

# Vibe

Sun soaked, extravert, narcissistic; while this trend may eschew any intellectual message, in a world that feels ever more threatening, a little diversion and distraction looks very attractive indeed.



A shimmering mishmash of counter culture, digital distractions and visual extravaganzas, Vibe celebrates the importance of hedonism and living in the moment. Like web surfing, random but visually exciting influences are referenced, all appropriated and monetised without undue concern for any underlying message.

The bleached out beauty of 70's California beaches, as captured by the photographer Hugh Holland, adds a certain softness to the palette, with Worn Denim, Sand and Blush Pink added to the more intense shades of Cerise, Sunshine Yellow, Emerald and slightly Retro Orange. Faded Black is an important addition, referencing the outlines of cartoons, useful for adding depth and contrast. Colours are also presented in multiple, layered configurations. In this way, colours are dismantled and reconfigured, allowing for multiple interpretations of a single palette.

## **Architecture**















06 Photo by Manolo Langis for KAA Design



The energy of Vibe is perfect for playful spaces like Night Tales in Hackney Central by Sella Concept (02), a collision of neon lit 90's pop positivity fused with Japanese inspired organics. There's also a definite West Coast feel to the outdoor space of a Los Angeles Residence, designed by KAA Design (06) and this interior featuring tiles by Studiopepe for Ceramica Bardelli (05). Multiple colour brightens

up urban areas as with Colour Transfer, an immersive installation by Liz West (03), and with the LEGO House by Bjarke Ingels Group (01), one of the shortlisted projects for INSIDE- World Interior of the Year 2018. Finally the Bob Dylan Center<sup>TM</sup>, designed by Seattle-based architecture practice Olson Kundig (04), also packs a punch.

# Solace

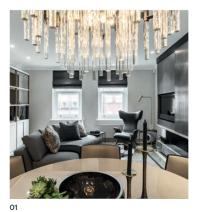
Channelling a desire to switch off the overwhelming chatter of communication in favour of a balanced, meditative state, this is solitude and silence as the ultimate luxury.



When presented with black and white, there is strength in choosing grey; deciding to opt for a more considered, measured position rather than a knee jerk reaction. To illustrate this studied neutrality, we have opted for a highly apposite analogy; Antarctica, the World's most southern continent, covered in ice and the ultimate neutral space.

Colours reference shadows on snow, mountainscapes and the crystallisation of ice as seen underneath a microscope. Exploring subtle gradients of tone, gentle shades of Snow Cloud grey and Haze are complemented by deep shades veering from a metallic Pale Amethyst through Storm and Twilight Blue to a deep Shadow purple. The welcome addition of Dusk Pink and rich Maroon bring much needed warmth and contrast to the palette. These are colours that whisper rather than shout.

## **Architecture**





02 Mika Huisman & Amos Rex



**03** Manolo Langis for California Contemporary: The Houses of Grant C. Kirkpatrick and KAA Design



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Architecture that reflects our trend Solace can be highly sculptural but never raw and always with a slightly luxurious edge.
SHH Architecture & Interior Design's interiors for Albert Court (01) in London channels precious liquid metal, while this staircase in a California residence, designed by KAA Design (03) is sculptural. Amorphic shapes define Amos Rex art museum in Helsinki,

designed by architecture firm JKMM (02), while MAD's China Entrepreneur Forum Conference Centre (06) has a still, otherworldly feel that exemplifies this trend. There is also a fluid quality to the recently completed Coal Drops Yard in London, designed by Thomas Heatherwick (04), while De Castelli tiles (05) have a moody, solitary feel that uses the palette effectively.