**Alberi and Giardino – new tapestry fabrics**

**Modern tapestry fabrics continue to showcase the jacquard weave, remaining exquisitely decorative, multi-coloured textiles, typically adorned with botanical patterns. What sets them apart from traditional tapestry fabrics is their distinctive colour palette and the whimsical, imaginative nature of their floral motifs. These qualities are embodied by the two latest additions to Dekoma’s offer this year - Alberi and Giardino.**

For the past two or three seasons, interiors have been dominated by maximalism – an eclectic fusion of styles, patterns, and colours. This style embraces extravagance, fearlessly combining bold and unexpected juxtapositions, while seamlessly blending elements from different eras. After years of Scandinavian minimalism (and a period of pandemic-driven reflection on our living spaces), designers are now embracing more colour, more dopamine, and more positive expression.

Patterned fabrics, wallpapers, and rugs are a perfect complement to maximalist interiors. Unexpected combinations are essential, allowing botanical, geometric, and abstract patterns to be freely mixed and matched. With the growing popularity of maximalism decorators and upholsterers have rediscovered tapestry fabrics – some of the most exquisitely decorative textiles, celebrated for their jacquard weaves and elaborate patterns. To once again win over interior designers and customers, tapestry fabrics needed a stylistic lifting, embracing more vibrant colours and contemporary motifs. This transformation is reflected in Dekoma’s latest products.

**Like a Paradise Garden**

Alberi boasts an opulent pattern with motifs of stylised leaves, twigs and small trees. The multiplicity of shapes and colours featured in this pattern is reminiscent of elaborate Persian miniatures or old botanical illustrations made by early exotic flora researchers. The multi-colour drawing is always set on a black dotted background, which brings out the shapes and enhances the effect of dimensionality.

Alberi will be a great solution as an upholstery fabric for furniture, decorative headboards or wall panels, as well as a material for sewing window treatments, cushions, or bolsters. For example, at this year's Heimtextil trade fair, this decorative tapestry fabric served as a textile wallpaper at Dekoma's stand. The viscose fibres predominant in this blend, make Alberi soft, smooth, tactile and crease-resistant.

Alberi owes its modern character to the fancy colour palette. The six colour variants include tones of brown, blue and navy blue, red and orange, and accents of violet, light green and dark turquoise. These imaginative hues emphasise the stylised qualities of the botanical pattern, which gives the fabric its name – “alberi” means “trees” in Italian. Another association with Italy is that the fabric is produced in that country.

**Tree Crowns**

Giardino’s botanical motif resembles dense canopies of trees or shrubs – the name of this fabric is derived from the Italian word for “garden”. The skilfully juxtaposed light and dark shades yield the effect of three-dimensionality in the pattern. The fabric comes in seven colour variants: four incorporating azure, blue and navy blue, as well as red, yellow, and green. The complementary colour in all these variants is beige. With its wide repeat, Giardino looks attractive also on extensive curtain of furniture surfaces.

The versatility of this Italian-made jacquard fabric makes it a great choice for upholstering furniture, sewing window treatments and creating various textile accessories, such as cushions and bolsters. A large proportion of viscose fibres and cotton in the blend endow Giardino with a fine, natural character.

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Due to their distinctive patterns, Alberi and Giardiono will look best as a single bold accent in an interior, e.g. as an upholstery of one piece of furniture, a curtain or a decorative cushion cover. They will seamlessly fit into various interior styles, from boho to eclectic, visually rejuvenating classic furniture, while adding warmth and originality to modern living rooms and bedrooms. The presence of plain fabrics will subtly tone them down, while decorative trimmings will make them a perfect addition to refined, detail-rich interiors.

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