Claims

1. A fabric mounting system (1) adapted to extend a fabric (2) covering at least a part of a wall or ceiling (3), including at least a first mounting profile (4) having a longitudinal direction (L) and being adapted to be mounted to the wall or ceiling (3) and at least one first fabric retaining element (5) engaging the first mounting profile (4) and being adapted to retain a first edge (6) of the fabric (2), the first fabric retaining element (5) having a first leg (7) and a second leg (8) being resiliently biased in relation to each other so that the first leg (7) is urged against a first supporting face (9) of the first mounting profile (4) and the second leg (8) is urged against a second supporting face (10) of the first mounting profile (4), **characterised in that** the first and the second supporting faces (9, 10) of the first mounting profile (4) are mutually tapered in such a tapering direction (T) that the resilient bias of the first and second legs (7, 8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) urges the first and second legs (7, 8) to slide along the first and the second supporting faces (9, 10), respectively, to thereby displace the first fabric retaining element in a direction generally against the tapering direction (T) and in a fabric tensioning direction (F) being transverse to the longitudinal direction (L) of the first mounting profile (4) in order to stretch the fabric (2) in its retained position in that the first and the second supporting faces (9, 10) of the first mounting profile (4) face each other, in that the first fabric retaining element (5) is substantially V-formed and forms a bent edge (20) connecting its first and second legs (7, 8), in that both the bent edge (20) and a free end (11) of the first leg (7) abut the first supporting face (9) of the first mounting profile (4) and thereby are adapted to pinch the first edge (6) of the fabric (2) against the first supporting face (9), in that a free end (12) of the second leg (8) abuts the second supporting face (10) of the first mounting profile (4), and in that the fabric tensioning direction (F) is directed at least substantially from the bent edge (20) in the direction of the free end (11) of the first leg (7).

2. A fabric mounting system according to claim 1, wherein the first fabric retaining element (5) is displaceable in a direction generally against the tapering direction (T) from a fabric attachment position in which the first fabric retaining element (5) is releasably

retained in the first mounting profile (4) to a fabric tensioning position in which the force of the tensioned fabric (2) in the retained position of the fabric balances the resilient bias of the first and second legs (7, 8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) which urges the first fabric retaining element (5) to slide in the direction generally against the tapering direction and in the fabric tensioning direction (F).

3. A fabric mounting system according to claim 2, wherein the first fabric retaining element (5) is releasably retained in the fabric attachment position in that a free end (11, 12) of the first or the second leg (7, 8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) abuts a recess (13) of the first mounting profile (4).

4. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first fabric retaining element (5) is adapted to retain a first edge (6) of the fabric (2) by pinching the first edge (6) of the fabric (2) between the first fabric retaining element (5) and the first mounting profile (4).

5. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first fabric retaining element (5) is adapted to retain a first edge (6) of the fabric (2) by pinching the first edge (6) of the fabric (2) between the first or the second leg (7, 8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) and the corresponding first or second supporting face (9, 10) of the first mounting profile (4).

6. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first and the second supporting faces (9, 10) of the first mounting profile (4) are formed by a first and a second side wall (14, 15), respectively, of a channel (16) in which the first fabric retaining element (5) is retained in the first mounting profile (4).

7. A fabric mounting system according to claim 6, wherein the first and the second side wall (14, 15) of the channel (16) of the first mounting profile (4) extend from a bottom wall (17) of the channel (16), and wherein the first side wall (14) of the channel (16) extends further away from the bottom wall (17) than the second side wall (15) of the

channel (16) and forms a rounded edge (18) adapted to guide the fabric (2) at a free edge (19) of the first side wall (14).

8. A fabric mounting system according to claim 7, wherein the first side wall (14) of the channel (16) forms an acute angle (A) in relation to the bottom wall (17) of the channel (16).

9. A fabric mounting system according to claim 1, wherein the first leg (7) of the first fabric retaining element (5) is curved (21) away from the first supporting face (9) of the first mounting profile (4) between its free end (11) and the bent edge (20).

10. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first leg (7) of the first fabric retaining element (5) is longer than the second leg (8) of the first fabric retaining element (5).

11. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the second leg (8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) is curved (22) away from the second supporting face (10) of the first mounting profile (4) between its free end (12) and the bent edge (20).

12. A fabric mounting system according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one first fabric retaining element (5) has the form of a leaf spring (23) having a longitudinal direction (l) extending in the longitudinal direction (L) of the first mounting profile (4) and having a first longitudinal flange (24) forming the first leg (7) and a second longitudinal flange (25) forming the second leg (8), and wherein the first longitudinal flange (24) and the second longitudinal flange (25) are connected along a bent edge (26).

13. A fabric mounting system according to claim 12, wherein a number of mutually spaced cut-outs (27) are formed in the bent edge (26) of the leaf spring (23).

14. A method of mounting and extending a fabric (2) covering at least a part of a wall or ceiling (3), the method including the steps of mounting at least a first mounting profile (4) having a longitudinal direction (L) on the wall or ceiling (3) and, in a fabric attachment position of a first fabric retaining element (5), pinching a first edge (6) of the fabric (2) between the first fabric retaining element (5) and the first mounting profile (4), the first fabric retaining element (5) engaging the first mounting profile (4) and having a first leg (7) and a second leg (8) being resiliently biased in relation to each other so that the first leg (7) is urged against a first supporting face (9) of the first mounting profile (4) and the second leg (8) is urged against a second supporting face (10) of the first mounting profile (4), **characterised by** releasing the first fabric retaining element (5) from its fabric attachment position so that the resilient bias of the first and second legs (7, 8) of the first fabric retaining element (5) urges the first fabric retaining element (5) to slide along the first and the second supporting faces (9, 10) in a direction generally against the tapering direction (T) and in a fabric tensioning direction (F) being transverse to the longitudinal direction (L) of the first mounting profile (4) so that the fabric (2) is stretched.