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Press Summary

Kava Surfaces is a UK-based material studio transforming waste coffee grounds into high-quality architectural surface finishes. By combining craft-led processes with circular material thinking, Kava creates panels and surfaces that carry both visual depth and environmental intent.

Designed for interiors, retail and hospitality, Kava surfaces embed sustainability directly into the visible fabric of a space, turning waste into a tactile, durable and expressive material.

Key Facts

Company: Kava Surfaces

Founder: Jani Lemut

Location: Brighton, UK

Material type: Circular surface panels and finishes

Primary feedstock: Reclaimed coffee grounds

Manufacturing: United Kingdom

Status: Commercial projects and bespoke commissions

About Kava Surfaces

Kava Surfaces was founded to explore how waste materials can become emotionally resonant, high-performance finishes rather than hidden substrates. Coffee grounds, typically discarded after a single use, are reprocessed into dense, hard-wearing surface panels suitable for architectural and interior applications.

The material prioritises tactility and surface depth over uniformity. Subtle tonal variation and fine particulate texture are retained as a feature, allowing each surface to express its material origin and reinforce authenticity within interior spaces.

Sustainability and Circularity

Reclaimed waste coffee grounds diverted from landfill

Reduced reliance on virgin or extractive materials

Durable, long-life surfaces designed for reuse

Small-batch UK manufacturing

Sustainability embedded as a visible design feature rather than a hidden attribute

Design Philosophy

Kava Surfaces is grounded in material honesty, tactility and biophilic design principles. The surfaces are designed to feel warm, grounded and human, counterbalancing the smooth, anonymous finishes common in contemporary interiors.

By revealing rather than disguising its composition, Kava encourages touch, inspection and conversation, making the material particularly suited to hospitality and brand-led environments.

Applications

Interior wall paneling
Retail and hospitality counters
Furniture and joinery surfaces
Feature installations
Bespoke branded surfaces

Founder

Jani Lemut is the founder of Kava Surfaces, leading the development of circular surface materials derived from waste coffee grounds. His work focuses on material-led innovation, sustainability and the role of tactility and narrative within architectural finishes.

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