

Milliken Specialty Interiors Expands Environmental Leadership with Membership in Sustainable Furnishings Council and Champion of Sustainability Award

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Leading global innovation company with textile, specialty chemical and floor covering manufacturing expertise, **Milliken & Company's Specialty Interiors business**, has extended its sustainability leadership by recently joining the Sustainable Furnishings Council (SFC) and being honored by Unifi as a REPREVE® Champion of Sustainability.

Milliken Specialty Interiors has joined the [Sustainable Furnishings Council](#) as a qualifying member, pending successful application for higher-level recognition. The Sustainable Furnishings Council shares Milliken's commitment to taking immediate steps to minimize carbon emissions, reduce other pollutants and remove unsustainable materials and chemical inputs from furnishings product platforms. The organization exists to raise awareness and expand the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices across the home furnishings industry. SFC also provides a symbol of assurance for consumers.

"Milliken's focus on natural, recycled and easily recyclable materials is part of our overall sustainability journey to improve product design, manufacturing and sourcing practices," said Jennifer K. Harmon, vice president, Milliken Specialty Interiors. "We look forward to working closely with the Sustainable Furnishings Council and other concerned parties to build on our proud legacy of environmental stewardship and leadership."

The [Unifi REPREVE®](#) Champions of Sustainability awards celebrate Unifi's brand and textile partners that share in its commitment to sustainability and vision for a better tomorrow. They recognize companies that exemplify leadership in sustainability and have helped recycle more than 11 billion plastic bottles as a result of their use of REPREVE performance fibers.

"Through our development of many eco-friendly products, especially Breathe™ by Milliken, an eco-elegant, performance fabric available in natural or manmade materials made from recycled plastic bottles, Milliken Specialty Interiors has worked closely with companies like Unifi to reduce, reuse and recycle for the betterment of our homes, our health and our world," Harmon noted.

Eliminating waste and enhancing sustainability also aligns with Milliken Specialty Interiors' business strategy of purposeful and intentional design. "Rather than manufacturing an overwhelming array of styles each season that may or may not sell, we believe that by creating a carefully curated selection of products and colors with long lasting beauty, we can help protect our natural resources and produce less sample waste," added Harmon.

In keeping with its belief that sustainability is closely linked to health and safety, Milliken also recently announced that it has become a founding member of the [Well Living Lab](#), a collaborative research initiative led by Delos and Mayo Clinic dedicated to studying the impacts of our indoor environments on health and wellness. Milliken joins 18 other building science and medical research leaders in coming together to creating healthier spaces in which to live and work. The Well Living Lab believes that our society performs better in all aspects of life when people are at their healthiest - a tenet Milliken has championed for decades.

About Milliken's Specialty Interiors Business

Milliken Specialty Interiors, a business in the Performance & Protective Textiles division, boasts a rich history of developing, designing and manufacturing fabrics for home and office furniture, vertical panels, privacy curtains, window treatments, theatrical curtains, top-of-bed applications and more. Through our unrivaled knowledge and unmatched service, we provide our customers with forward-thinking solutions that enhance their products in a variety of markets, including commercial, residential and healthcare, hospitality. For more information, visit www.millikenspecialtyinteriors.com.

About Milliken

For over 150 years, Milliken has been innovating with the purpose to explore, discover and create ways to enhance people's lives. Our community of innovators has developed one of the larger collections of United States patents held by a private U.S. company. With expertise across a breadth of disciplines, including specialty chemical, floor covering and performance materials, we work around the world every day to add true value to people's lives, improve health and safety, and help make the world more sustainable. For more information, visit <http://www.milliken.com> and join us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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