# MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Instructions for cleaning and maintaining surfaces finished with UKU lime products

### Dry cleaning

Regular maintenance of ceilings and walls begins with removing dust using a soft brush. It is important to ensure that no metal or hard attachment parts of the brush damage the finished surface.

Proceed as follows:

- Always start with dry cleaning to remove loose dirt.

- Use a soft brush to avoid damaging the surface.

- Clean from cleaner areas toward dirtier areas to prevent spreading dirt.

### Spot repairs

Traditional spot repairs are generally not recommended on surfaces finished with lime products.

- When repairing lime surfaces, lime laitance (lime milk) will always form, which dries lighter than the surrounding surface.

- Therefore, even carefully executed repairs will remain visually noticeable, and color differences cannot be completely avoided. This is a natural characteristic of lime, not a defect in the material or workmanship.

- If a repair is necessary, it should be feathered out over a larger area or applied across the entire wall to achieve a more uniform result.

### Properties and limitations

- Untreated lime finishes are not washable. Lime-plastered or lime-painted surfaces must not be washed with water, as the material is absorbent and moisture or dirt may cause color changes and create a patchy appearance after drying.

- Avoid oil and other liquids, as lime absorbs them and they are difficult to remove.

- The more textured the surface, the more difficult it is to remove dirt.

### Cleaning stained surfaces

- First attempt to clean the surface with a soft brush or cloth.

- Smooth surfaces treated with UKU finishing primer or soap/wax may be carefully cleaned with a slightly damp cloth, avoiding excessive rubbing. Use natural cleaning agents (such as olive oil soap) and avoid chemical cleaners.

- If the stain cannot be completely removed, reapply the same material to the affected area. To avoid visible color differences, the entire wall surface should be refinished.