



**FREEDOM
IS FINALLY
YOURS**



Younique®

DESIGN A LAMINATE *by* FORMICA GROUP

FREEDOM TO **CHOOSE**

At last you have the freedom to dream and to create, using images, drawings, shapes and colours, bringing endless possibilities to your designs.

Younique® by Formica Group brings you a one-of-a-kind service, an all-new trademark that enables you to design a laminate and fully integrate patterns, logos, photographs, or graphics into your project design, creation and installation.

*NOW YOU CAN CHOOSE **WHAT**,
YOU CAN CHOOSE **WHERE**,
YOU CAN CHOOSE **HOW**.*


With **Younique**, freedom is finally yours.

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FREEDOM
TO **INSPIRE**





Set your imagination free.

Younique® offers you endless solutions to create customised and personalised environments, with all the advantages of Formica® Laminate.

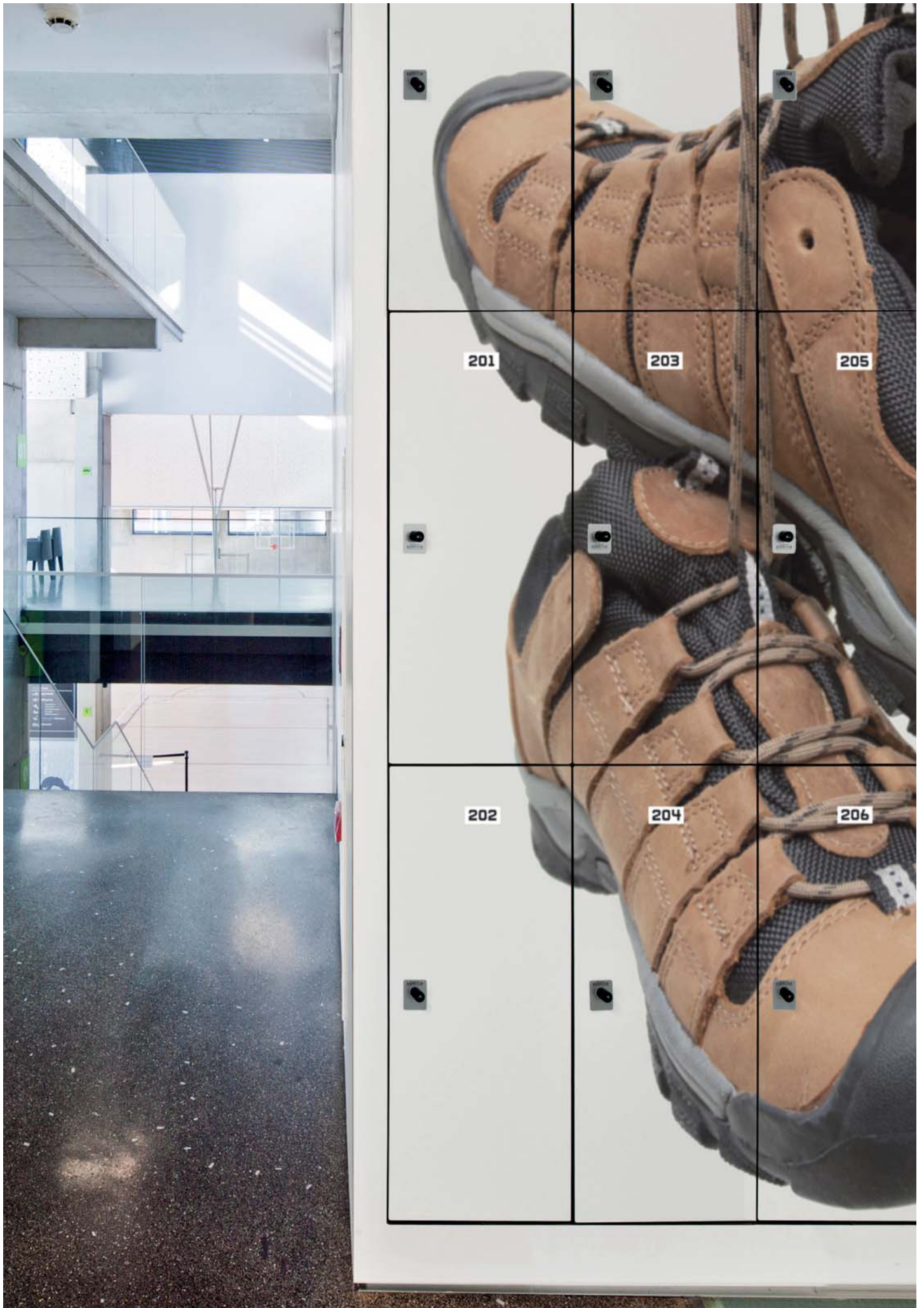
An inspiring photo, fun drawings, graffiti messaging or a brand logo. Anything is possible creating spaces that are all your own.

100% YOURS

FREEDOM TO **ENERGISE**

Bring your ideas to real life and let energy transcend right from Formica® laminates into everyday action.





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WHERE

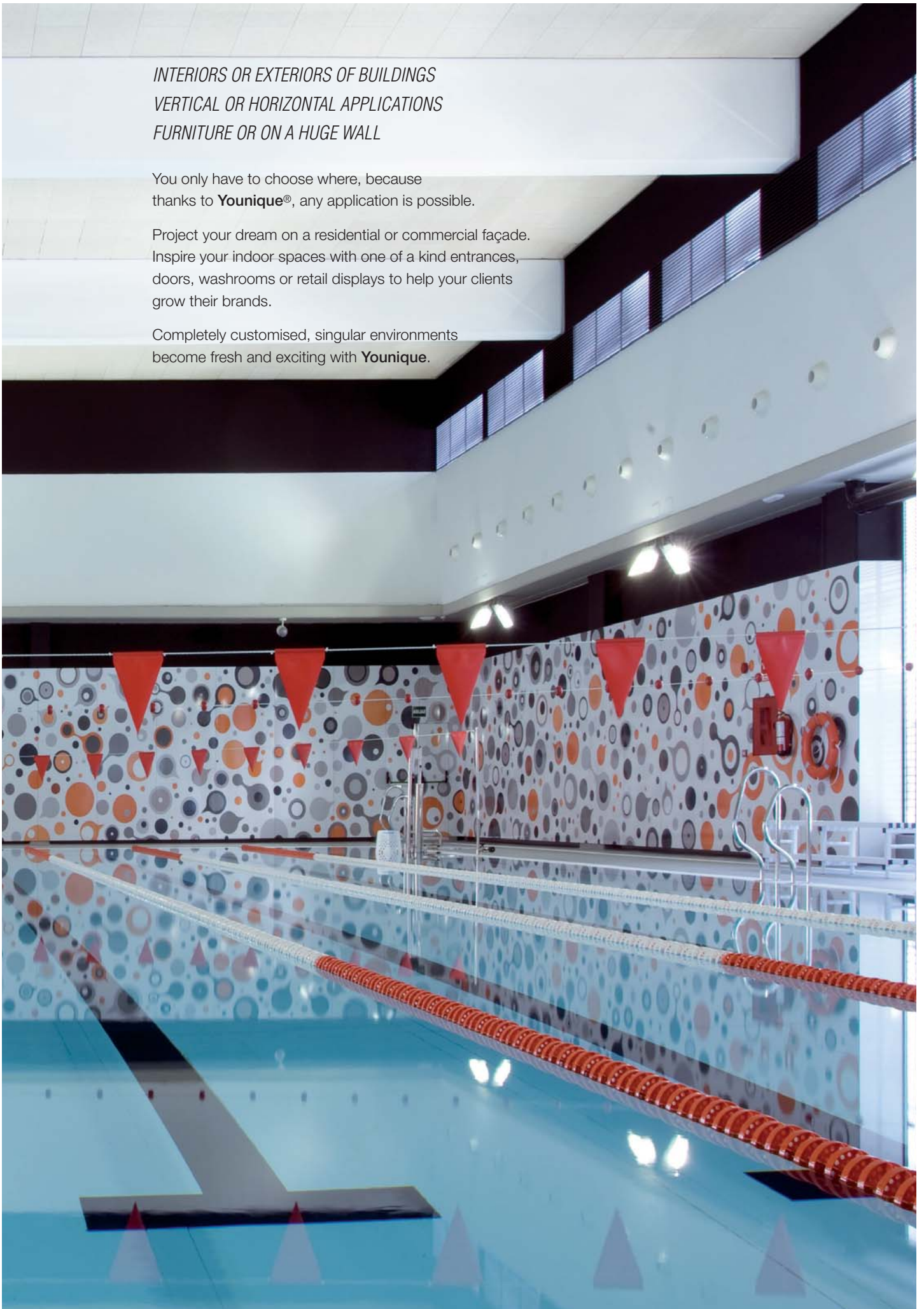


*INTERIORS OR EXTERIORS OF BUILDINGS
VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL APPLICATIONS
FURNITURE OR ON A HUGE WALL*

You only have to choose where, because thanks to **Younique®**, any application is possible.

Project your dream on a residential or commercial façade. Inspire your indoor spaces with one of a kind entrances, doors, washrooms or retail displays to help your clients grow their brands.

Completely customised, singular environments become fresh and exciting with **Younique**.





FREEDOM
WITH
DURABILITY

Younique® service allows you to combine unlimited creativity with all the high performance properties of Formica® Laminate.

RESISTANCE TO VANDALISM

THERMAL RESISTANCE

MOISTURE RESISTANCE

FIRE RESISTANCE

ABRASION AND SCRATCH RESISTANCE

RESISTANCE TO COLOUR FADING

EASE OF CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE

COST EFFECTIVE WITH LONG LIFE EXPECTANCY

A high quality, durable solution.



FREEDOM MADE **EASY**

For your convenience Formica Group takes care of the entire process, offering great ease for projects: from file sharing, sample approval, the printing process, to manufacturing and installation guidance of the panels.

*SO SIMPLE, **AND SO EASY***



Younique® utilises the latest in print technologies to deliver optimum visual replication of your designs and original artworks. Access to both digital and silk-screen prints is another advantage provided by Formica Group. Our team will advise you on the best printing options according to your project needs for image optimisation and the most economical solution on a project-by-project basis.

DIGITAL PRINTING

Ideal for photographic, detailed or multicoloured projects or for small run production with no set-up costs and ease of translation from file to print. File transfer is made easy via multiple options for receiving images.

SILK-SCREEN PRINTING

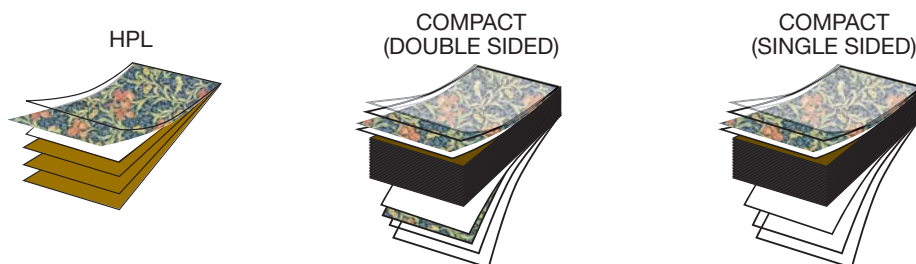
Ideal for bold, vibrant patterns where specific solid colour references are key (RAL®, Pantone® Matching System or NCS®). Silk-screen printing is cost-effective when the fixed set-up costs are factored out over larger volume production.





FREEDOM
WITH FUNCTION

Younique® is a service to create designs with a customised, printed image as its decorative face that are executed in High Pressure Laminate (HPL). Formica® laminates created through the **Younique** service incorporate the printed image in the laminate structure and not just on the surface; this affords a much greater resistance to damage and ease of maintenance. Laminates created with the **Younique** service can be either single sided High Pressure Laminate or Compact in single sided or double sided format in varying thicknesses and textures.



All Formica laminates can be supplied with a protective film coating as an option.

Formica® products provide unbeatable solutions for most environments and applications. Highly resistant to impact and wear and tear, Formica laminates provide assurance that surfaces will perform reliably and continue to look good for many years with minimal fuss. The inert surface is hygienic and easy to clean and care for, leading to long life expectancy without demanding maintenance routines. Screen-printed laminates are supplied in **Postforming grade** (HGP, 0.7mm) whilst digital print laminates are supplied in standard grade (HGS, 0.9mm). Both can be used with a variety of substrates to create stylish, practical elements for both vertical and horizontal applications. HGP laminate can be postformed to create curved details, eliminating joints that can disturb visuals or harbour dirt and germs. HGS laminate is ideal for flat-bonded horizontal applications.

Compact grade laminate is ideally suited to particularly demanding environments subject to high levels of impact, humidity and wear and tear. Most compact laminates are self-supporting, (needing no further bonding to substrates), and provide superior, dependable performance throughout the life of the application.

Younique service produces laminates that conform to the European standard of EN438:2005 for physical properties other than high temperature surface effects as detailed in the 180°C Dry Heat and the 100°C boil tests, which can damage the printed surface. Therefore the laminates are not recommended for worktops or similar environments and cannot be guaranteed as such.

MANUFACTURING POSSIBILITIES

SIZES

Sheet size (mm)	Maximum printed area possible (mm)
2440x1220	2410x1190
3050x1300	3020x1270
3050x1220	3020x1190
3660x1525*	3630x1495

*Only available in digital print.

Finished board sizes and maximum printable areas, always centred for length and width.

THICKNESSES

HGP: 0.7 mm / HGS: 0.9 mm / Compact: 3.0 – 20.0 mm



SURFACE FINISHES

Description	Designation	Code
Matte 58™	MAT	58
Gloss™	GLS	90

Other finishes may be available by request.

GRADES

HGP: Horizontal, General purpose, Postforming, sanded one side.

HGS: Horizontal, General purpose, Standard.

VFP*: Vertical, Flame retardant, Postforming.

CGS: Compact, General purpose, Standard, single sided inspected, one good side.

EDS: Exterior grade, Severe use, Standard.

EDF*: Exterior grade, Severe use, Flame-retardant.

*Only available in silk-screen.

YOUNIQUE® SERVICE GUIDELINES (A 4-STEP PROCESS MADE EASY)

1. FILE SHARING - ARTWORK SUPPLY GUIDELINES

IMAGE SHARING:

All files should be submitted via our Younique landing page:

www.formica.com/younique_fileshare.

For assistance please contact the Younique team at younique@formica.com.



FORMAT REQUIREMENTS:

- Artwork is preferred from the Adobe Suite in .eps .ai .indd .tiff .psd formats.
- All relevant links and fonts of original artwork files are required.
- Raster (image) artwork is required in .tiff format.
- Artwork should be submitted in CMYK, if not it will be converted automatically.
- Scale of 10% or 100% is recommended.
- Resolution: minimum of 100 dpi full size (e.g. when working at 10%, files must be 1000 dpi).

ARTWORK PROCESSING INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 4 colour black values are C65 M53 Y51 K100.
- Fonts must be supplied or outlined (be sure to ZIP files if submitted by e-mail to prevent corruption).
- For large murals and certain applications, less than 100dpi may be acceptable. Please contact the Younique service department for advice.
- Use the page setup options to specify bleed. 5mm around each image are required for finishing.
- Printed white requirements for 1. Vector - spot colour is required, 2. Raster - alpha channel is required.
- You must have the rights to use any image supplied to Formica Group for reproduction through the Younique service. An IP (intellectual property) agreement is included with all quotations, to ensure basic copyright laws are upheld.

2. ADVANCE APPROVAL OF SAMPLE

- All projects are subject to sample and visual approval by customer.
- Digital output samples or silk-screen colour match samples must be approved by the designer or client prior to order acceptance.
- Sample size will vary depending on the project.

Lead time: files transfer, samples, visuals and approval, 7 - 10 working days.



3. PRINTING & MANUFACTURE

Upon approval of layouts and samples, order acceptance is possible.

INFORMATION FOR ORDER PLACEMENT:

- quantity
- grade
- surface finish
- measurements
- indication of protective film or not



Laminate manufacturing lead time is 5 weeks excluding delivery.

2 WEEKS Files transfer, samples and approval



5 WEEKS Laminate manufacturing excluding delivery

4. QUALITY CONTROL

The Younique® support team is available at all times to ensure the smoothest processing of all projects. Advice is available on matters from file creation or resourcing, to product requirements and applications. Some considerations to keep in mind:

ALTERATIONS

- If your artwork requires alteration, please contact the Younique support team at younique@formica.com.
- Production time may increase if guidelines are not adhered to.
- We reserve the right to charge for additional artwork time where appropriate, any such costs will be authorised before processing.

COLOUR MATCHING

- If matching to a specific colour is required, printed proof samples must be provided.
- Be aware that colour matching can be challenging due to the nature of the process and the range of achievable colours.
- Remember, in-house pigment mixed inks for silk-screen are better for exact colour system matches, digital print is restricted to inherent CMYK values and print settings.

OVERALL PROJECT LEAD TIME IS 6 TO 7 WEEKS

1. Image files, samples, visuals and order receipt - 1 to 2 weeks.
2. Laminate manufacturing excluding transport - 5 weeks



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have questions, we have your answers...

Q: Can AR Plus® finish be used with Younique service?

A: Yes, for interior use only and not available in EDS and EDF.

Q: Can laminate with Younique service be postformed?

A: Yes, HGP grade laminate, which is available in silk-screen only, can be postformed, HGS (digital) grade laminate can be formed to a shallow radius in a cold jig but cannot be postformed.

Q: Is there a minimum order quantity on Younique laminates?

A: No, you can order from just one sheet, prices will increase for small volumes as with any custom product.

Q: For file sharing, can PDFs be used?

A: PDFs are not recommended since colour accuracy can be compromised, transparency within the artwork may not be rendered correctly and alterations may not be possible. All file formats will be considered, but those specified in the technical information will be likely to produce the best results.

Q: Do all laminates by Younique service come with protective film?

A: No. Customers need to indicate if protective film is desired at order placement.

Q: Can Formica Group guarantee print alignment?

A: We cannot guarantee internal alignment of the prints. The laminate can be supplied with cut marks for secondary trimming to exact sizes with a tolerance of +/- 1.5mm per linear metre. External off square <1.5mm/m, internal print off square <7mm/m.

Q: How closely can double sided compact images be aligned?

A: Images for double sided compact are not guaranteed to align exactly, Formica Group will try to align images within 10mm of each other, however, due to manufacturing processes this cannot be guaranteed.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Younique support team or your local Formica sales team for further information. FAQ's will be updated frequently online at www.formica.com.



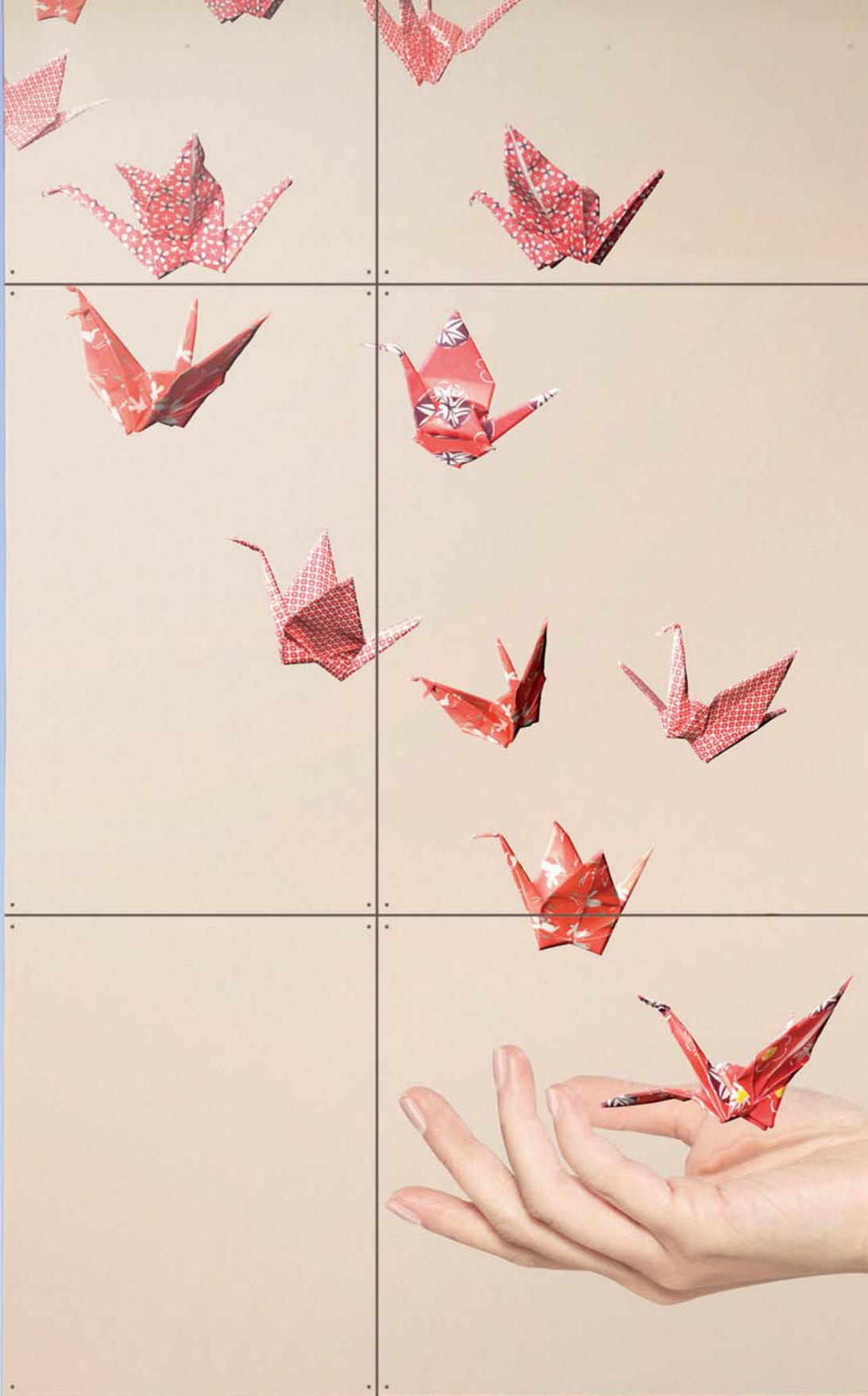
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