

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 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,**  
**CHOOSE WHERE,**  
**CHOOSE HOW.**

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

**Younique®**

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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.

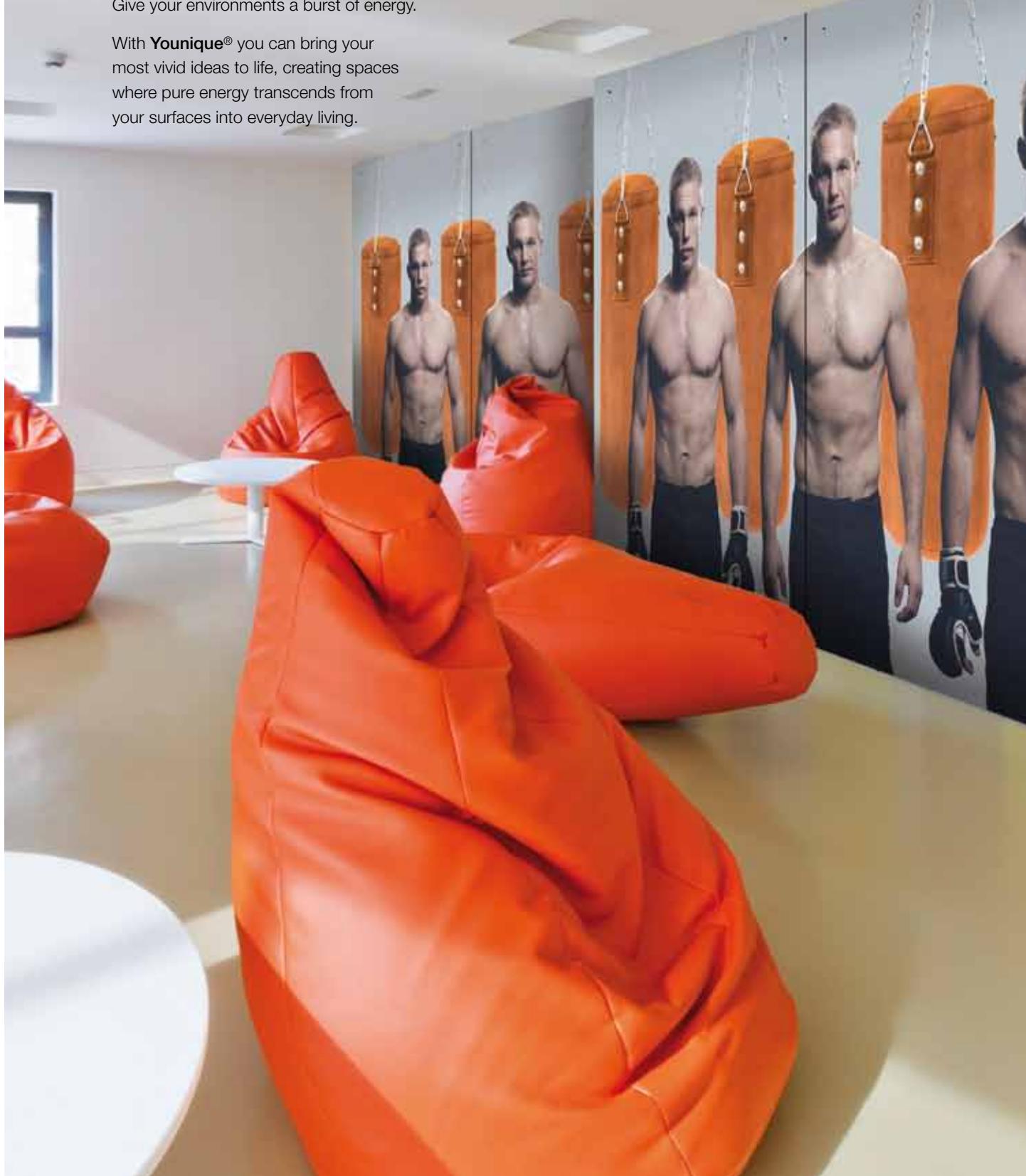
An inspiring photo, fun drawings, custom messaging or a brand logo. Anything is possible creating spaces that are all your own.

100% **YOURS**

# FREEDOM TO ENERGISE

Give your environments a burst of energy.

With **Younique®** you can bring your most vivid ideas to life, creating spaces where pure energy transcends from your surfaces into everyday living.





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**WHERE**



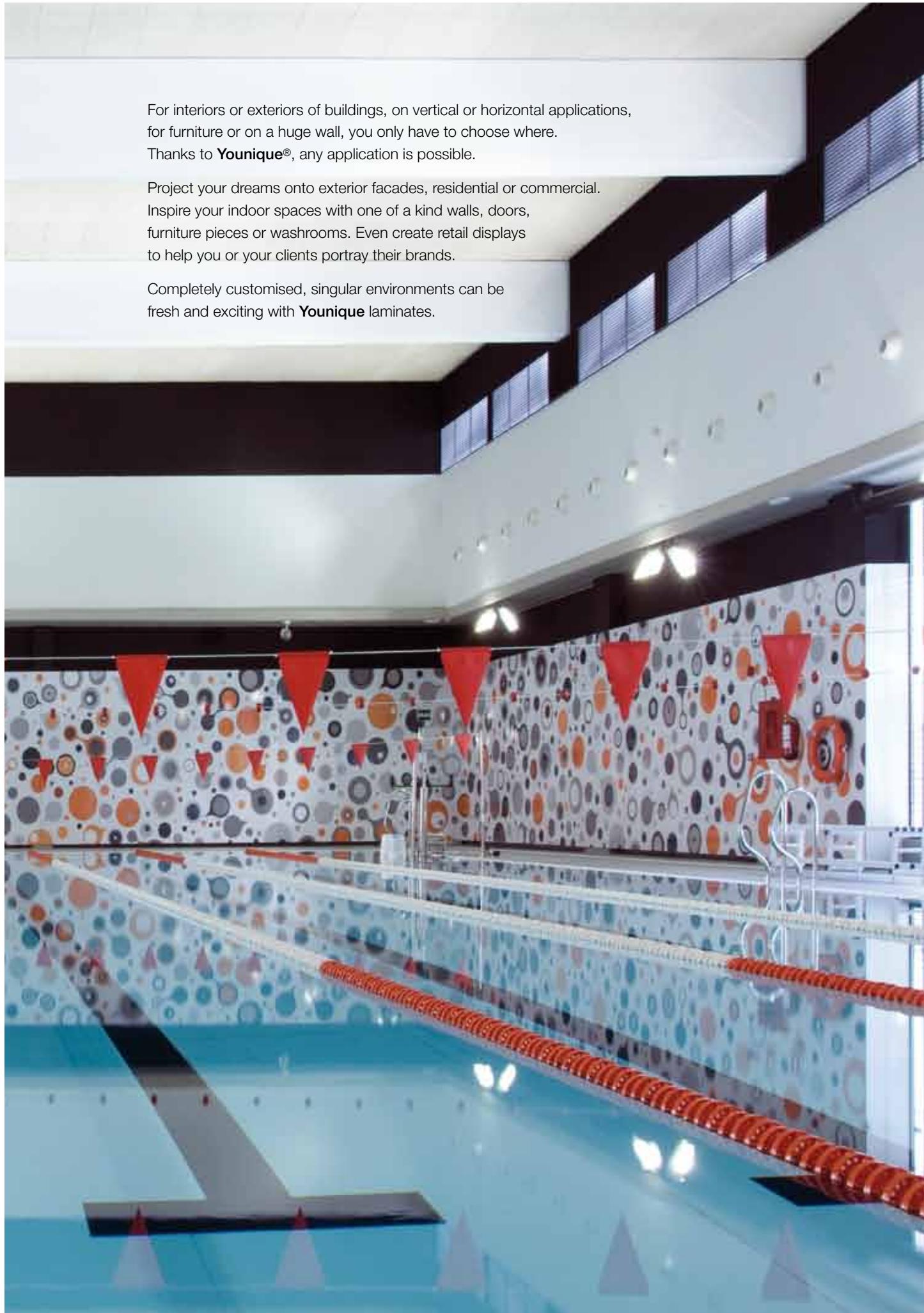
For interiors or exteriors of buildings, on vertical or horizontal applications, for furniture or on a huge wall, you only have to choose where.

Thanks to **Younique®**, any application is possible.

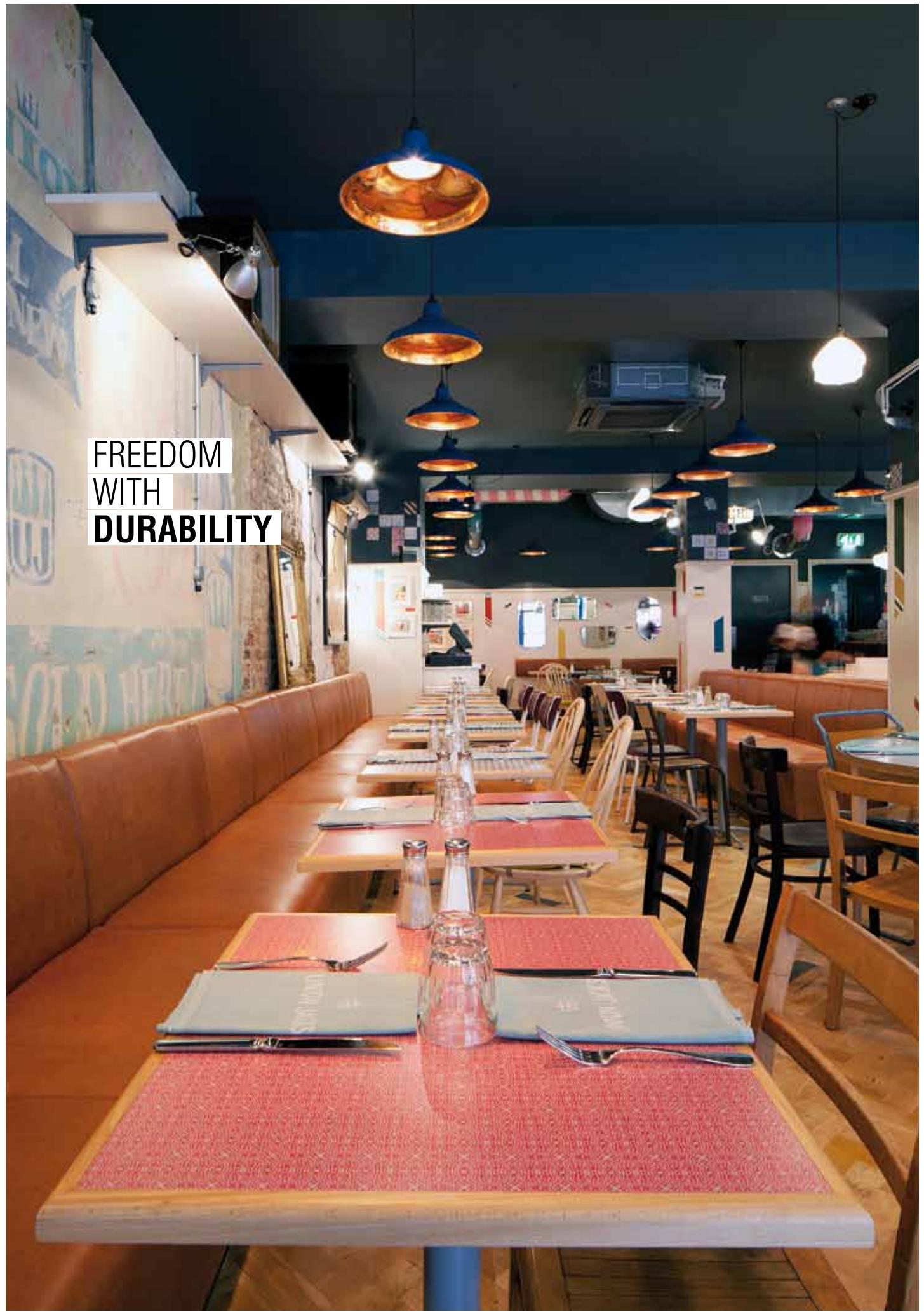
Project your dreams onto exterior facades, residential or commercial.

Inspire your indoor spaces with one of a kind walls, doors, furniture pieces or washrooms. Even create retail displays to help you or your clients portray their brands.

Completely customised, singular environments can be fresh and exciting with **Younique** laminates.



**FREEDOM  
WITH  
DURABILITY**



**Younique®** 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

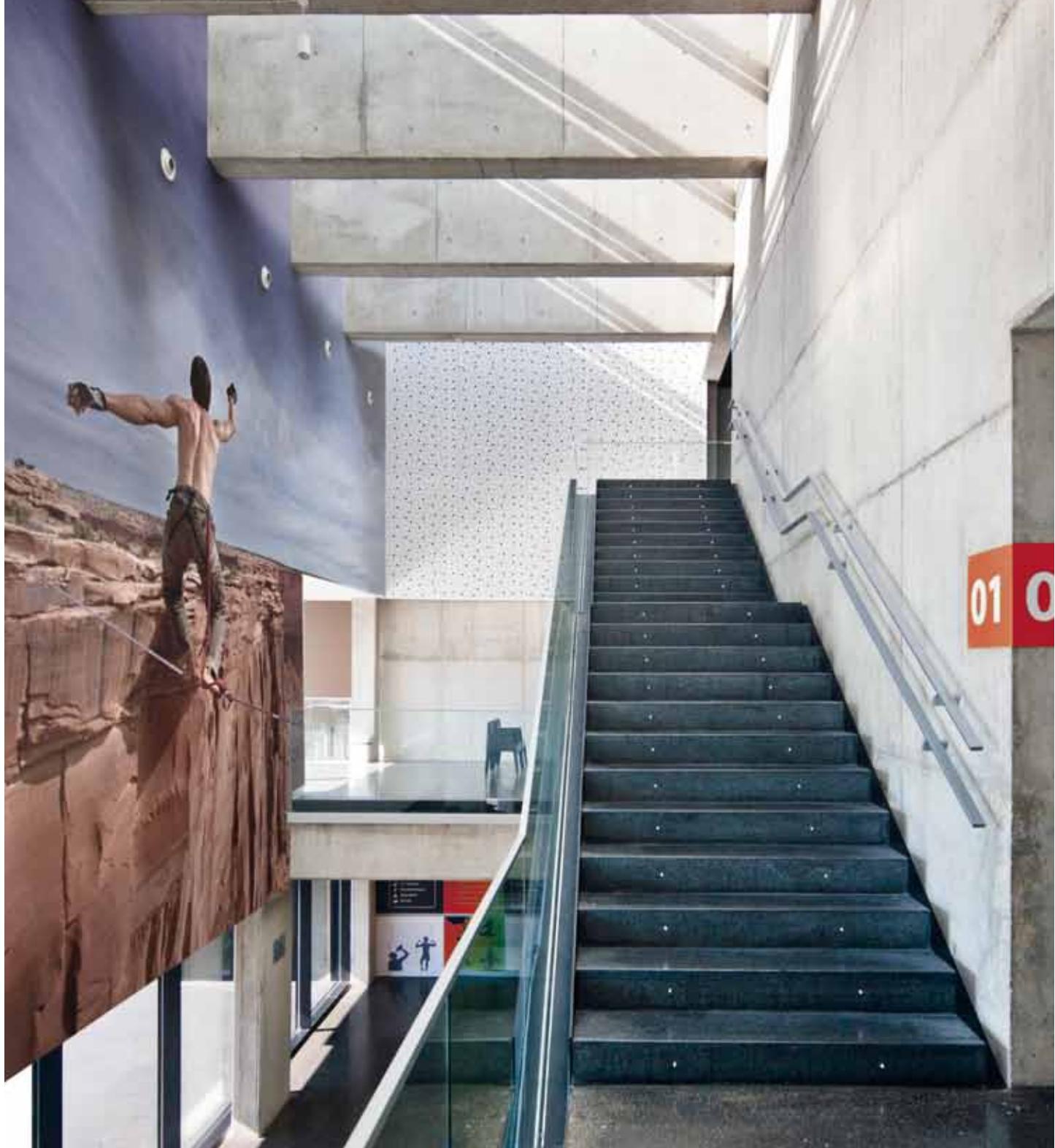
A high quality, durable solution.



# 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.





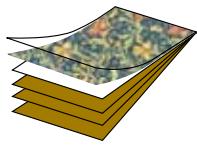
FREEDOM  
WITH **FUNCTION**



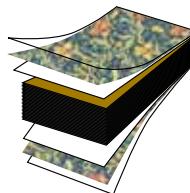
**Younique®** by Formica Group is a High Pressure Laminate with a customised, printed image as its decorative face. The printed image in Younique laminates is incorporated in the laminate structure and not just printed on the surface; this affords a much greater resistance to damage and ease of maintenance. Younique laminates can be either single sided, thin High Pressure Laminate, or Compact in single sided or double sided format in varying thicknesses and textures.

All Younique projects are priced on volume and complexity. For further information on sizes, pricing quotes, lead-time, file transfer options, etc. go to [www.formica.com](http://www.formica.com) or contact your local Formica Group sales office or representative.

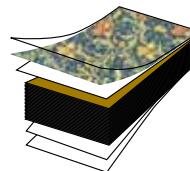
High Pressure Laminate  
(for bonding to a substrate)



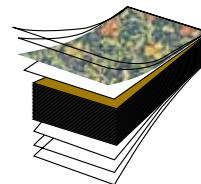
Compact Structural Laminate  
(double sided)



Compact Structural Laminate  
(single sided)



Exterior Compact Structural Laminate



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

Formica Group products provide unbeatable solutions for most environments and applications. Highly resistant to impact and wear and tear, Younique 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 laminates 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.

Sheet size (mm)	Maximum printed area (mm)
2440 x 1220	2410 x 1190
3050 x 1300	3020 x 1270
3050 x 1220	3020 x 1190
3660 x 1525*	3630 x 1495*

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

\*Only available in digital print.

Grade	Grade Description	Thickness (mm)
HGP*	Horizontal, General purpose, Postforming	0.7
HGS	Horizontal, General purpose, Standard	0.9
VFP*	Vertical, Flame retardant, Postforming	0.7
CGS	Compact, General purpose, Standard	3 - 20
CGF*	Compact, General Purpose, Flame-Retardant	3 - 20
EDS	Exterior grade, Severe use, Standard	6, 8, 10
EDF*	Exterior grade, Severe use, Flame-retardant	6, 8, 10

\*Only available in silk-screen print.

#### Surface Finish Codes

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

\*Only for interior.

Other finishes may be available by request.



**2 WEEKS Files transfer, samples and approval****5 WEEKS Laminate manufacturing excluding delivery**

## **1. FILE SHARING - ARTWORK SUPPLY GUIDELINES**

### **IMAGE SHARING:**

All files should be submitted via our Younique® landing page:

**www.formica.com**

For assistance please contact the Younique service team at [younique@formica.com](mailto: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 100 dpi may be acceptable. Please contact the Younique service team 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.



## **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.



## 4. QUALITY CONTROL

The Younique® service 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](mailto: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.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

**Q: Can Younique laminates be produced with the AR Plus® finish?**

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

**Q: Can Younique laminates 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?**

**A:** There is no minimum order quantity. 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 Younique laminates come with protective film?**

**A:** Protective film is not offered as standard. Customers need to indicate if protective film is desired at order placement.

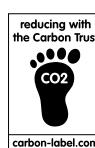
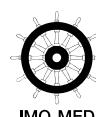
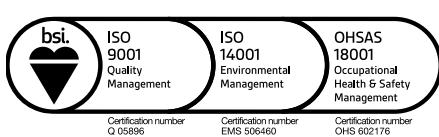
**Q: Can Formica Group guarantee print alignment?**

**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.

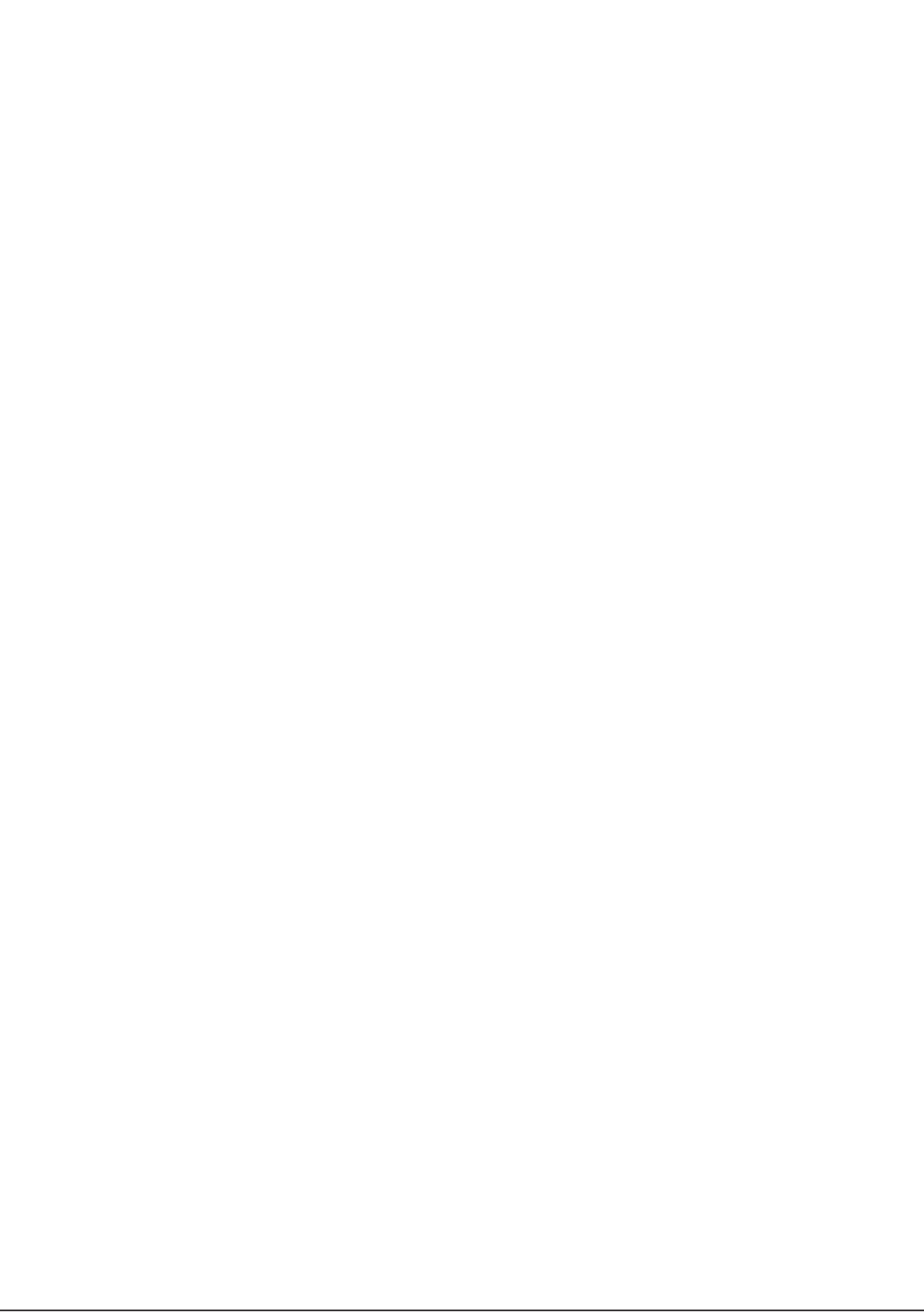
If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Younique service team or your local Formica sales team for further information. FAQ's will be updated frequently online at [www.formica.com](http://www.formica.com).



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