Alinel colour trends

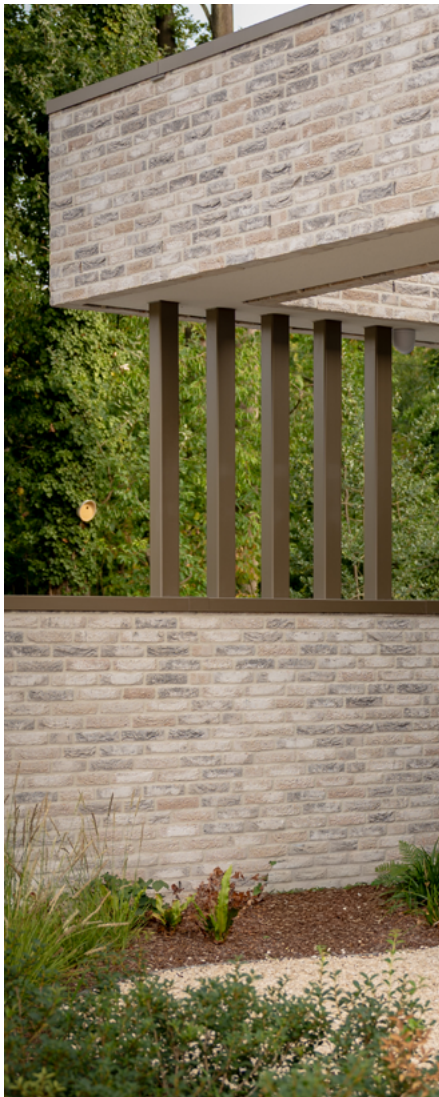


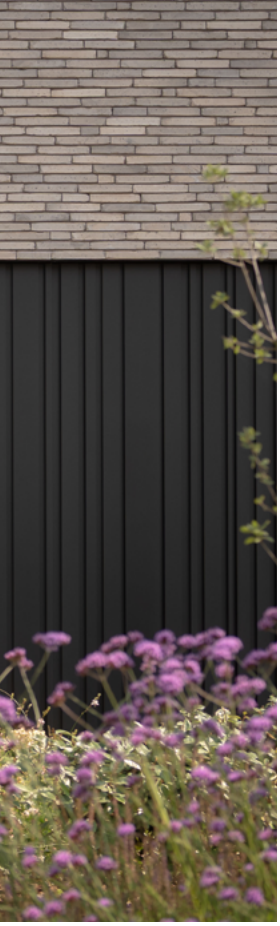


Introduction

Architects are seeking greater nuance, more depth and a stronger sense of identity in their projects. Colour is playing an increasingly important role in this. At the same time we are seeing trends evolve: from safe, neutral palettes to bold and carefully considered colour choices. This shift is being driven by clients, who are increasingly seeking character and personality in their homes or projects, and are therefore more open to colour as a design element in its own right.

Alinel Type A - anodic bronze





Alinel Type E - black

At Alinel, we support that freedom. Our aluminium facade cladding is available in up to 400 RAL colours, which can be combined with a matt, gloss or textured finishes. In addition, we offer various other finished as alternatives for those who wish to break away from the norm.

In this overview, we set out the colour trends for aluminium facade cladding, as inspiration for projects where something a little more special is called for.



Alinel Type A - black



Powder coating, mastered down to the last detail



Almost all Alinel profiles are coloured using powder coating, with the exception of Type B Wood, which uses a specific film to achieve a wood-effect finish.

Today, powder coating goes far beyond simply applying a uniform layer of colour. By varying the powders, textures and finishing techniques, a wide range of visual effects can be created - from a calm, smooth finish to a subtle texture. The chosen finishing technique helps determine how a facade is perceived. Matt, gloss or textured finishes each give a different appearance and interact with the incidence of light, shadow and detailing.

As we manage the entire powder coating process in-house, we retain maximum control over quality and finishing. This enables us to work consistently, whilst also continuing to refine and innovate where necessary. This freedom makes it possible to tailor aluminium facade cladding to the architectural vision of the project. Whether subtle or bold, understated or with greater depth. Powder coating offers the freedom to go beyond colour alone.

The colour of your façade cladding never stands alone. It forms part of a larger whole in which materials, forms and context come together. Brickwork, roof finishes and external joinery often already set clear parameters.

That is precisely where the power of colour lies: not as a filler, but as an accent. A well-considered choice of colour can enhance volumes, emphasise lines and create contrast between different materials. It brings rhythm to the facade and directs the focus where the design requires it.

Facade cladding thus becomes not a separate element, but a strategic layer within the architecture. It is the interplay between materials that creates character.



Alinel Type A - anodic dark bronze

Your facade is more than the sum of its parts

Green as a striking trend

Shades of green are clearly gaining ground in facade cladding. They add depth to the facade's appearance and create a powerful yet balanced whole.
RAL 6020 (chrome green) is a strong example of this. This deep, muted shade of green looks sleek and timeless, yet gives the facade more character than classic black or anthracite. **RAL 7013 (Brown-grey)** and **RAL 7002 (Olive-grey)** are also becoming increasingly popular. They create a calm appearance and complement homes that aim to blend into their surroundings without looking dull.

For property developers, this primarily means greater choice. Green feels less harsh than black, yet remains just as stylish and sustainable over time. Moreover, it combines easily with other materials such as brick, timber or aluminium, in both rural and urban settings. This gives the facade greater cohesion and a distinct identity.

RAL 6020 - chrome green

RAL 7013 - brown-grey

RAL 7002 - olive-grey



Alinel Type C - chrome green

RAL-colour trends

The evolution in the use of colour within facade architecture continues. Classic black remains a feature, but is increasingly being complemented or replaced by more colourful shades. Three colour families clearly stand out at the moment.



Black remains a staple

Black remains one of the most popular colours for facade cladding. It has been used consistently for years in a wide range of projects, from residential properties to larger architectural structures.
Colours such as **RAL 9005 (Jet Black)**, **RAL 9004 (Signal Black)** and **RAL 8022 (Black-Brown)** are among the most commonly used variants. They demonstrate that black is not a single, fixed colour, but varies from deep and high-contrast to slightly softer or warmer in appearance.
The power of black lies in its clarity: it creates clean lines between volumes and allows other materials and accents to come forward. Even within a broader and evolving colour palette, black therefore remains a logical and widely used choice.

RAL 9005 - jet black *RAL 9004 - signal black*

RAL 8022 - black-brown



Alinel Type F - black

Brown brings warmth

Shades of brown are increasingly being used in projects where warmth and materiality are central. They align with an architectural approach that places greater emphasis on experience and a tangible connection with natural materials.
Colours such as **RAL 8019 (Grey-brown)**, **RAL 8014 (Sepia brown)** and **RAL 8004 (Copper brown)** are among the most popular choices. They demonstrate just how broad the spectrum is: from the more subdued and dark to the warmer and more expressive.
Brown is often used to soften facades and help them blend in better with their surroundings. It combines naturally with materials such as wood and brick, but works just as well in contrast with more sleek elements such as aluminium or glass.
As a result, brown is emerging as a fully-fledged alternative within the colour palette, particularly in designs where athmosphere and materiality play a key role.

RAL 8019 - grey-brown *RAL 8014 - sepia brown* *RAL 8004 - copper brown*

Alinel Type B - copper brown



The Anodics



Alinel Type A - anodic bronze

The anodic look gives aluminium facade cladding an elegant, metallic appearance reminiscent of anodised aluminium. The difference lies in the finishing process: whilst classic (chemical) anodising can sometimes result in visible colour variations between different production batches, our approach ensures a uniform and consistent colour.

With anodic powder coating, we combine this aesthetic with the benefits of a controlled and sustainable process. You are assured of a uniform, colour-fast finishing result across the entire project, with no surprises in terms of shade variations.

Subtle metallic

The strength of anodic colours lies in ther subtlety. Depending on the light, they change in intensity, giving the facade a different appearance throughout the day.
The colour palette is extensive and carefully curated. From warm bronze and soft champagne shades to more pronounced gold tones, each with a refined metallic touch.

Bronze as a favourite

Several anodic shades stand out within the range. Colours such as **Anodic Bronze, Anodic Medium Bronze and Anodic Dark Bronze** are among the most popular choices.
The bronze colours in particular seem to be popular, as they combine warmth with a refined metallic finish. They complement both natural materials and sleeker, modern architecture. The rise of **Anodic Dark Bronze** is particularly striking. This deep, warm shade is rapidly gaining popularity and is being used more and more frequently in both residential and larger-scale projects.
The anodic finish thus offers a strong alternative for those seeking a facade with greater depth and sophistication.

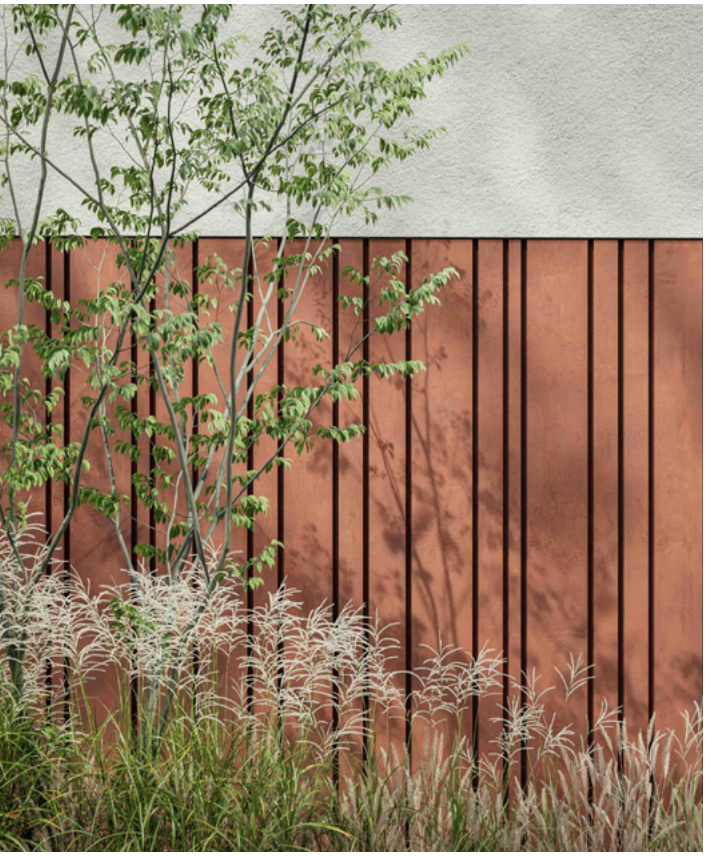
anodic bronze *anodic medium bronze*

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Alinel Type F - anodic dark bronze

Corten steel



Alinel Type E - cortensteel-look



Alinel Type A - cortensteel-look

The warm, rust-brown colour of corten steel blends seamlessly with natural elements and gives facades a distinctive, characterful appearance. This look remains particularly popular in contemporary architecture.

In practice, however, we see that corten steel itself is used less frequently. The material has a number of drawbacks, such as rust deposits on surrounding surfaces and a colour change that is difficult to control.

De Alinel corten steel-look

With our own **corten steel look**, we therefore translate that aesthetic into aluminium facade cladding. Thanks to a specially developed powder coating process, devised by our own specialists, we are able to accurately replicate the typical, irregular colour pattern of corten steel.

The look of steel with the benefits of aluminium

Anyone who loves the robust look of corten steel but prefers certainty and convenience will find a fully-fledged alternative here. Our powder coating with a corten steel finish combines visual impact with technical advantages.

No rust build-up, no uncontrolled colour changes and no restrictions on use. This finishing option is available on all Alinel types, making it versatile for use in a wide range of architectural projects.

From modern homes to more striking architectural structures: the corten steel-look offers design freedom to those seeking a facade with greater character.

cortensteel-look

The wood-look



Alinel Type B wood - oak malt



Alinel Type B wood - oak toffee

The wood-look finishing has become an indispensable feature today. More and more architects and clients are opting for this finishing as an alternative to real wood, thanks to its warm appearance combined with the low-maintenance nature of aluminium.

With Alinel Type B Wood, these two worlds come together in a single solution: the technical advantages of aluminium, coupled with the natural look of wood. The profiles of this type are finished with a film that creates a realistic wood grain. The result is a durable and low-maintenance facade that radiates both warmth and approachability.

The power of a natural material

Wood remains a particularly popular material in architecture. Its warm appearance and natural texture make it a strong choice for a wide range of designs. That is precisely why, with Type B Wood, we offer a low-maintenance alternative that approximates that same aesthetic, without the drawbacks of real wood.

The natural look remains timeless and fits in well with various architectural styles. From country homes to sleek, modern buildings: the wood-look brings warmth to any project.

Wood-look: choosing between light or dark

Lighter wood tones, such as our **Oak Malt** shade, have long been popular and remain a staple in a wide range of projects. At the same time, we are seeing darker wood tones, such as **Oak Toffee**, being used more and more frequently to add extra depth and character to a facade. With these two carefully selected shades, Type B Wood offers the flexibility to create both light, soft designs and more distinctive, warm facade appearances.

oak malt *oak toffee*

1.

Green as a deepening accent

Vandersanden's Wapper/Rainbow White facing bricks create a light and nuanced whole with soft colour tones. Combined with Alinel Type C in **RAL 6020 Chrome Green** – continued in the external joinery on the ground floor and complemented by the warmer **RAL 6015 Black Olive Green** on the upper floor – this creates a carefully considered interplay of colours with depth and subtle contrast.



Alinel Type C - chrome green

2.

Grey-green in harmony with light-coloured pointing

During this renovation, the existing facade was cleaned and repointed with a light-coloured mortar, creating a fresher and lighter overall appearance. Combined with Alinel Type F in **RAL 7002 Olive Grey**, this creates a refined interplay between the detailing of the facade cladding's fins and the existing brickwork, with light and shadow enhancing the façade's appearance throughout the day.



Alinel Type F - olive grey

3.

Warm earth tones in balance

The dark brown, long-format Aberlongue facing brick from Aberson gives the house a warm and horizontally elongated base. Combined with Alinel Type A in a **Corten steel** finish and the external joinery in **RAL 8004 Copper Brown** and **RAL 8014 Sepia Brown**, this creates a rich, earthy colour palette that radiates warmth and character.



Alinel Type A - cortensteel look

3 strikes with Alinel

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Alinel Type B - black

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