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## Surface Design Show 'Future Thinking' Showcases Top 10 Groundbreaking Products

The Future Thinking feature at Surface Design Show 2012 has chosen its top 10 most innovative and exciting new products to showcase during the exhibition on 7–9 February at the Business Design Centre, London.

The Future Thinking products, curated by Annabelle Filer of SCIN, all epitomise the depth of material innovation and creative ideas currently being developed by designers, architects and manufacturers.

3Form presents Ditto, winner of the Surface category in the recent FX Awards, a revolutionary new 3D modular product that plays with structure, form and light to create 3D partitions, wall feature or an art piece, all in a box.

Alexandra Devaux's OZ Wall of light combines natural, crafted, wool felt and a translucent synthetic resin to create a unique, supple material that allows light to pass through and develop new sensorial surface aspects.

Taking inspiration from the natural occurring complexity of biological structures, BREAD's (The Bureau of Research Engineering Art & Design Limited) Sarat Babu and Richard Beckett will explore materiality through surfaces, producing gradiented surfaces which respond to touch in diverse and unexpected ways.

Alicia Tam's 'Invisible' project explores the modern notion of privacy, applying the 'invisible' pattern algorithm to various surfaces, objects and environments, and pushing the boundaries between what our eyes see and what our minds perceive.

Foldtex is a revolutionary new lightweight foldable board, which challenges us to rethink how we design. Traditional fittings, corner connections and surface finishing techniques simply become inapplicable and superfluous.

Graphic Relief produces beautiful textured architectural concrete surfaces whose wide range of designs, textures and graphic effects are suitable for facades, cladding, tiles and artwork, for both interior and exterior use.

Patrycja Domanska in co-operation with Tanja Lightfoot presents "edgy", a three-dimensional tile whose asymmetrical concave and convex surfaces fold into a single plane, creating the effect of visually pulling the user towards itself.

Pavegen's innovative people-powered floor tiling harvests the kinetic energy of footsteps and enables architects and interior designers to incorporate renewable energy flooring into any commercial urban project, indoors or out.

Sue Edwards Design creates conceptual, sometimes subversive, interior textile/surface designs, in the belief that interior surface design can be a canvas for expressing poignant issues. 'Coin Curtain' is a reaction to Britain's dire financial situation, with the process of corroding the coins using a mixture containing urine.

Sky Garden Pocket Green Wall panel is a lightweight modular geo-composite system whose unique growing medium allows designers to create exciting and sustainable vertical green spaces on a range of surfaces and structures.

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