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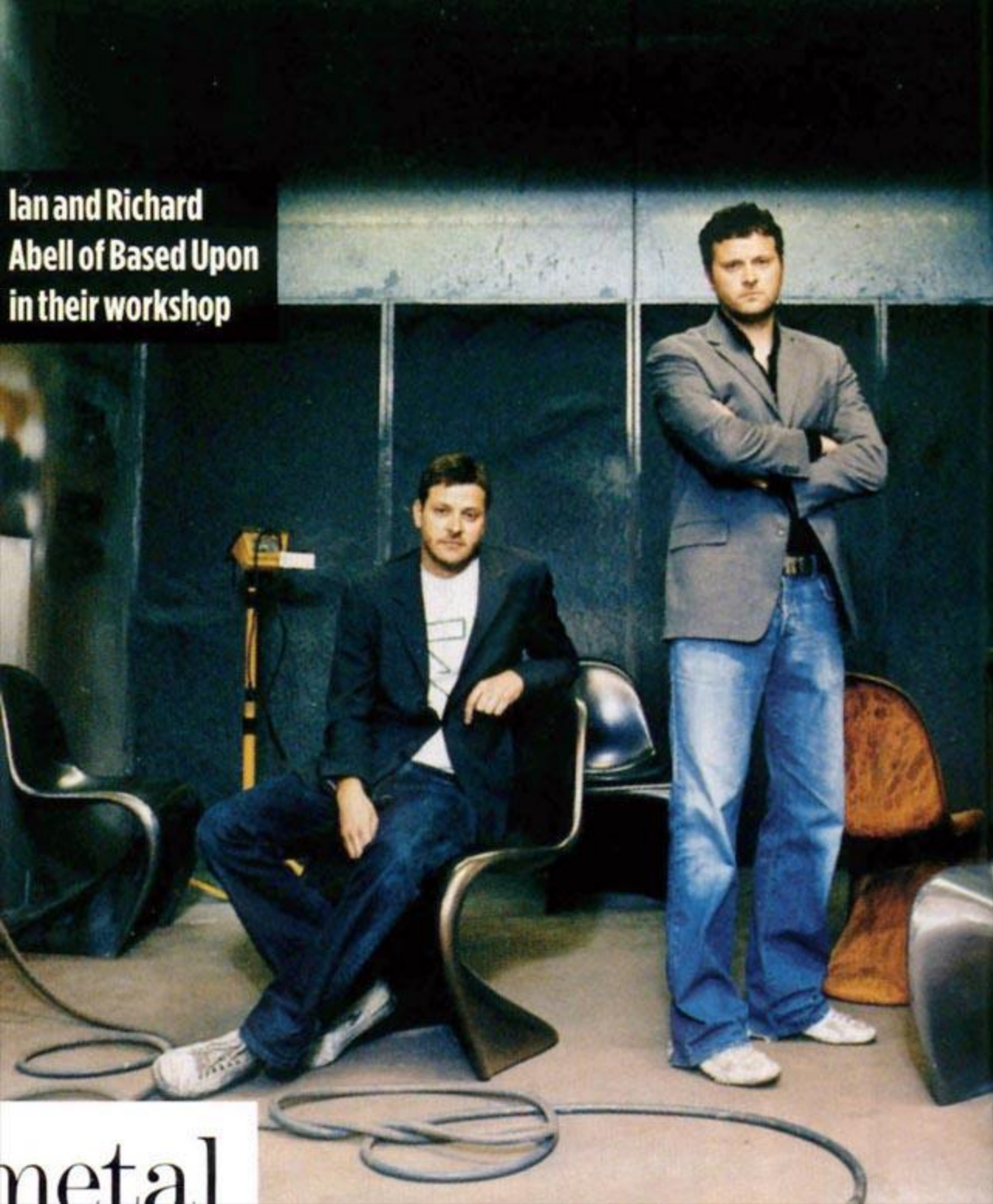
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Above, one of Based Upon's textured wall panels (from £300 per sq m). Right, experimental finishes



Left, Based Upon's limited edition Pantone chair. Above, a cracked-effect metal floor tile. Below, the duo's gallery space features columns designed for the new Nobu and their "Evolving Floor" (from £300 per sq m)



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Hot metal

In the home, it was once confined to utilitarian purposes. But in recent years, metal has taken on an increasingly decorative role, gradually making its way from the kitchen into the bathroom, living room and beyond. A year ago, twins Ilan and Richard Abell set up their company **BASED UPON** after acquiring sole European rights to a revolutionary new technique, called Axolotl Metal. Using room-temperature liquid metals that can be sprayed on to any surface - even lace - they create fluid organic forms, colours, textures and alloys that would previously have been impossible. Look out for their luxurious textured wall panels and limited edition versions of classic chairs such as the Pantone. Recent projects include working with David Collins on the new Nobu in Berkeley Street, where gold stairways lead to rooms lined with burnt wood panels infused with silver-steel, and vast curving columns that fade seamlessly from gold to silver. They have also just launched their first retail product: the Evolving Floor is a metal floor, based upon traditional wooden flooring, that wears with time through to layers of different metals. Based Upon can also be commissioned for bespoke residential projects, and has undoubtedly opened up new avenues in the world of interior design. Basedupon.co.uk; 020 8320 2122



Left, a ribbed metal wall panel (from £300 per sq m). Right, a "Blondie" table top

