

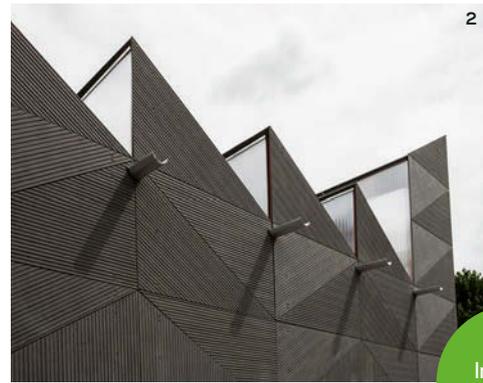
WOOD AND FIBRES

1 MAINTENANCE-FREE Cedar Impressions individual five-inch sawmill shingles – Certainteed's first polymer siding to offer the variegated characteristics of wood – install like traditional shingles but never need maintenance. certainteed.com

2 FIBRE-INFUSED CEMENT Cellulose and minerals combine with regular cement mix to form Engineered Assemblies' Equitone Linea, a high-density fibre cement cladding. The easily perforated and printable panels come in lengths up to three metres. engineeredassemblies.com

3 RICE IMITATING WOOD Made from 60 per cent rice husks, along with salt and mineral oil, TruGrain by Westech Building Products looks like wood, but with the resistance to water, cracking, fungus, weather and humidity of man-made materials or metal. westechbp.com

4 METALLIC FINISH Spanish manufacturer Parklex has launched a bronze finish for its line of high-density stratified wood cladding. A special additive extends the natural durability. parklex.com



Ingrained warmth

CERAMIC AND SOLID SURFACING

1 DESIGNER COLOURS Since Marcel Wanders launched the Lucia collection with Hi-Macs last year, the company has added three new colours to the line of tone-on-tone surfacing. Ice Queen, Shadow Queen and Star Queen each feature varying degrees of micro-particles and coarser shavings. himacs.eu

2 CRADLE TO CRADLE Offering the market's first C2C-certified exterior cladding tiles, Dutch manufacturer Mosa's ventilated facade system is resistant to extreme weather, UV rays, graffiti and shocks. The new decorative finishes include glossy fire-glazed styles. mosa.nl

3 SUPER-SIZED Laminam's new Extra Large Size Series (think ceramic slabs measuring 1.6 by 3.2 metres) are weather, UV and stress resistant. They're available in more than 100 styles, including everything from 3-D textures to solid neutrals. laminam.it

4 HIGH-TECH PORCELAIN Italian brand Monocibec and its technical division, Fincibec, have created a line of porcelain stoneware suitable for ventilated exterior cladding. The collection comes in a range of styles and sizes. monocibec.it



Manufactured endurance