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FR-One: a revolutionary new solution for contract interiors

For the first time in the UK, there is a one-stop solution for the contract industry: FR-One. Exclusive to Harlequin Harris Contract in the UK, this ground-breaking range of fabrics will be launched at the beginning of May 2007.

The flame retardancy standards and regulations in the international contract market are currently both complex and confusing. FR-One has been developed to offer an instantly recognisable branded and guaranteed solution, which passes all the international FR standards without needing additional treatment. Inherently and permanently flame retardant, FR-One fibres have been engineered with self-extinguishing characteristics to prevent flames spreading quickly.

Substantially less expensive than any other FR-branded yarn-products currently available, FR-One breaks the monopoly in the market which has, until now, created both high prices and exclusivity. Moreover, unlike these other FR-branded yarns, it is the finished product that is guaranteed rather than simply the early process of yarn production.

Suitable for curtains & sheers, bedcovers, headboards and accessories FR-One offers a core contract product at affordable prices; in addition it is being supported by significant investment in stock. Both these factors make it an accessible alternative, available to the entire industry rather than just the niche market.

FR-One is user-friendly and environmentally-aware, being fully washable at lower temperatures and faster drying, thereby reducing energy consumption.

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The eclectic yet highly usable FR-One collections include: architectural and plain double-width sheers; shot taffetas and dupions; brushed plains and tactile velvets; double-width, virtual black-out satins; broad stripes, checks, classical and contemporary damasks, all in a wide and appealing palette of colours.

Carolyn Mitchell, Director of Walker Greenbank Contracts and Chairman of the BCFA, is delighted with the new addition to the product offer: *“Harlequin Harris specialises in cutting-edge fabrics and wallcoverings, which are durable, affordable and aimed principally at the contract sector. FR-One will complement these existing ranges and at the same time fills a gap in the contracts market for a competitively-priced commodity product, which is branded and fully underwritten, thereby enabling architects, designers and specifiers to use it with confidence.”*

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