

Decorator's Notebook

Earth Hues Set The Tone In Home Décor

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, decorators and makers of home furnishings are turning to color themes inspired by hues found in the earth. Not your mother's earth tones, so prevalent in the 1970s, they're now clean, pure and lush, making them a truly modern statement rather than retro-inspired.

For example, a fresh take on shades of cool brown are complemented with highlights of warm caramel, mocha, light golden blonde and even tints of burnt orange in the predominant color statements from furniture manufacturer Natuzzi.

"Sensual and sensational. These are the two guiding principles behind the latest Natuzzi color introductions," said Pasquale Natuzzi, designer and CEO. "Gold, steel and bronze coupled with dramatic browns, oranges and blues mix glamorous with earthiness."

Luxe, vibrant colors, as well as more muted and complicated tones are peppered through Natuzzi's Casual, Urban and Vintage collections, bringing the senses back to nature.

Environments are created to evoke memories in the Vintage Collection. Colors are balanced, vibrant and generous. The predominant theme is that of upscale naturals such as burgundy, raisin, nude and saddle brown.

Specific to the Vintage lifestyle, the company's classic version of



NOT YOUR MOTHER'S EARTH TONES: Decorators are turning to color themes that are described as clean, pure, lush and inspired by the hues of the earth.

"chesterfield" sofa, the King, model 2102, is updated in deep burgundy leather.

The Urban and Casual Collections also take the neutrals and bump them up a bit with rich chocolate and cocoa brown underscored with a hint of purple and mushroom. The reddish orange color family, referenced as "orange and red coral," highlights the browns with touches of gold and bronze.

The Casual lifestyle is filled with spicy colors, as well as soft and vibrant golds represented in leathers, fabrics, Dreamfibre® and Alcantara® Elegance coverings. Color influences from a hot Mediterranean night are seen in strong oranges and red hues such as Coral, Tangerine and Cinnabar designed to contrast with deep raisin, thistle-like purple and mossy greens.

Founded in 1959, Natuzzi S.p.A. designs and manufactures a broad collection of residential upholstered furniture. To learn more, visit www.natuzzi.com.