





# Welcome to MISTRAL

MISTRAL worktops are a 25mm thick enhanced acrylic-based solid worksurface that combines high quality and superior performance with the appearance of natural stone, quartz, and even marble with our luxurious Unique Collection finishes. Our range has been expertly developed to maximise the advantages of our solid surface material to give you the scope, flexibility and style to create your ideal living space.

We understand that you're not just choosing a worktop, you're designing a kitchen, a vision and a lifestyle with so many important decisions to make along the way. So, this brochure has been designed to show how MISTRAL can help as you ponder choices of door, decor, layout and expression. It also takes you through the finer details highlighting exclusive MISTRAL design benefits and features that can help you turn your ideas into reality.



# A surface for your everyday

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When you first set out on your journey to design and build your dream kitchen, you will likely have a wish list of thoughts and inspirations. This will include style concepts as to how you will want it to look, the appliances you have had your heart set on (that slide-away door oven from Bake-off or that built-in coffee machine) and also ideas on how you want to use different parts of the room.

All these considerations help you select products that meet your demands for day-to-day living both now and in the future. Finding the right worksurface goes hand-in-hand with this, as all the varying types have different features, and it's all about choosing the one that ticks all your boxes!



#### Practicality

Suitability for use is key and is particularly important with worktops as they are an intensely used element. Durability is the first thing that comes to mind as the surface is used for an array of activities from food preparation to laundry, dining to home working. Mistral's worktops are strong enough to withstand the rigours of day-to-day use and its smooth, non-porous surface is inherently hygienic, easy to clean and resistant to staining (without needing to be sealed).

#### Value

Along with your wish list comes a budget so when selecting products, you need those that can satisfy your requirements in terms of looks and practicality but also value! We know that every pound you spend is not just a cost but an investment in your home, so we have used all our expertise and experience to create a range that's full of benefits and delivers high quality without you having to use a big chunk of your budget.

#### Reassurance

With all that you commit to a new kitchen, you need products that are going to perform at their best for years and years to come. Unlike most other worktop materials, Mistral can be sanded so that at any point the surface can be refinished to remove general wear and tear marks or scuffs that may appear over time. Also, MISTRAL comes with our 10-year, field-tested manufacturer's warranty so you can be confident that your worksurface will stand the test of time.



### Making best use of your space

The modern-day kitchen is many things, from a hive of activity as the hub for the family to a place of retreat from the hustle and bustle of a busy day. Your kitchen needs to be able to adapt and mould itself to these varying needs, as well as emphasise the characteristics of the room and make the best use of the space. This is where designers demonstrate their skill and understanding, and you get the perfect room.

The worksurface is a crucial part of the kitchen design providing much of the usability whether it be for food preparation, dining, work or play. As a result, the right worktop needs to be able to both integrate into your kitchen design and offer features that add to the looks and practicality of the overall solution. MISTRAL was developed to hone the inherent qualities of our enhanced acrylic material to create a product that maximises these benefits for our customers. With seamless joints and no wood-based substrate, MISTRAL is a blank canvas for the imagination of designers and homeowners.

MISTRAL's solid, 25mm thick format allows it On top of this, you have MISTRAL's ability to be seamlessly jointed which gives the impression to be cut to any shape with ease as there is no wood-based substrate that has to be covered that it has been made from a single piece. So, with awkward-to-fit edging. Your surface can be whichever layout you choose, MISTRAL helps to crafted to suit your layout with a curved edge or bring the whole kitchen together as it gives it a angled section bringing an openness that isn't natural flow from end to end. The visual impact at the expense of usable surface area. Sinks can of this can be enhanced further as our product be cut anywhere with no need for restrictive range also includes 12mm thick sheets which sink modules. Drainer grooves and wet areas can be used vertically for upstands, splashbacks can also be added to give extra practicality. and hob panels.





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Space-saving







## Find your style

A kitchen's style is the result of many decisions taken on the type of doors, handles, flooring, accessories and let's not forget worktops. Trends and tastes constantly evolve with the list of styles continually increasing. We have chosen to keep things simple with three broad styles as a good starting point which can then be refined as more elements are chosen.

The good news is that MISTRAL's timeless worktop patterns have been designed to keep your options open. For example, our colour Aria may be seen as being more traditional as it takes its inspiration from classic marble. However, with the way we have created the subtle veining and by adding a touch of sparkle, this colour is just as stunning in the most modern of kitchens.



#### Modern

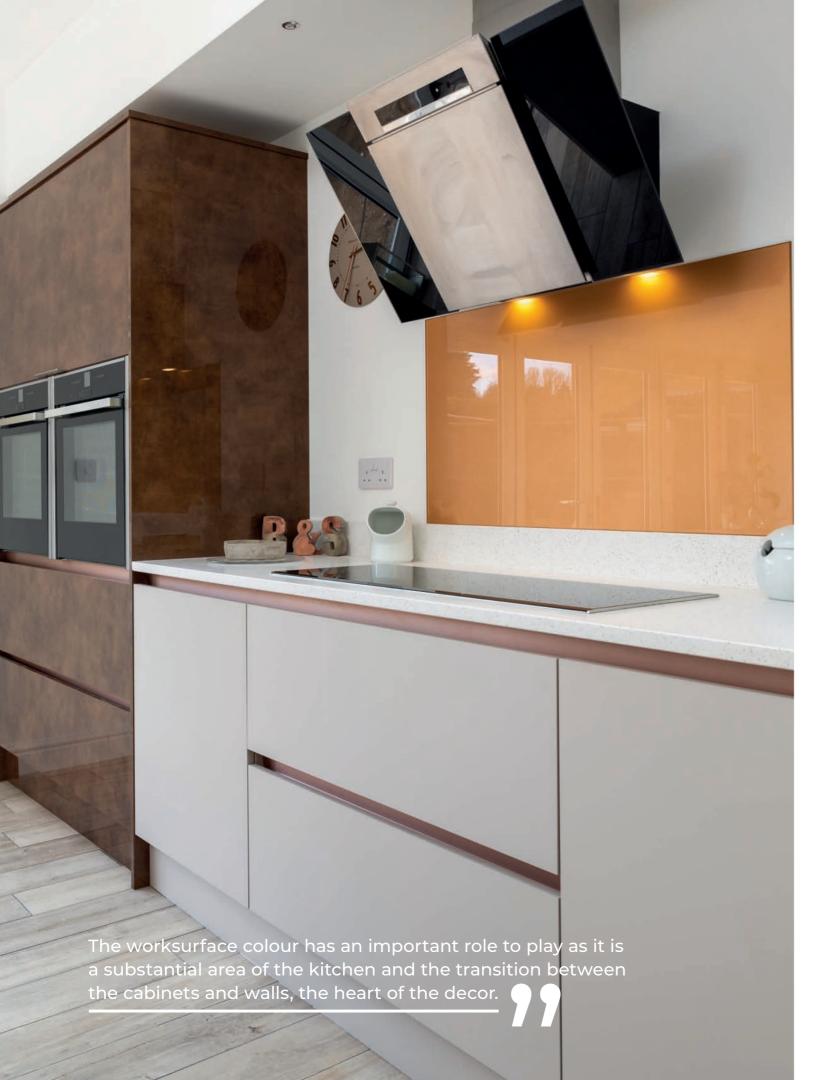
Conceived as the setting for busy, modern-day living, this style is all about streamlined, clutterfree practicality. Slab doors epitomise this minimalist mindset with their clean lines enhancing the feeling of open space. Married with a simple, monochromatic colour scheme, and accented by industrial accessories, this all helps to create a room that is both relaxing and ideal for entertaining.

#### Transitional

This style features the curves and shapes of traditional furniture alongside more modern elements with fabrics and a neutral colour scheme bringing warmth and comfort. Combinations such as a simple and elegant shaker door paired with a contemporary handle choice perfectly demonstrate the blend of old and new that embodies this approach.

#### Traditional

When thinking about traditional kitchens the keyword is 'character'. Natural materials like wood are commonly used with elements painted in muted colours to create a classy, sophisticated decor. Familiar features include raised panel cabinetry and ornamental flourishes which add the extra detail that is the hallmark of traditional kitchen design.



### It's all in the colour

Following on from choosing a style, the next step in creating your kitchen decor is to decide on the colours and materials. Everyone has their own taste, so picking between something bold and colourful for impact and drama, or something more subtle and understated will be about reflecting your personality.

From there it is all about finding the right combination for all the elements of the kitchen to bring the decor together. Colour is a powerful tool in interior design as it can change the feel of the room.

The way colour is used can shape how the size, mood and even the temperature of the room are perceived. It will also reinforce your style choice, complementing where necessary and contrasting where needed.





So, whether the decor is nature-inspired greens, warm greys or rich earth tones, the worktop needs to be able to harmonise and complement the overall effect.

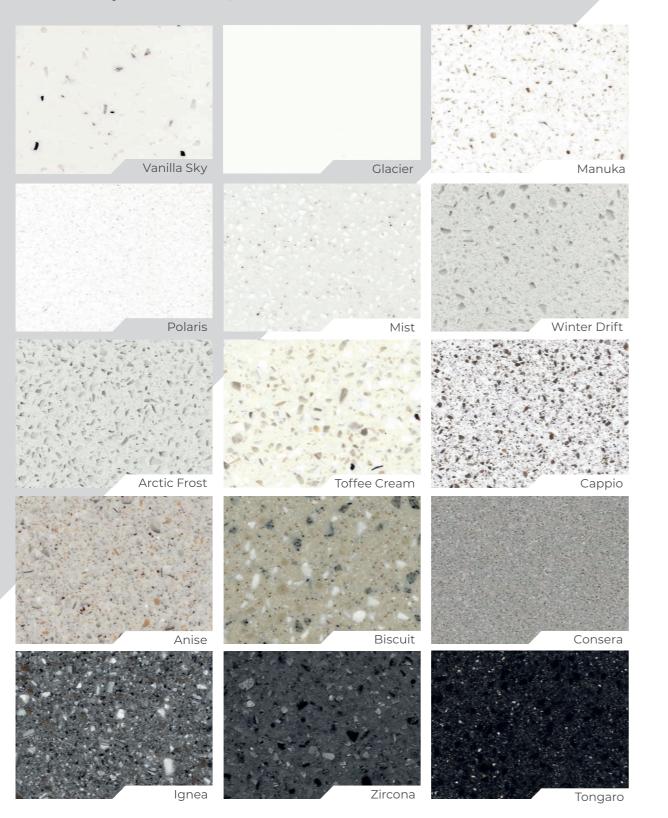
The background tones of the different MISTRAL designs, and, in particular, the various chip and marble effects are great for referencing colours in other parts of the kitchen. For example, black particles in a worktop echo the black fronts of a built-in oven, or orange and brown chips marry wonderfully with wooden components.

In addition, the patterns found in our worksurface colours allow designers the opportunity to utilise plainer choices of wall covering. This can give the overall decor a more neutral and timeless look as the patterning is more natural and less rigid.

### **MISTRAL Colours**

MISTRAL's range is a timeless collection that gives The good news is that all MISTRAL colours have you the choice you need to find the right colour for you. Whether you want your worksurface to be the dramatic statement piece for your kitchen you choose! decor, or you are looking for something to harmonise with your colour scheme, it's here.

the same foundation, so each worktop delivers the same great performance whichever colour

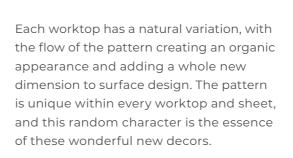




Note: Images show colours at worktop scale

### THE UNIQUE COLLECTION

The Unique Collection has been developed to emulate the beauty of natural stone, from classic marbles to the majestic swirls of granite, in a worktop that offers the design possibilities and practicalities of use that our MISTRAL range is renowned for.



These elegant colours are made from the same enhanced acrylic material as the rest of the MISTRAL range so will deliver the durable, hygienic, replenishable surface with limitless design possibilities that our customers have come to expect.

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### ARTFULLY CRAFTED, BEAUTIFULLY UNIQUE

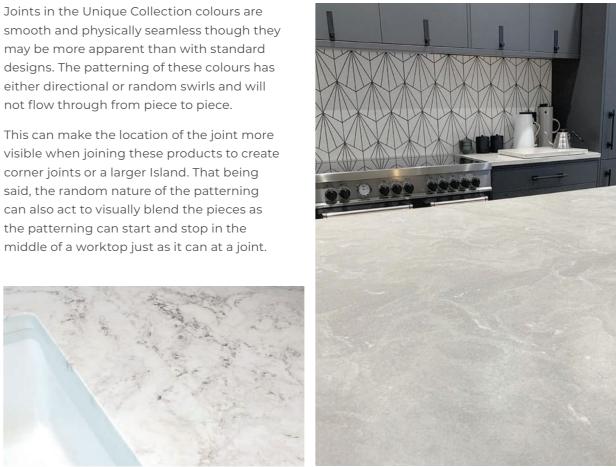
The colours of the Unique Collection deliver an ideal palette of modern finishes to complement the endless array of door styles and decor choices available. From traditional solid wood shaker, to more subtle matt and gloss elements, you'll find your perfect match with MISTRAL.

By also retaining the benefits of our solid surface material, the Unique Collection offers marble-inspired colours with features such as seamless joints which are not possible when using granite, marble or quartz.



may be more apparent than with standard designs. The patterning of these colours has either directional or random swirls and will not flow through from piece to piece.

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## **Materially better**

MISTRAL worktops are expertly manufactured from an enhanced acrylic-based resin and a natural mineral filler. Our vast experience informed the desired characteristics for our solid surface material and we then designed the recipe to deliver them. The result is a product with an array of features specifically suited to use as a kitchen worksurface. MISTRAL's pure 25mm thick format then amplifies each of these features to great effect.

#### **Seamless**

At the heart of every MISTRAL kitchen are the seamless joints that discreetly form one continuous surface that flows around the room as if moulded from a single piece. Each joint is smooth and physically seamless with no gaps or lines of filler.

#### Durable

MISTRAL is a strong and durable surface and will cope well with the rigours of day-to-day use in the home. It also has high levels of chemical and heat resistance.

#### Hygienic

MISTRAL is smooth and non-porous so it is inherently hygienic and resistant to staining without needing to be sealed. MISTRAL's non-porous surface does not allow stains to penetrate. Any spills can simply be wiped clean with a cloth and soapy water, or with the assistance of a general household cleaner.





#### **Limitless Design**

MISTRAL is made entirely of solid surface material. This allows it to be angled and curved to fit your design effortlessly. MISTRAL's endless options give you the advantage of being able to create unique features and bring your ideas to life.



#### Replenishable

Unlike most other worktop materials, the surface of MISTRAL can be sanded. This means it can be refinished at any time during its life to remove any general wear and tear marks that may have accumulated, leaving it looking as good as new.



#### Warranty

MISTRAL's beautiful appearance and valuable physical qualities are backed up by a field-tested 10-year manufacturer's warranty. MISTRAL has been installed, tested and proven in a variety of tough commercial applications before being utilised in the residential sector.



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### What next?

#### Request Samples

To help you choose the perfect MISTRAL colour for your requirements, we provide a sample service to help give you a visual idea of the colour and tone, as well as a true feel of the material. Go to our website and click the 'Request Samples' link to order your samples.

#### Get more information

The rest of this brochure will give you more details on our products in the following pages and you can find more information, photos and videos on our website. Also, keep an eye on our social media pages for design inspiration with our MISTRAL Highlights posts and other examples of how designers and customers have used MISTRAL in their projects.

#### Buy MISTRAL

Once you have seen samples, chosen your colour, and found out all about how MISTRAL can be the worksurface for you, it just leaves this final step! If you are not already in contact with a MISTRAL retailer, you can use our website to get in touch with us and we will provide you with details of retailers in your area that will be able to help.

### **Buying Considerations**

#### **Sizes and Availability**

MISTRAL is supplied to your local kitchen retailers by our network of distributors and supported by our stockholding that covers both our retail and contracts divisions. Our products are readily available with minimal lead times, though we would always recommend that orders are placed and deliveries arranged so that the material has some time to acclimatise in the environment before installation.

As our MISTRAL worktops can be seamlessly joined, cut, and shaped with ease, the possibilities you have are vast so while our products are supplied in the standard sizes listed below, these should be seen as the building blocks to whatever your design requires.

Here are the standard sizes for our MISTRAL range:

#### Product

MISTRAL Solid Surface - Standard Worktop	
MISTRAL Solid Surface - Breakfast Bar	
MISTRAL Solid Surface - Sheet	
MISTRAL Solid Surface - Upstand	
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#### **Colour Choice**

MISTRAL worktops are available in a variety of colours that bring a classic, timeless quality to the latest trends. The foundation of each MISTRAL worktop is the same, so you will get the same great MISTRAL performance no matter which colour you choose, though there are just a couple of points to consider before finalising your choice:

#### **Dark Colours**

Darker colours show general wear and tear more readily because any scuffs and marks that may appear will be white. The contrast between this and the dark surface makes them more apparent than they would be on a lighter surface. For the same reason, limescale and mineral deposits from hard water are more evident on darker colours.

#### Light Colours

Light/White colours of MISTRAL will, as with other white surfaces, show up spills and "stains" more than a darker, patterned surface. Make sure to wipe up spills when they happen.

#### Size

	3010mm x 625mm x 25mm
	2080mm x 900mm x 25mm
	3010mm x 760mm x 12mm
	3010mm x 100mm x 12mm
р	3010mm x 650mm x 25mm
	2100mm x 940mm x 25mm
	3010mm x 760mm x 12mm
	3010mm x 100mm x 12mm

#### Marble-effect Colours

The nature of the swirls and patterns within our Unique Collection colours can make it difficult to get a complete appreciation of these particular designs in a sample due to the scale of the marbling and swirls. We recommend that alongside the sample you refer to the swatches in this brochure as well as photos of full installations so that you can get the best understanding of how the finished worksurface will look.

For all this and more visit **www.mistralworktops.co.uk** 

### Installation

#### **Choosing/Finding an Installer**

MISTRAL worktops have been developed to make installation easy as they can be cut, machined and finished using standard woodworking tools. An installer who regularly fits kitchens with worktops such as laminate has the requisite skills to install MISTRAL once they have familiarised themselves with our installation advice and related videos. That being said, MISTRAL is not a DIY product, it should only be installed by a professional tradesperson.

The usual process for finding an installer would be that the retailer that you are purchasing your MISTRAL products from will either arrange installation through their own fitting team or an associated installer. It may also be that they have installers whom they would recommend to you and then you deal with the installer directly.

#### Specifying your Surface Finish

Once your MISTRAL worktop is fitted in place it is then sanded to a finish by your installer. The standard level of finish for MISTRAL worktops is matte, (or 400 grit and then a maroon abrasive pad as far as your installer is concerned). It will have a natural sheen thanks to the way we design our colours to have a depth and vibrancy.

You can choose to have your MISTRAL surface sanded to a higher "satin" finish. This will require extra sanding processes and sanding pads to achieve this (so would incur an extra cost). From a general use point of view, there is no difference between a matte and satin finish but, scuffs and marks will appear dull against the rest of the worktop so would be more noticeable on a higher level of finish.

### **Peace of mind**

#### **10-year Manufacturer's Warranty**

Our MISTRAL Product Warranty represents a guarantee against manufacturing defects for ten years made by Karonia Ltd to the registered owner of the MISTRAL product from the day it is purchased. This Warranty is valid for the first twelve months from the date of purchase, but can be extended to the full 10 years if the installation is registered with Karonia within the first 60 days.

Full details of our warranty are available on our website at www.mistralworktops.co.uk

#### **Product Support**

Our experienced team is always happy to answer any questions you have regarding our products and get you the information you need whether it is before, during or after you have your worktops installed. We have plenty of information on our website but should you require further assistance feel free to contact us through the website or give us a call.

In the unlikely event that you have a concern once your worktops have been fitted, you should first make contact with the retailer whom you purchased your MISTRAL products from. We recommend this as they will have a full understanding of your project already and are in a better position to provide you with a swift resolution. Should they need to refer to us for further guidance they would then get in touch with us and we will gladly engage with the situation and provide additional support.

#### **Everyday use and care**

#### **Protecting the Surface**

MISTRAL worktops are durable and impact resistant enough to cope with the rigours of day-to-day use, but to ensure that they do not sustain any undue scratches we recommend that you adhere to the following:

- Never cut objects directly on your MISTRAL worksurface, always use a chopping board or worktop saver.
- Avoid sliding hard and rough objects across your worktop, especially those with unglazed ceramic bases as ceramic is extremely hard and will most likely scratch the surface.

#### **Spills and 'Stains'**

Although Mistral surfaces are completely nonporous, it is still recommended that any spills are wiped up as soon as they occur. Any driedon spills can always be removed, but the longer they are left, the harder they are to remove.

#### **Heat Resistance**

MISTRAL worktops have been developed to offer high levels of fire safety and cope well with heat. However, as with all worktop materials, intense heat has the potential to damage the surface. To prevent any issues you should not place objects directly from a heat source, or any heat-generating appliances onto the surface without using a heat pad, mat or trivet.

#### **Chemical Resistance**

Avoid exposing your MISTRAL surface to strong chemicals such as oven cleaners, drain unblockers, paint removers etc.



For our full Product Care advice please visit our website at **mistralworktops.co.uk/product-care** 

