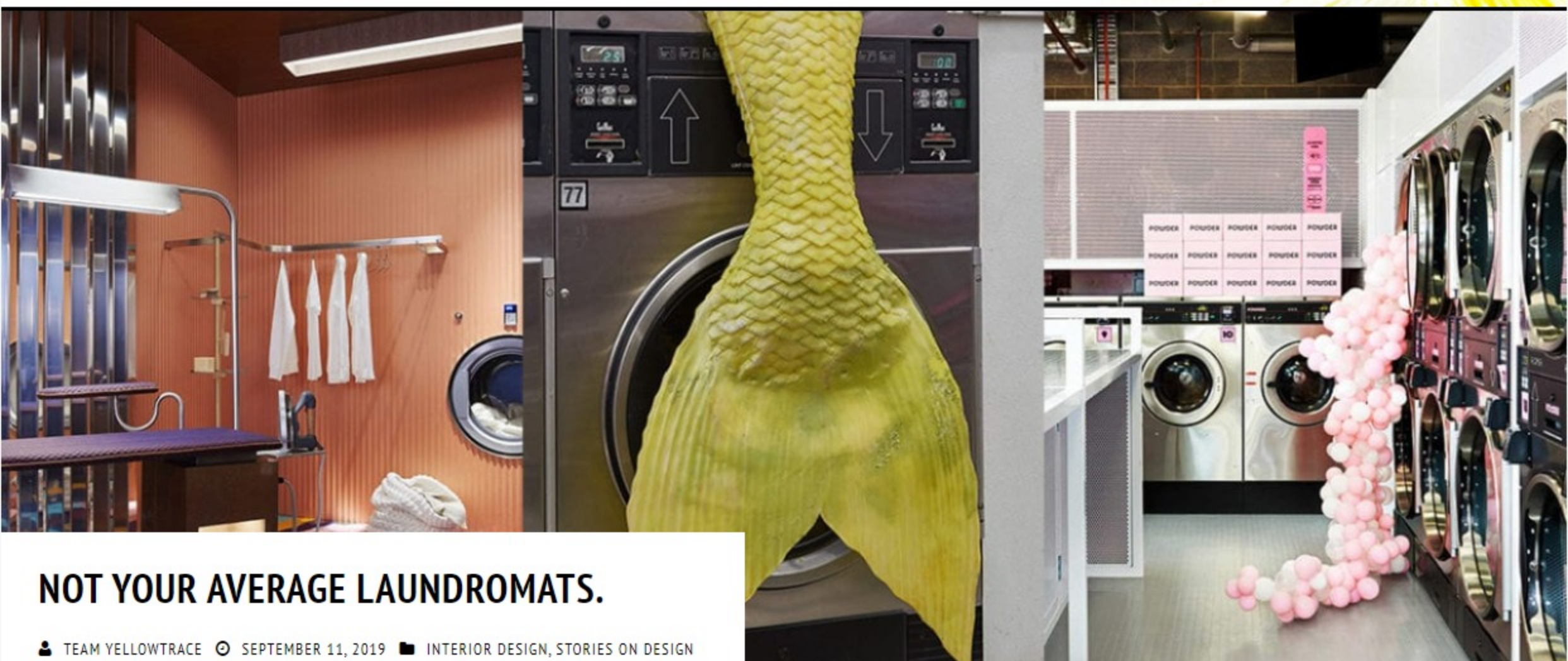


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Laundromats probably aren't the most obvious typology that springs to mind when thinking of engaging **hospitality design** or retail design – you could even refer to them as 'the spatial underdog'. Inherently retro in an age where at-home or in-building washer-dryers are increasingly commonplace, they're more likely to stand out for their stereotypically urban aesthetic, with neon signage reflecting of steel machine surfaces.

Laundry has to get done, however, and for those that still utilise a Laundromat to do so, there are some pretty cool looking ones out there that we've rounded up for your viewing (and maybe using, depending on where you're reading from) pleasure. From bespoke appliances to in-house coffee bars and even a mermaid tail, there are some serious design gems in the laundry sphere. Who knew?!

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Powder Laundry in Brunswick East, Melbourne by Studio Tate // Powder pulls the laundromat concept into the 21st century, while recalling the retro feel of this staple of community life. A soft pink palette recalls the stray red sock that makes it into your load of white sheets. Flooring merges from pink terrazzo to durable grey rubber benches. Barstool seating is provided, positioned just close enough to 'accidentally' bump into your neighbour. Power outlets and USB chargers fitted into the joinery mean that you can distract yourself with work or catch up on emails.

The circular porthole of the washing machine becomes a recurring motif, with joinery created from overlaying multiple circles, and material selections such as white perforated metal backed with soft pink. The tactile sensibilities of this manual task have been exploited using a variety of textures including studded rubber for countertops.

[Read more about this project here.](#)