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Buxkin Founders

1. CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE BUXKIN COMPANY?

We are a dutch start-up company offering different types of products, for wall and floor-covering, upholsteries etc.

You can call us a self-producing and designing company. Started in 2015. We used to be colleagues in the 90's when we were working for the Swiss Company Ruckstuhl. In meantime we got a lot of knowledge from building contracts, wool-felt and acoustics. When we first had the idea to do more with the recycled leather we decided to start the Buxkin Company.

2. WHAT THE MEANING OF BUXKIN

Buxkin is a very old name. The name was already used for certain kind of trousers, consisting of leather and wool-felt too.

3. WERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

We are located in the Netherlands and starting to work with agents and importers now and we can handle all foreign demand.

4. WHAT MAKES YOUR PRODUCTS SO SPECIAL?

We use left-over materials to create our products.

Well they are made mostly of recycled, waste or natural material. It's our mission to contribute to solving the waste problem in the world. And we prefer natural materials because they are the most comfortable. What makes them unique too is the special look & feel. They can't be compared to any other products! And they have that lovely smell of new leather shoes. The product-characteristics seem contradictory. Namely they look tough, but feel soft.

BUXKIN[®]

/Creative use of
recycled materials

5. DOES YOUR PRODUCT HAVE ANY OTHER FEATURES?

What also makes our products special is the great acoustic value. Echos are reduced, because of the Ribbed structure. We thought about that too when we designed the products. And by making perforations and working in combination with felt, we offer the best, natural, acoustic product someone you could ever want.

6. WHO ARE YOU CLIENTS?

Our (first) clients are (interior)architects. Designing for the hospitality market, government, shop-in-shops in warehouses and public markets for instance, but also luxury homes and living rooms for private clients. But we also have much demand from the car industry. And fashion accessories.

7. CAN CLIENTS ASPECT STANDARD PRODUCTS OR CUSTOMIZED?

Both. The products for wall coverings are deliverable on rolls 30-40m long and 1.45m wide. Rugs or floor-coverings can be delivered in almost any size. Buxkin offers a standard collection. But we are looking forward for challenging custom-made demands of Architects and Designers.

8. WHERE ARE YOUR PRODUCTS MADE?

They are made in cooperation with European manufacturers, who comply with European labor standards.

9. WHERE ARE THEY SOLD?

We don't have shops. Actually we only deliver business-to-business. An exception is rugs which can be sold online.

10. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN A FEW YEARS TIME

In terms of our products we see them in cutting edge but natural buildings & rooms. And working together with lots of Architects and designers. Making more cool interior items. And creating more and more capacity to make cool products and design from natural left-overs.