

February 2021

MILLIKEN CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF MAKING IN THE UK

Leading flooring designer and manufacturer Milliken is proud to be celebrating its 100th year of production in Britain. The company was first registered in 1920 at the Waterside Mill in Bury, Greater Manchester when it became one of the earliest textile manufacturers in the UK. It manufactured cotton shirtings and in later years industrial fabrics before switching to air bag manufacture in 2004. Following the purchase of the Beech Hill Plant in Wigan, the first Millitron® carpet tile (using Milliken's patented digital dye technology) was printed in the UK in 1986, which makes 2021 the 35th year Milliken has made carpet tiles in the UK. The last UK site Milliken purchased was the Middleton Plant in 1997 where protective flooring and entryway products are now produced.



Celebrating 100
years in the UK

Milliken

Mark Sefton, General Manager of Milliken's Floor Covering Division comments: "100 years - what a milestone! A milestone that really speaks to the resilience of the company, that has seen it not only through a World War, but now a Coronavirus pandemic. Milliken is a company that will always stand behind its brand, will always act professionally, and one who at its heart is always thinking about not only our long-term success, but also the long-term success of our customers, because we recognise that as they grow, we can grow alongside and with them and share in their success. And the same philosophy that Milliken has towards our customers also rolls over into the way we think about our Associates. If I think about the Milliken purpose statement, one of the values is team work: empowering exceptional people. I can think back over the decades of exceptional people who have helped to build Milliken into the great company it is today."

Milliken creates a full range of beautiful and considered floor coverings providing a one-stop-shop for the latest in design-led flooring. From its UK bases nearly 600 people are employed and not just in the manufacturing process itself; Milliken employs and develops designers, technicians, admin staff, finance teams and much more. The company is known for its highly ethical approach to its staff, suppliers and customers and has an excellent track record of maintaining staff - many of whom have worked for Milliken in the UK for 30 plus years.

About Milliken

Milliken is a leading supplier of floor coverings, with a rich history of delivering dynamic carpet and luxury vinyl tile collections from its award-winning design studios and manufacturing facilities in Wigan, UK. Combining global insight with national expertise and proprietary technologies, Milliken is at the forefront of innovation and design, offering high-performance, expertly-engineered products. Founded in 1865 Milliken has achieved an amazing 150 years in the textiles business and is now one of the largest privately owned companies in the world, providing expert solutions across a range of disciplines, including specialty chemicals, floor coverings, and performance materials. With over 100 years of environmental stewardship, the Milliken family of companies is one of the world's most responsible manufacturers.

Designing innovative products and solutions for our customers is of the utmost importance. Through meaningful design, deep science, and unique insights, we advance product development to the next level, while supporting Milliken's efforts to increase sustainable results and minimise environmental impact of all products. Milliken's holistic approach to innovation encompasses all stages of the life cycle - from material sourcing and manufacturing practices to end-of-life management. Our commitment to transparency, health, safety, quality, and sustainability allows us to put our customers, associates, and communities first. In 2020, Milliken was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the fourteenth year running.

www.millikenfloors.com

For further press information, please contact:

Lucie Parkin at Parkin Whitman Marketing & Communications E-mail: lucie@parkinwhitman.co.uk
17 Avenue Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 7DA Tel: 01873 850 913 / 07980 649 308

Follow Milliken at:

