

ΔIREΔ plc



Full year 2023 results

March 2024

Introduction to the Group



UK design-led specialist flooring company, supplying UK and international markets



Focused on the manufacture, design, marketing, and distribution of innovative floor coverings



Listed on AIM, the name Airea was adopted in 2007



Designing and developing products combining the strength of in-house innovation and manufacturing expertise



Based in Ossett, West Yorkshire with 120 employees



Development of eco-friendly products based on Group's sustainability principles, **eco'matters**[®]



Experienced Board of Directors



Martin Toogood
Independent Non-Executive
Chairman

Martin joined the Group as an independent Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2009 and was appointed independent Non-Executive Chairman on 6 November 2009.

Martin has considerable experience at executive and non-executive level, most recently with ILVA in Scandinavia, B&Q in the UK, Carpetright in the UK and Europe and Habitat in the UK and internationally.



Médéric Payne
Chief Executive Officer

Médéric joined the Group on 25 August 2022 as Chief Executive Officer from Al-Futtaim Group based in the Middle East. He has held several key international executive roles, notably within Landmark Group as CEO for Homecentre and at Kingfisher plc as CEO for Castorama RU.

In his recent role as Managing Director, he focused on the growth, digital transformation and turnaround of several well-known brands within his retail portfolio in the MENA region.



Conleth Campbell
Chief Financial Officer

Conleth joined the Group on 2 October 2023 as Chief Financial Officer. He has more than 25 years of experience in public company environments. He has strong expertise in Capital Markets including M&A and Investor Relations.

Conleth was previously Group Financial Controller at Genuit Group Plc and Head of Investors at Croda International plc. He is a Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) and began his career at Mazars.



Tanya Ashton
Independent Non-Executive
Director

Tanya joined the Group on 10 May 2023 as an independent Non-Executive Director, with over 20 years' experience in strategic marketing and brand development roles.

Tanya currently acts as Head of Sustainability at Walgreens Boots Alliance Global Sourcing, Europe. She also holds a Non-Executive Director position and acts as a sustainability subject matter expert at AIM-listed M.P. Evans Group Plc.

Key highlights

- Sales growth of 14.1% driven by volume and improved mix
- Record Burmatex® sales of £21.1m, growth in all key markets
- Operating profit before valuation gain increased by 9.2% to £1.8m
- £5.0m investment in facility to substantially increase capacity
- Proposed final dividend of 0.55p, an increase of 10%
- Further progress with **eco₂matters**® sustainability principles
- Successful launch of carbon-neutral products



**Business overview
and strategy**

**Médéric Payne
CEO**



An introduction to our market leading brand

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Burmatex®

MANUFACTURERS OF CREATIVE FLOORING 

- one of the UK's leading designers and manufacturers of innovative contract carpet tiles and planks

British-made flooring solutions to create sustainable value globally

Eco-friendly portfolio focusing on the design and creation of innovative products

Serving key markets in Europe and the Middle East



Product ranges span multi-level loop, loop pile, structure bonded®, fibre bonded, cut pile and carpets in sheet and tiles, as well as performance barrier system and entrance matting products

ISO 9001 Quality Management and ISO 14001 Environmental Management systems

Broad customer base including architects, specifiers and contractors



Sustainability principles - embedded across our business

eco₂matters[®]

We are committed to helping deliver a sustainable future because we believe that what we do matters. To help us deliver on this commitment, we have developed **eco₂matters[®]**, our sustainability principles.

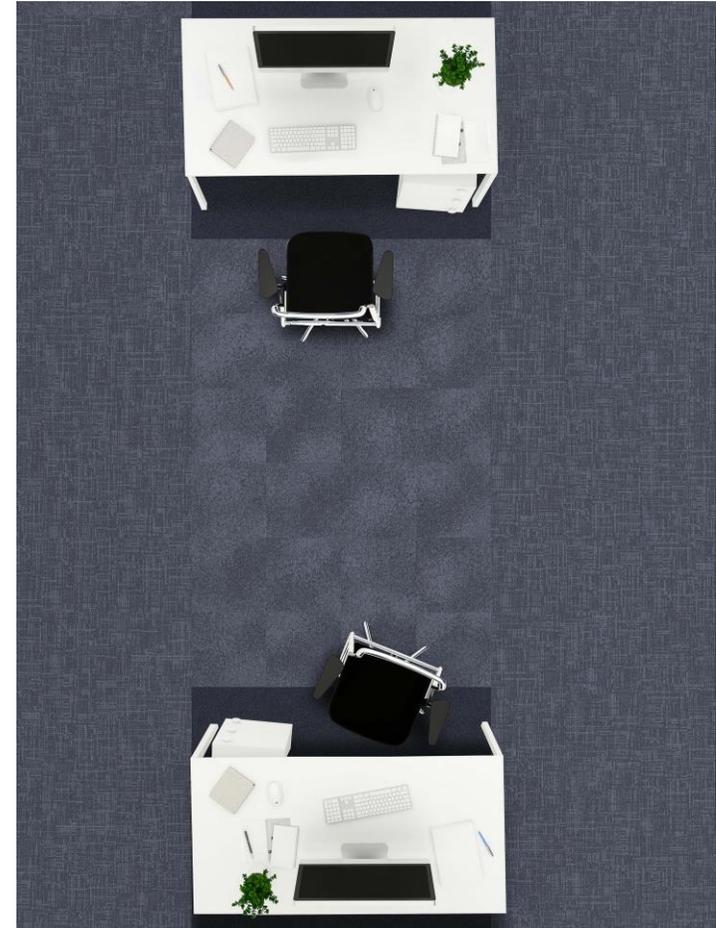
Our Sustainability Principles	Carbon Neutral Products	 carbon negative recycled yarn	 BioBase [®] backing	 carbon neutral
	Positive Environmental Impact	 100% certified renewable	 ZERO landfill	 take back service
	Our Responsible Actions	 social values & wellbeing	 journey to net zero	 independently 3rd party verified

We value our people, our customers, and our partners. This drives our approach to social values and well-being.

Competitive advantage - building a platform for success

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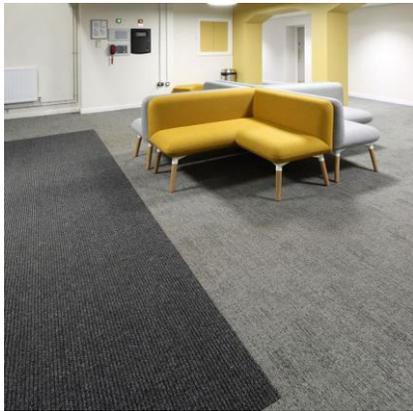
- Continued investment in innovation and new product development
- Strong working relationships with customers
- New channels of B2B being developed
- Unparalleled service reputation in market
- Long established brand
- In-house manufacturing with a low cost base
- Development of more sustainable, eco-friendly products
- Market leading Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
- Sustainability is at the forefront of everything we do



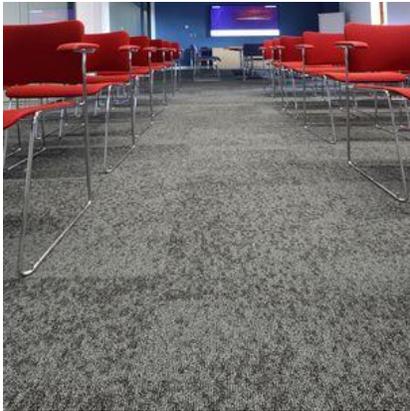
Key market sectors we serve



Commercial Offices



Colleges & Universities



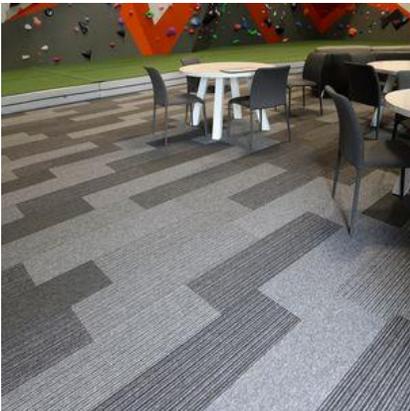
Schools & Academies



Student Accommodation



Public Sector



Leisure



Residential



Retail



Ministry of Defence



Hospitality

Product development - innovative and sustainable solutions AIREA plc

Aligning to the **eco2matters**[®] sustainability principles enables us to meet the needs of our customers. The development of new product ranges and the refresh of existing ranges is pivotal to our success.

First carbon-neutral range product **arctic**[®] launched, record sales achieved for a product in first year of launch



Worked closely with one of our suppliers to produce the world's first **carbon-negative** recycled yarn - Thrive[®] matter



Expanding product range now with four carbon-neutral products - **arctic**[®], **dapple**[®], **osaka**[®] and **balance collection**[®]



In 2023, two ranges refreshed as low carbon products, **go-to**[®] and **infinity with alaska**[®] launched in 2024



Continuously refreshing existing ranges to **protect and enhance our strong market position**



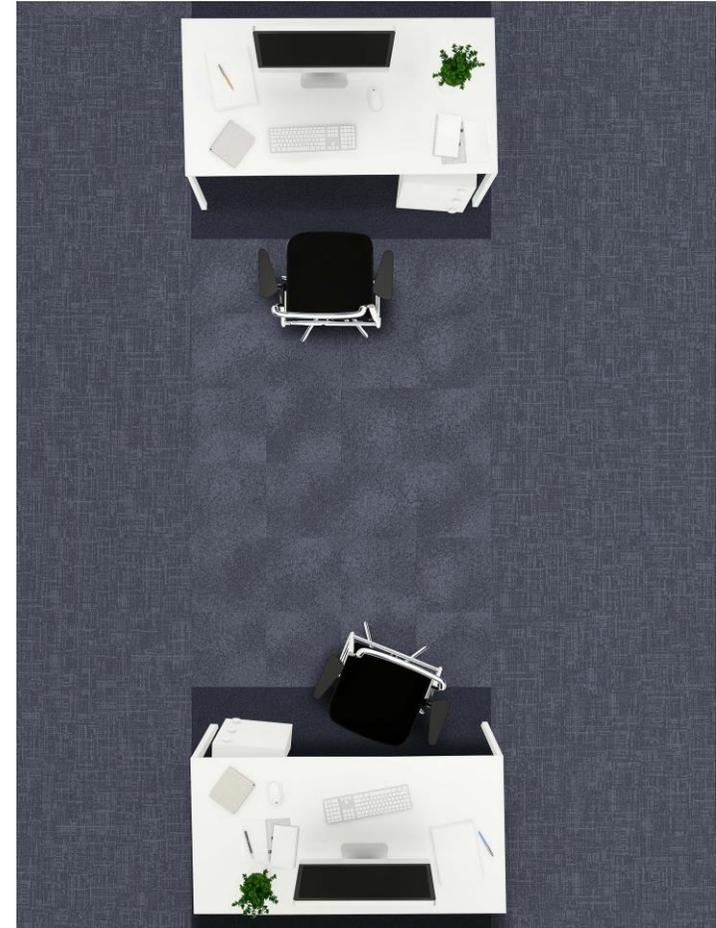
A **balanced, innovative and sustainable product offering** going forward is essential to the **Burmatex**[®] brand



Driving transformational change

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- Strategic review of entire product range
- Key product ranges refreshed
- Lead time to market reduced by five months
- Launch of carbon neutral products
- Refresh of low carbon products
- Revised strategy developed and communicated
- **eco₂matters**® sustainability principles fully embedded in business
- Core values revised and embraced



Financial overview

Conleth Campbell
CFO



osaka®

Financial highlights

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Group revenue

£21.1m

↑ 14.1%

Operating profit before valuation gain

£1.8m

↑ 9.2%

Profit before tax

£1.4m

→ 0.0%

Cash and cash equivalents

£5.8m

→ 0.0%

Net cash

£3.4m

↑ 21.4%

Full-year dividend

0.55p

↑ 10.0%

A record sales performance

£m	2023	2022	% Change
Sales	21.1	18.5	14.1
Operating costs	(19.8)	(17.1)	15.8
Other operating income	0.5	0.3	66.7
Valuation gain	0.1	-	-
Operating profit	1.9	1.7	11.8
Net finance costs	(0.5)	(0.3)	66.7
Profit before tax	1.4	1.4	-

- Sales up 14.1%, record level for Burmatex®
- Sales growth across all key markets
- Growth driven by increase in demand for the more sustainable product ranges
- Operating profit returning to pre-Covid levels
- Investment to significantly increase capacity for future growth

Cash flow - continued investment in business

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£'000	2023	2022
EBITDA	2,550	2,250
Working capital	(186)	(143)
Net capital expenditure	(1,166)	(235)
Operating cash flow	1,198	1,872
Interest and taxation	(105)	(121)
Dividends	(193)	(154)
Loan repayments	(734)	(935)
Payment of lease liabilities	(156)	(141)
Movement in provisions	(77)	(168)
Share-based payments	150	(157)
Other	(87)	(122)
Net cash flow	(4)	74

- Continued investment in the business
 - Solar panels installed at cost of £0.8m
 - Ongoing investment in facility
- Working capital increase to support growth
- Proposed dividend of 0.55p, an increase of 10%
- Net cash of £3.4m, an increase of £0.6m

Financing

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£m	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	5.8	5.8
Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan	(1.4)	(1.9)
Business loan	(0.5)	(0.7)
Leased liabilities	(0.5)	(0.4)
Net cash	3.4	2.8

- CBILS final payment May 2026
- Business loan final payment June 2026
- Uncommitted overdraft facility of £1.0m

Summary

Médéric Payne
CEO



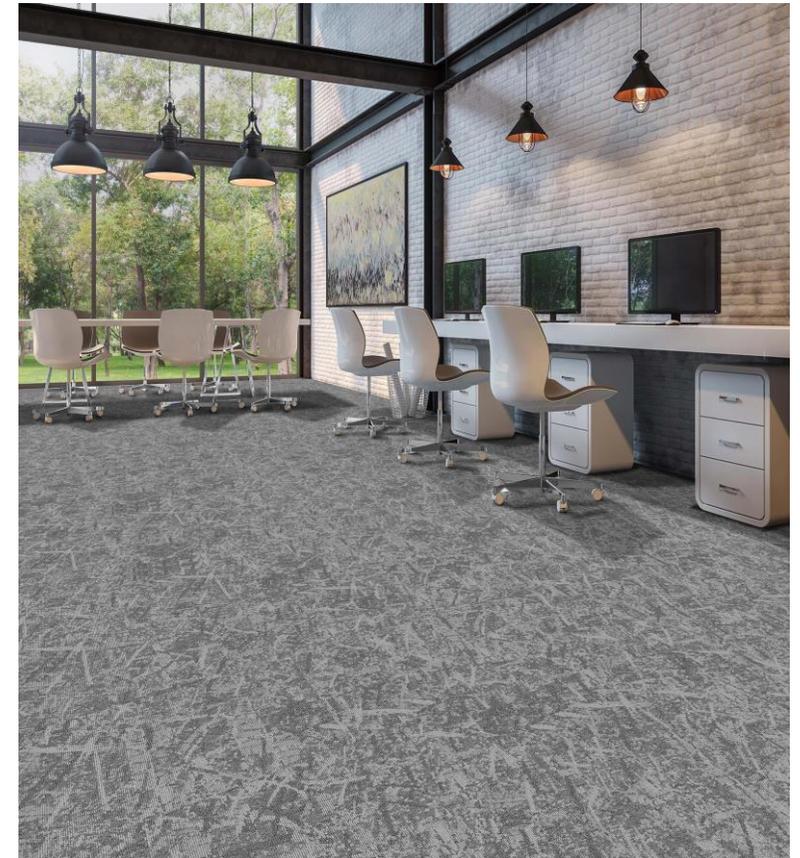
Investing for future growth

- £5.0m investment in manufacturing facility scheduled for completion in Q1 2025
- Delivering significant increase in capacity
- Automation of certain processes using the latest cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence imagery and inspection technology
- Further enhance the Group's sustainability credentials
- More efficient utilisation of energy
- Significant step change on the journey towards net zero

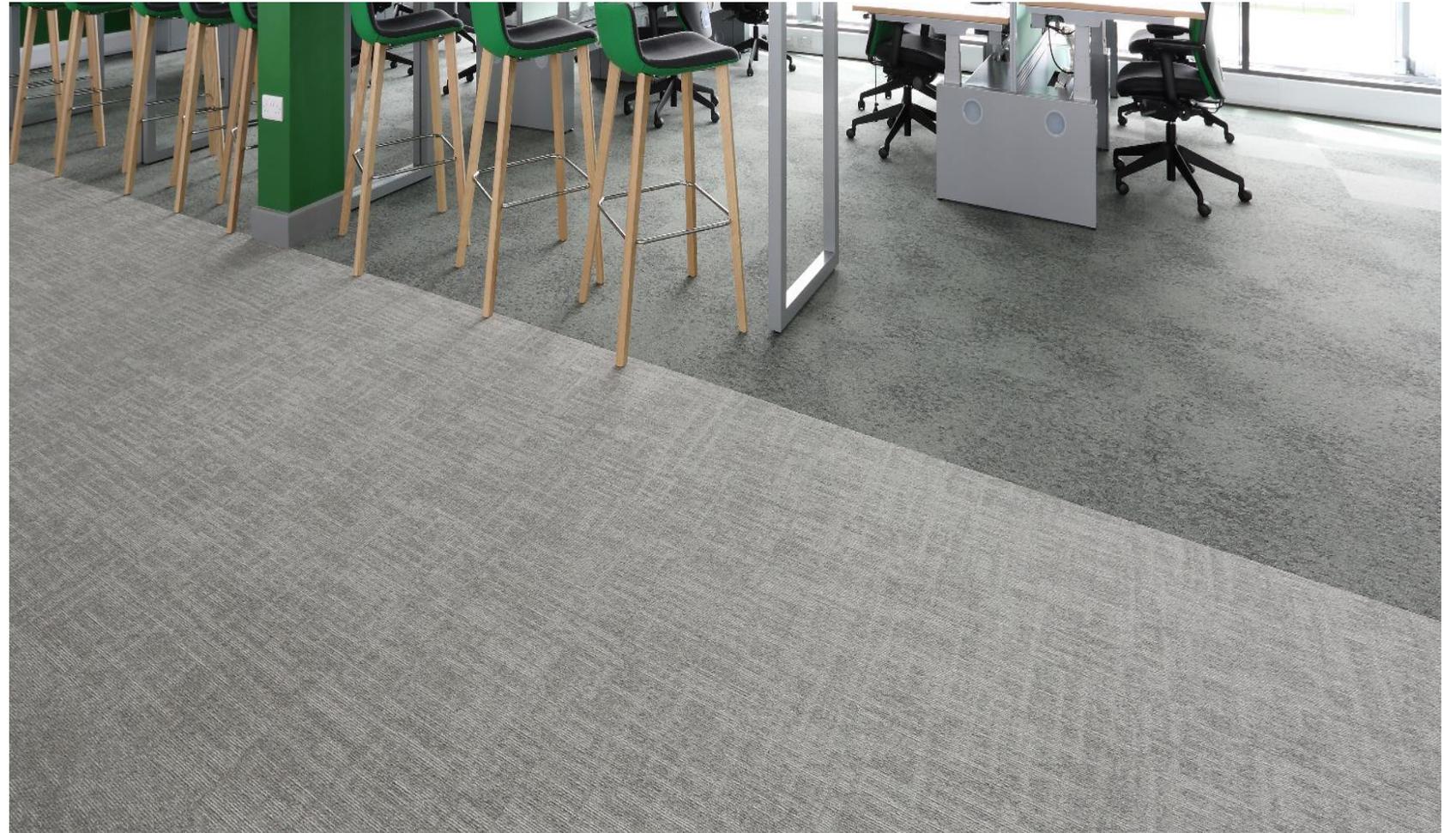


Summary

- Established brand in a stable marketplace with high barriers to entry due to in-house manufacture, low-cost base and high service proposition
- Launch of sustainability principles **eco₂matters**[®] in 2022 to help drive the Group's vision for the future
- Innovative and sustainably designed products focused on meeting customers' needs
- Significant increase in capacity online early 2025 to manage continued demand
- Highly experienced Board and senior management team to deliver growth
- Well-positioned to capture new UK and global market opportunities



Appendices



A sustainability strategy to deliver commercial success

Launch of the Group's sustainability principles **eco₂matters**® aligned with **ISO14001** accreditation



The Group's active pursuit in **reducing the Global Warming Potential (GWP) of products** - yarn primary contributors to carbon emissions



Recovery take-back service to help customers be more sustainable by giving carpet tiles a new lease of life to be reused or recycled



Launch of Project Zero Landfill in 2022, a key sustainability milestone by diverting all internal waste from landfill



Solar panels operational and generating c9,000kWh weekly, **a third of total site power**



Relationship with UK-based university to help create **BioBase**®, recycled backing



Burmatex® uses **100% certified renewable electricity**

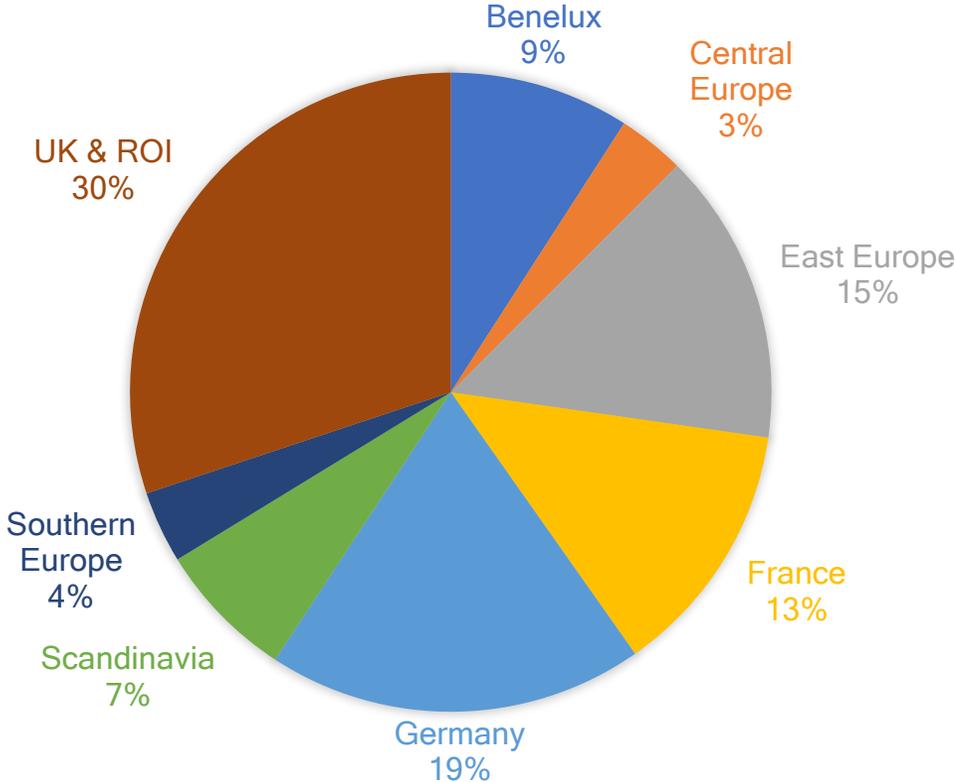


Products measured against the **Environmental Product Declaration** to ensure a legacy of carbon-friendly products



European carpet tile consumption by country

2024 forecast consumption - m²

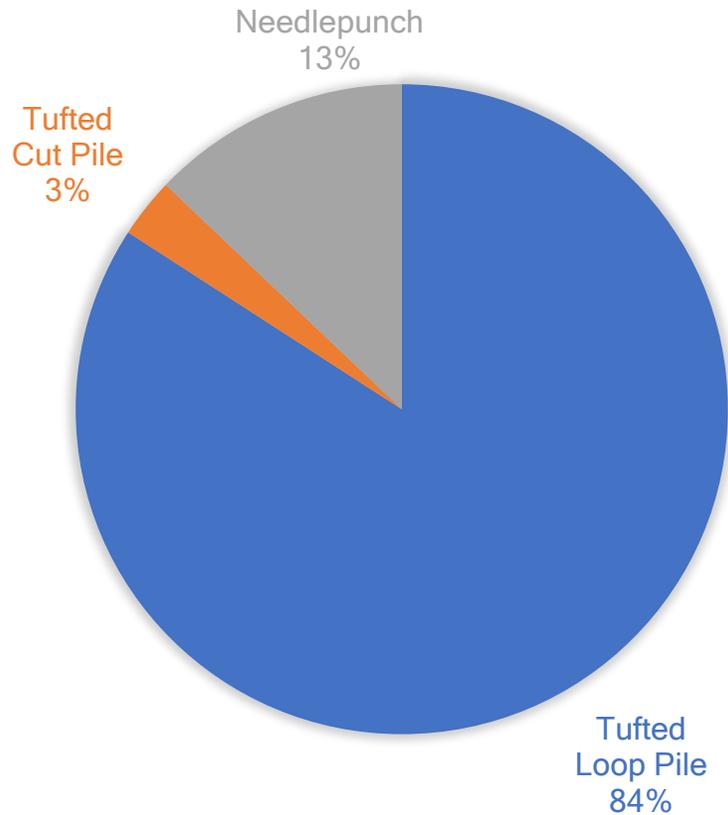


- 2023 saw a reduction of 3.1% in European carpet tile consumption
- The Group outperformed the market with sales increase of 14.1% on 2022

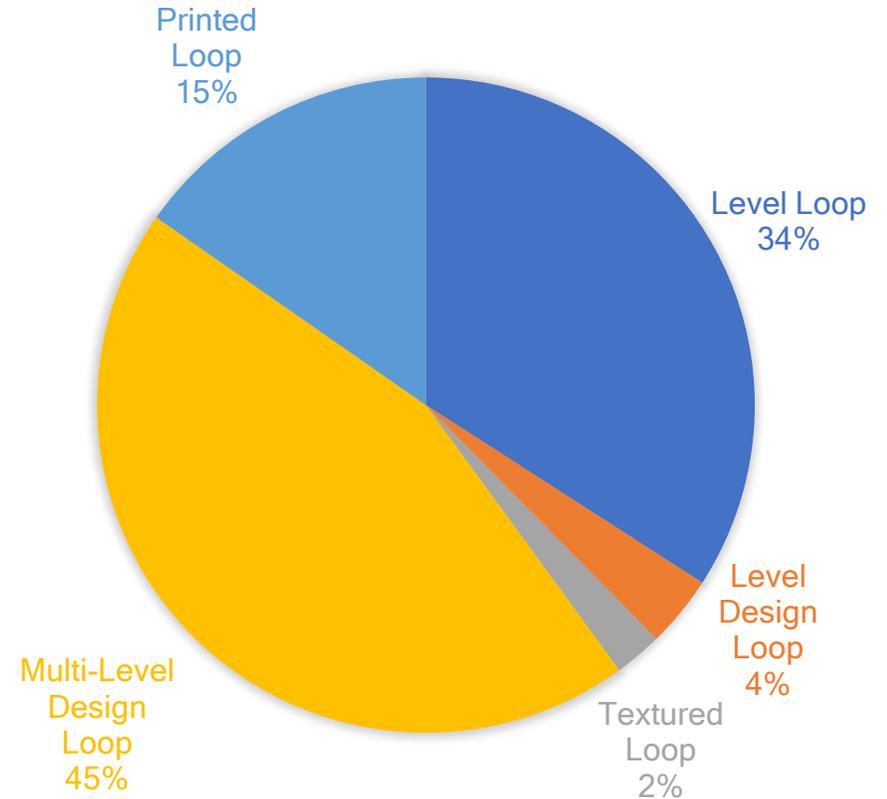
Source: AJCP - 2023 World Map - Contract Carpet Tiles

UK & ROI tile consumption

Total consumption - m²



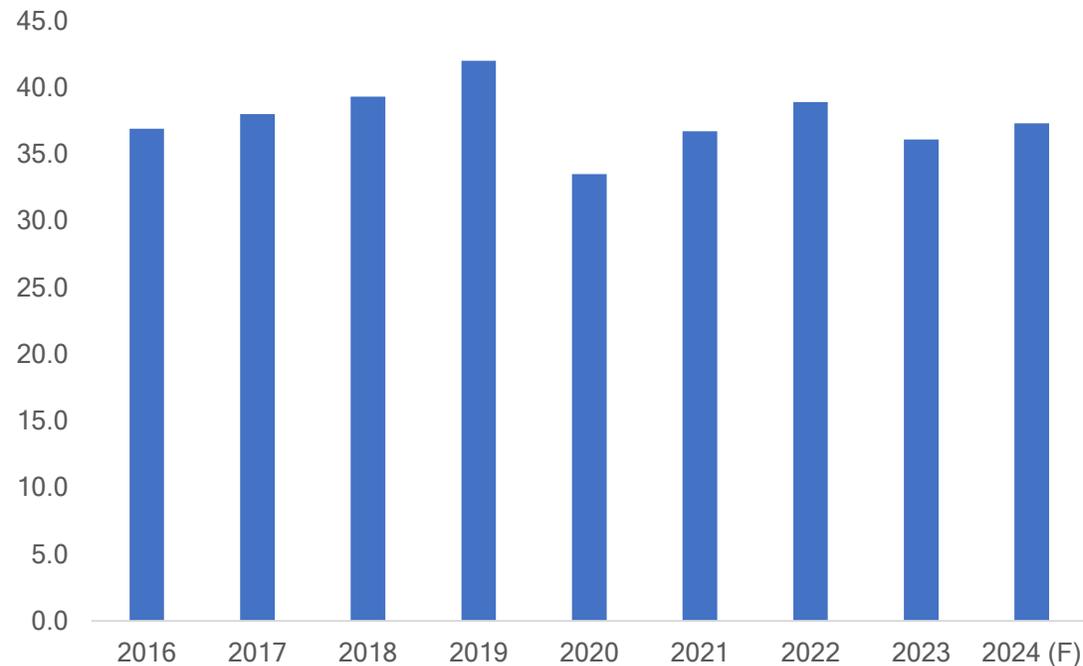
Tufted Loop Pile - m²



Source: AJCP - 2023 World Map - Contract Carpet Tiles

A recovering European market providing opportunities

Total European consumption - m²



- Slow recovery to pre-Covid levels, notably in office space and new buildings
- Some market switch to LVT and vinyl in short-term post Covid, but returning to carpets due to stronger sustainability credentials
- Global carpet tile market to grow by 3.9% in next three to five years

Source: AJCP - 2023 World Map - Contract Carpet Tiles

Five-year record

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£'000	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue	21,102	18,483	15,865	14,554	19,183
Underlying operating profit	1,804	1,652	1,313	698	2,166
Non-recurring items	60	-	275	125	200
Profit before financing costs	1,864	1,652	1,588	823	2,366
Net financing costs	(451)	(219)	(297)	(369)	(405)
Profit before tax	1,413	1,433	1,291	454	1,961
Net assets	14,945	16,444	16,409	14,044	13,879
EBITDA	2,550	2,250	1,869	1,234	2,711
Earnings per share (pence)	1.99	3.36	2.70	0.89	3.97
Dividend per share (pence)	0.55	0.50	0.40	0.00	0.80
Underlying operating margin	8.5%	8.9%	8.3%	4.8%	11.3%

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