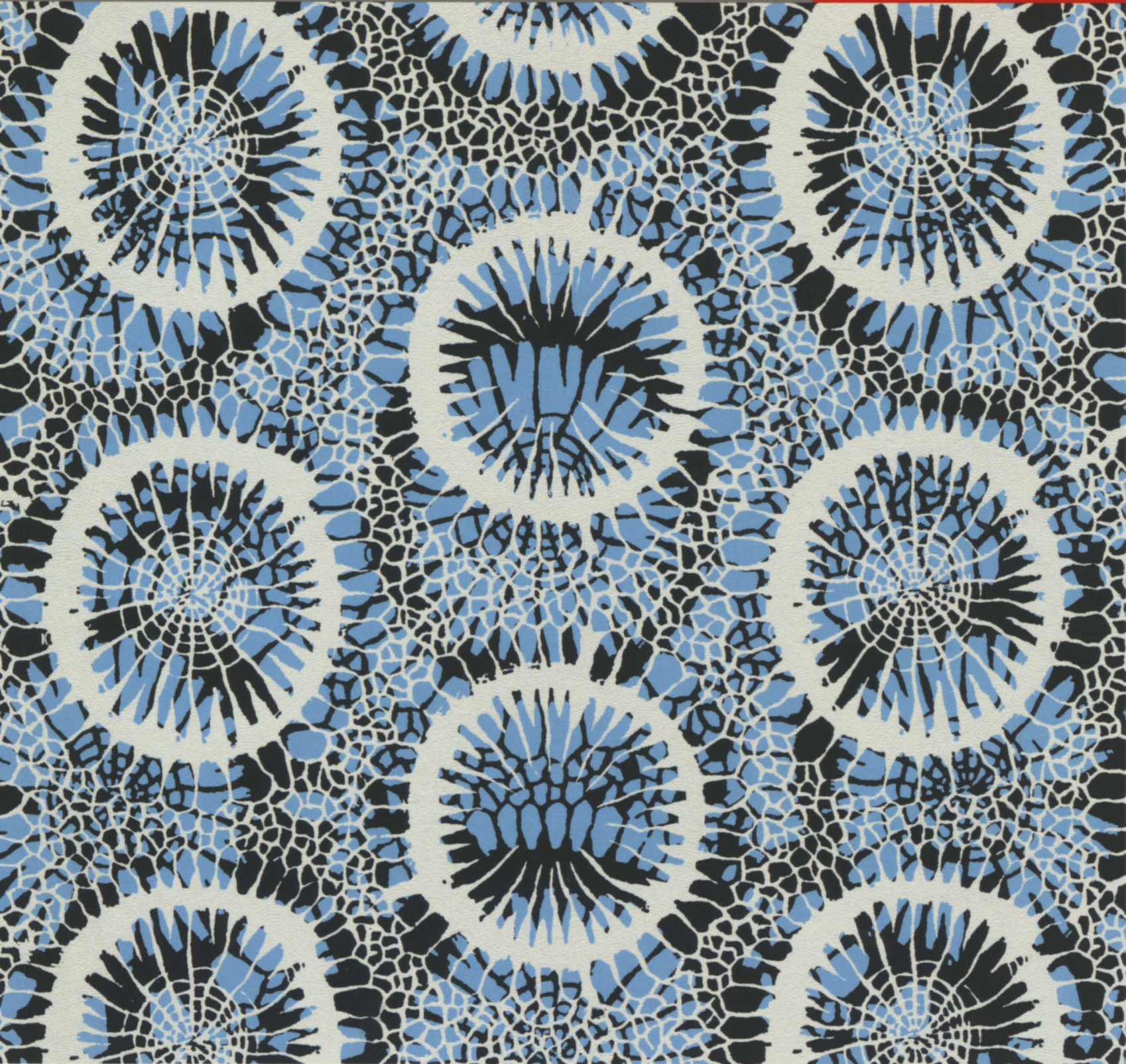


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CHRISTINE VAN DER HURD

Dominican Republic Bank

Interior Designer: Martin Brudnizki Design Studio (MBDS), London

Christine Van der Hurd's project with London design firm, MBDS for a bank in the Dominican Republic is a bold statement. "The project was inspired by the men's (banker's) suits, a play on the system it represents..." says Van der Hurd. The rugs are hand-woven using 100% silk but with a flatwoven dhurrie construction, a weave that Van der Hurd has been developing and creating for other pieces in their collection. They maintain that silk is a resilient fibre, entirely suited to a commercial installation, and these rugs can easily be taken out, cleaned and reinstalled. Van der Hurd has worked closely with MBDS for several years, and attributes her studio's success to paying careful attention to a client's ideas and requirements for a project. The five rugs and three staircase runners are woven in deep charcoal, black, cream and dark green, all colours that work well with the formal business interiors and rich dark woods used in the doors, furnishings and mouldings. They provide a charged presence throughout the bank's interior, creating an energetic flow in the spaces they inhabit.