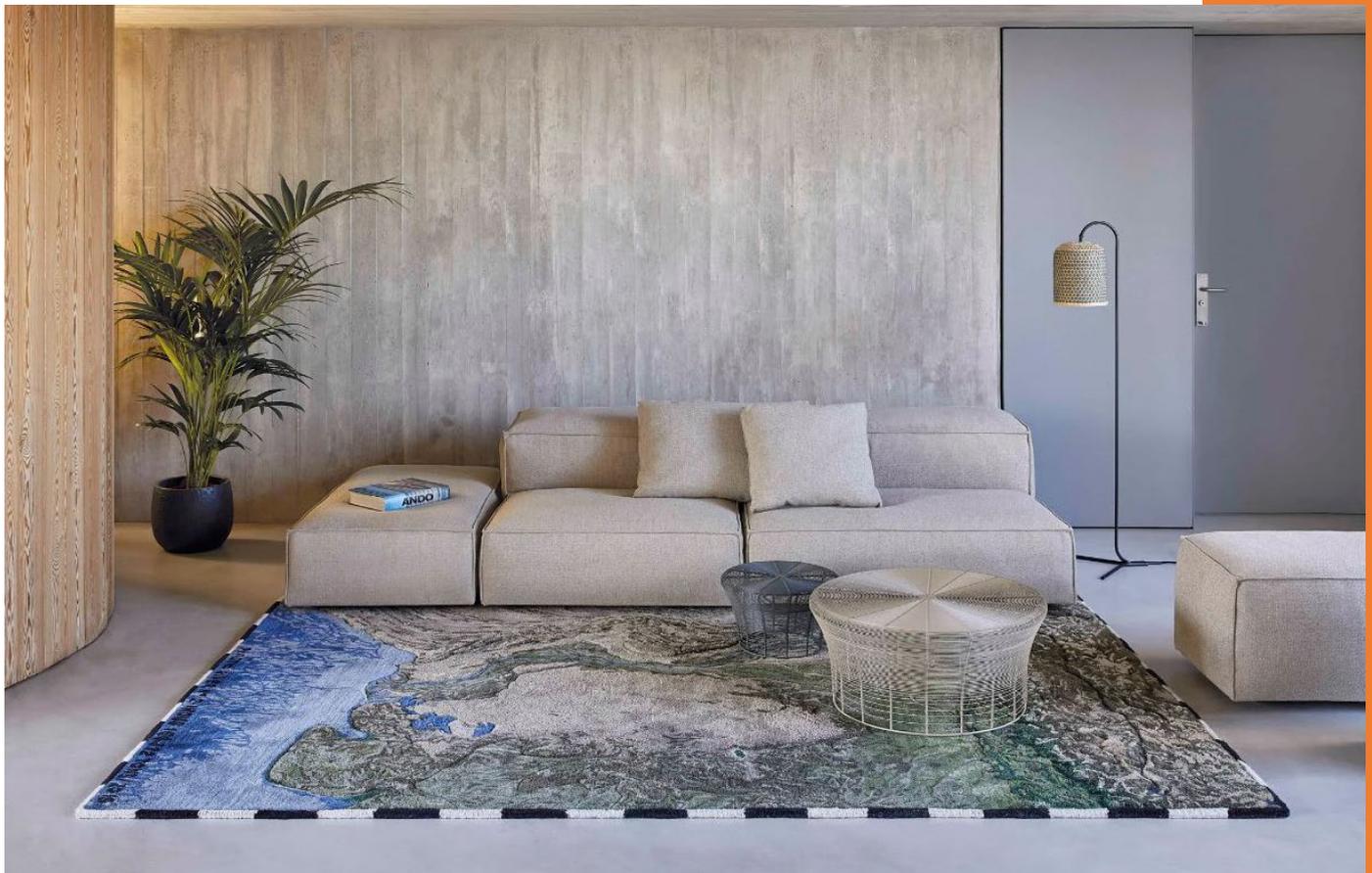




*Our assortment of*  
**Seriously  
Sustainable  
Stuff...**

This pack is an assortment of stuff we have spotted this month that we feel is worth reading about! So take a look at our top five and get in touch if you want to join the sustainable conversation!



*Number five*

## **Plastic River Rugs**

Designer Álvaro Catalán de Ocón has created a collection of rugs for Spanish brand Gan, which aims to expose and tackle the global issue of river pollution.

The four rugs in the range are named Ganges, Yangtze, Indus and Niger after significant waterways that have been affected by plastic pollution.

Each rug comes in shades of blue, green and brown and displays an aerial view of the river it is named after and its geographical surroundings. All are hand-made by artisans in India from 100 per cent recycled PET plastic fibres, making them highly durable and similar in texture to wool.



*Number four*

## **M&S Refill Trial**

M&S has introduced refillable own-brand cleaning and laundry products into six stores as it strives to reduce plastic packaging. Customers will be able to choose from eight pre-filled, own-brand homecare products, including cleaning sprays, laundry detergents, fabric conditioners and washing up liquids.

Shoppers need to pay a £2 deposit for the reusable bottle, which can be returned to store where customers will receive a £2 voucher redeemable against a second purchase which will be refilled into the bottle.

The concept is initially available at the retailer's recently opened Stevenage flagship and in Bluewater. It will be extended to four other stores over the summer.



*Number three*

## **Post Paper**

Designers Davide Onestini and Andre Trindade have been exploring the potential of re-using paper for both structural reasons and for the beautiful aesthetic that can be created with this material. First showcased at the Milan design week, Post Paper Studio aims to be a low-tech alternative to upcycle paper waste at a local level, promoting its value and its potential as a material for both design and construction.



*Number two*

# Birdhouse Hotel

Danish architecture studio BIG has revealed its Biosphere treehouse at the Treehotel in Swedish Lapland, which is surrounded by birdhouses. Created in collaboration with Swedish ornithologist Ulf Öhman, the hotel room was designed to immerse guests within the forest site, which is near the village of Harads.

The hotel room, which is suspended between two trees, is contained within a largely glazed cube. This cube is surrounded by a metal grid that supports 350 birdhouses of different sizes to create a spherical form.



*Number one*

# **Saving The Bees!**

The displays, at St Paul's Cathedral, see sculptures of Rowan Atkinson's character, Trevor, from his recently released Netflix show 'Man vs Bee' filled with pollen and nectar-rich wildflowers. The life-sized sculptures, entitled 'Growin Atkinson' are intended to raise awareness for how the public can help Britain's endangered bee population.

As the number of honeybee hives in the UK has soared, from people looking to help the environment, the number of native pollinators in the UK has dropped. With not enough nectar and pollen to go around, many native British bee species are now endangered. Experts believe that up to 17 UK bee species may now be extinct, with many more at risk.

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