

Inspirations for Leather – Edition Tirreno Spring/Summer 2017 trends

Edition Tirreno Spring/Summer 2017 forecast by BASF Leather Chemicals validates some pre-conceived colour choices, while alluding to new colour inspiration and direction. Intended to inspire tanners, the four colour directions are very versatile and can be adapted to designs for shoe upper leather, bag leather and garment leather.

BASF Leather Chemicals has outlined four leather trends for the spring/summer 2017 season to act as a guide for customers to be able to manufacture leather that is at the forefront of fashion.

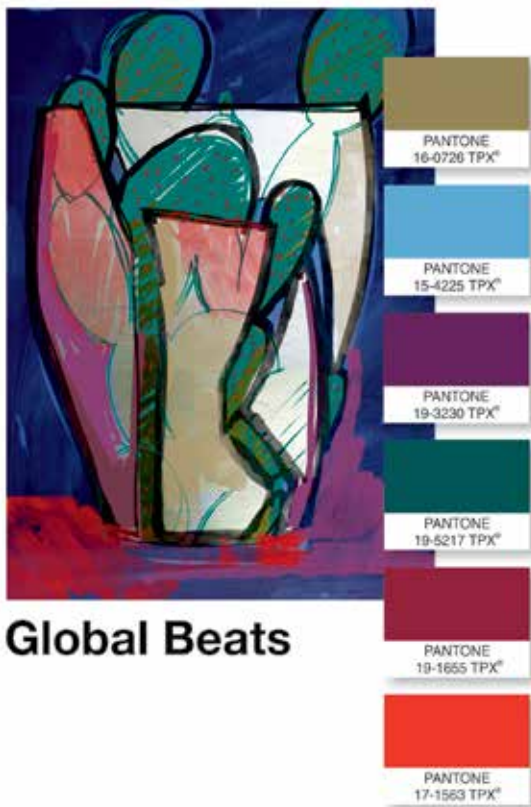
The colours make up romantic, urban ranges and are, at the same time, evocative of tones inspired by nature. The season's four macro-trends are: Eco-Balance, Lyrical Nature, Global Beats, and Digital Vision.

“Though consumer preferences and lifestyles are constantly changing spawning a desire for fresh colour palettes in leather design, style and colour coordination remains a consistent goal,” said Alex Wartini, BASF's vice president for Leather Chemicals.

Eco-Balance: This trend encompasses a minimalist aesthetic which reinvents itself from the simple to the refined. It evokes the colours and textures of natural surfaces, creases and wrinkles in the leather resonant with textures from nature, such as waves, resins, marble and wood. The key colours are shades of violet and mauve, with hints of greys and mustard yellow.



Lyrical Nature: As its name suggests, this trend expresses a certain rhythmic earthiness, the desire to recreate a natural, rural world in our everyday urban environment. It draws on the desire to live in a healthier way. Think wallpaper-influenced floral prints, textured leather suggestive of the warm tones of the home. It features leathers with padded effects, with contrasts between matte and gloss, and textures reminiscent of origami as well as of embroidery and the handcrafted. The highlights of this range include its pastel colours, leathers imitating the full range of denim, and leather crafted with lasers.



Global Beats: Global Beats encompasses the fusion of different cultures and intercultural codes. The beauty of rustic materials with Caribbean, African and Asian influences interact with ecological, musical rhythms. It features leathers which evoke handicraft, wickerwork, patchwork and plaiting. Leathers with aged and matte effects, fringes, patterns and Caribbean touches. Colours that conjure up maritime tones, with a range of blues, hints of beige alternating with fresh strokes of intense pinks and greens.

Digital Vision: The final trend is the most reflective of the world of youth and reflects the significance of geometry and 3D design. It comprises the season's brightest colours and sporty look: neon tones. The interplay of light on materials with iridescent and changing effects along with the patent leathers are the outstanding features of this inspiration for fashion leather.

