no use competing with nature.

Overlooking a sweeping white beach from the edge of a valley in New Zealand's Coromandel Peninsula, the aptly named Clifftop House is a secluded three-storey haven that opens onto a vista of sparkling waters, majestic rock faces and lush, vivid greenery. Designed by Ponting Fitzgerald Architects, the tranquil beach home is conceived as a deftly understated private retreat that respectfully celebrates its spectacular setting.

But deference is no mean feat. Creating a living space that engages with its milieu required a rigorously thoughtful approach wherein the complex realities and day-to-day demands of family life meet natural splendour. For architect David Ponting, a carefully

honed balance between functionality and pared-down, aesthetically pure interiors was top of mind. Throughout the home, simple natural finishes frame views of the outdoors, while a palette of organic tones speaks to the coastal locale. And the kitchen was paramount. In the social heart of the home, Fisher & Paykel appliances deliver unparalleled culinary performance — and ease of use — within a streamlined space that elegantly defers to its surroundings.

Pairing dark-stained American oak cabinetry with similarly toned fixtures, fittings and appliances, the kitchen also features a seamlessly integrated refrigerator, freezer and range hood, as well as Fisher & Paykel's innovative DishDrawer dishwasher and CoolDrawer

multi-temperature storage unit behind its timber panels. Meanwhile, the clean, refined lines of the 30" Oven and 36" Gas and Induction Cooktop also contribute to a luxurious yet deeply considerate design, while the tactile finishes of every knob and handle make cooking an experiential delight.

Tucked behind an integrated cabinet door — which seamlessly disappears into the wall — the butler's pantry takes this notion a step further. Housing a bench, storage space and sink, "twin" versions of the oven, DishDrawer dishwasher and refrigerator freezer, it ensures the messier parts of food preparation remain entirely out of daily view. For Ponting, Fisher & Paykel's distinctive combination of performance and sleek, luxuriously minimal design was pivotal to the ambiance.

"The landscape outside is so beautiful to look out on that it would be a shame to have the functional reality of bowls, knives and bits of onion left over when the family is entertaining," says Ponting. "We wanted the house to be as aesthetically enjoyable as its context, so we've removed the need to worry about preparation mess and created more of a social theatre of the kitchen." The result is a space that epitomizes Ponting's thoughtful design — and creates the stage for the natural splendour beyond. fisherpaykel.ca

LEFT: The home's stunning setting inspired a deferential design that elevates the natural scenery.

