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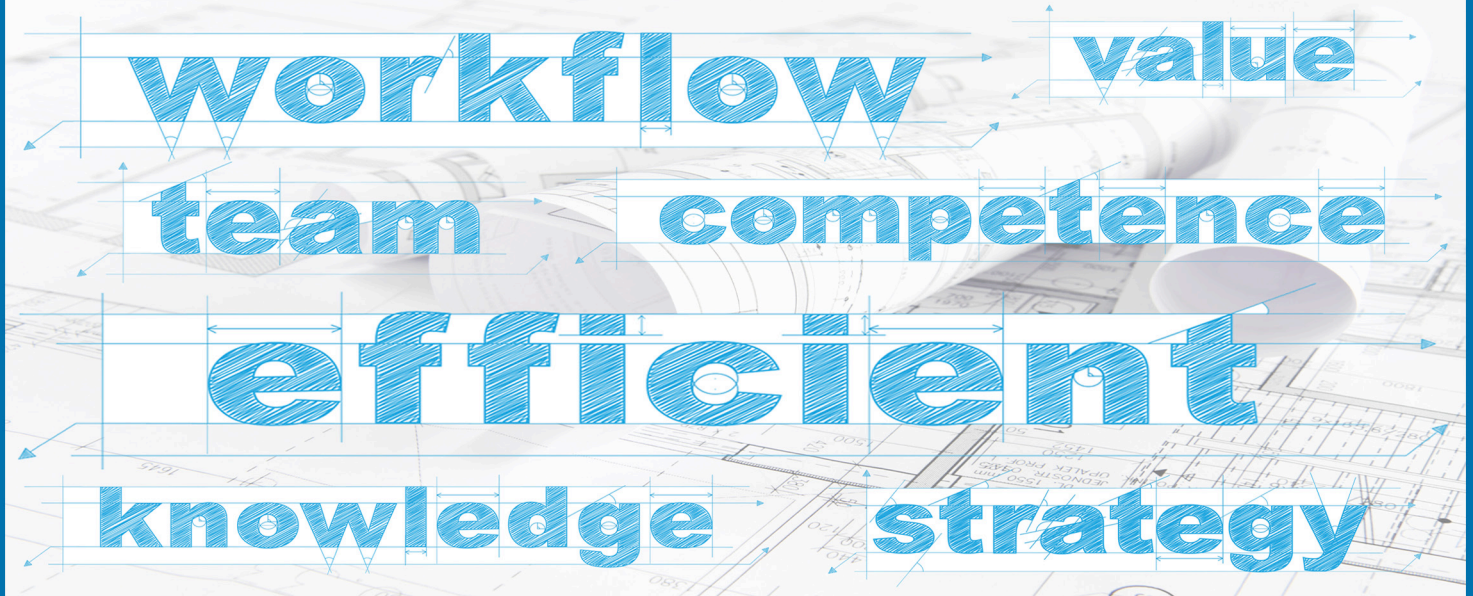
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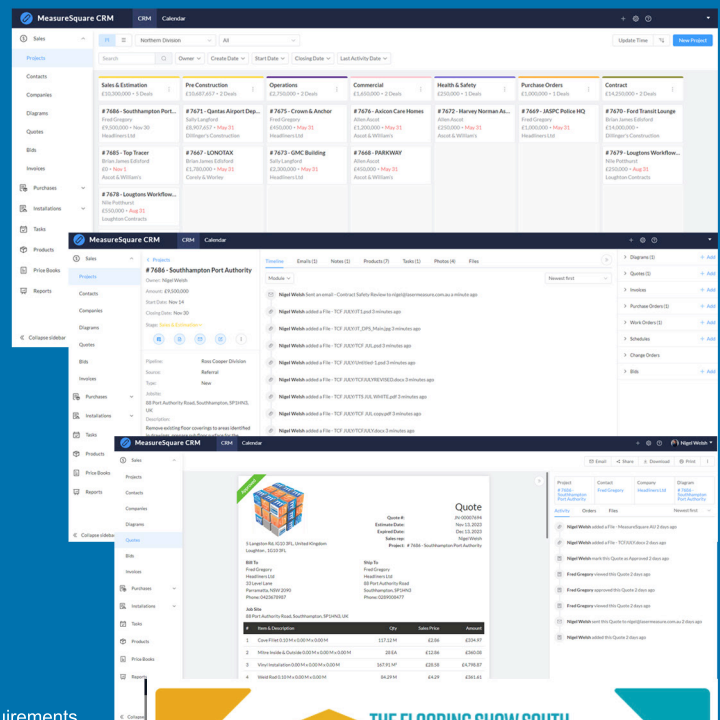
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Hello and welcome to the March issue of TCF.

An exciting new chapter for the contract flooring industry begins next month with the launch of The Flooring Show South at Sandown Park. As anticipation builds for this fresh addition to the trade calendar, in our show preview we look ahead to what promises to be a vibrant showcase of innovation, expertise and opportunity. The event signals continued confidence in the sector, providing a valuable platform where manufacturers, distributors and contractors can come together to connect and do business.

Resilient flooring leads our features sections this month as Kerakoll's experts outline how to achieve consistently successful installations, highlighting the importance of preparation, product compatibility and best practice at every stage. With performance expectations higher than ever, getting the fundamentals right has never been more important. Complementing this, Jason Spangler of Wagner Meters explores one of the most critical

aspects of any resilient installation: moisture measurement. Jason examines the different concrete moisture testing options available and explains how contractors can select the right tool for their specific project requirements.

Elsewhere, we turn our attention to the evolving office and workplace sector. We find out how Interface worked with Blueprint Interiors to deliver a sustainable, biophilic-inspired workspace that balances functionality with wellbeing. And learn how F. Ball products supported the refurbishment of a Premier League office environment, demonstrating the role high-performance products play in delivering projects at the highest level.

As outdoor living continues to influence commercial and residential spaces, we also explore best practice for external installations. From tackling slippery algae and lichen with ECOPROTEC's specialist solutions to expert guidance from BAL and ARDEX on direct fixing porcelain and stone, durability and safety remain paramount.

I hope you enjoy the issue and I look forward to seeing you at Sandown Park next month.

Sarah Robinson, Editor





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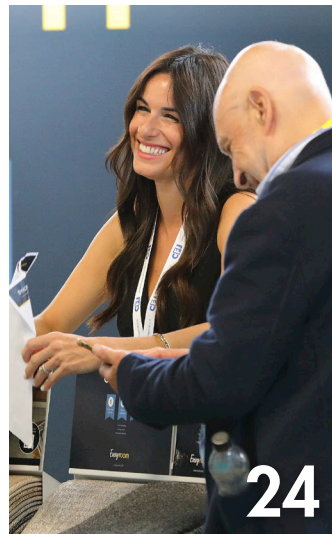
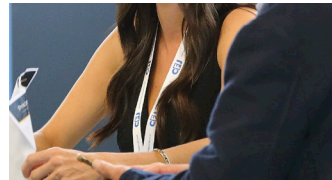
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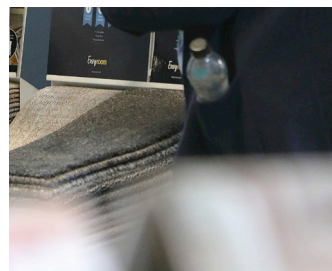




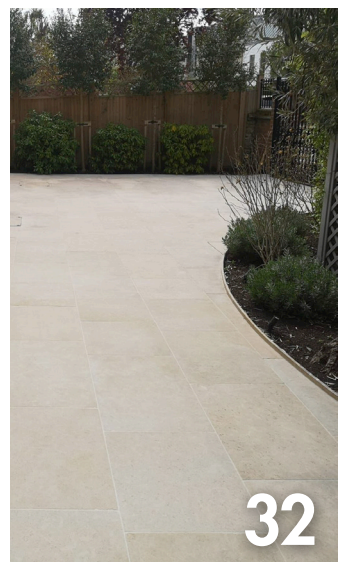
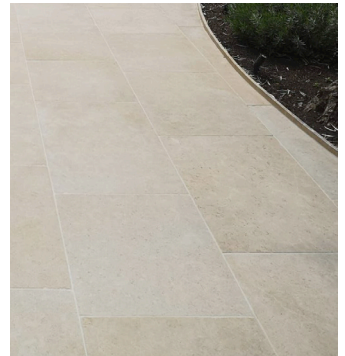
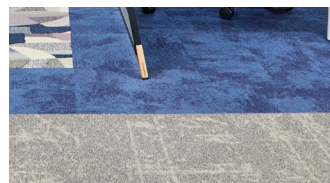
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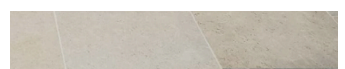
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LEOLINE TAKES CUSHION VINYL TO THE MAX

LeoLine's Comfytex Deluxe Max is a textile-backed cushion vinyl floor in a range of 16 stylish and trending wood and stone designs. With small and large herringbone, large and medium planks and smart tile designs; Comfytex Deluxe Max is certainly for those that take their quest for the right interior style seriously.

Yet the range has more tricks up its sleeve than just being a stylish addition to the home. Its textile back adds comfort and means that Comfytex Deluxe Max can be installed on top of existing floors without glue: simple and clean loose lay installation for an instant transformation. Even better, this textile back features 100 recycled plastic bottles in every room and 10 of these come from Social Plastic. Social Plastic from Plastic Bank is collected at land and beach for an ethically sourced recycled material that drives environmental, social and economic impact.

Sales and marketing director Stuart Reeves, said: "Since its launch, Comfytex Deluxe Max has asserted itself as one of our most popular collections, and for good reasons. Its stylish designs bring a unique sense of style to every

room of the home, while its performance features ensure a floor that's easy to look after and durable enough for busy areas like hallways and living spaces. What's more, the recycled plastic textile backing using Social Plastic makes short work of installation. Since it began in 2013, Plastic collectors have stopped the equivalent of over 9 billion bottles from entering the ocean – we're pleased to be a part of that incredible effort."

Homeowners will love the features of Comfytex Deluxe Max. There's Superguard for better protection from scratches and stains, enhanced slip resistance for bathrooms and kitchens and great impact sound reduction for a quieter home. All these features come in a floor that has a durable wear layer for a long life and that comes with a 15-year warranty. Just like the rest of the LeoLine range, the collection is designed and made in Belgium for the very best in quality.

Comfytex Deluxe Max can be viewed on the LeoLine website, and homeowners looking at the collection can order up to three samples of their favourite designs completely free of charge.

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F. BALL CELEBRATES 140 YEARS

F. Ball and Co. Ltd. is marking 140 years since the company was founded, with plans to celebrate the milestone throughout the year.

With a history stretching back to 1886, F. Ball has become the UK's leading manufacturer of flooring adhesives and floor preparation products for the contract flooring industry and a British manufacturing success story.

The company initially produced adhesives for shoe repair, but it steadily increased its involvement in developing products for the commercial flooring sector from the 1930s.

Since then, it has been at the forefront of technological developments to help flooring professionals to work to ever more exacting standards, including flooring adhesives with previously unseen combinations of properties and next generation high-performance smoothing compounds.

Product quality and innovation is backed up by industry-leading customer and technical support. The company's Technical Service Department provides advice on subfloor preparation and floorcovering installation over the phone or by email and online chat. Regional technical representatives conduct site visits, in person, to provide bespoke, on-the-ground advice for complex projects, with coverage that is unmatched in the industry.

F. Ball remains a privately owned, family business to this day, meaning it can retain traditional values of fairness, responsibility and integrity, including having a beneficial role in the community in which it operates.

This includes efforts to manage its environmental impact by reducing its carbon footprint through investing in energy-efficient manufacturing equipment and generating its own electricity supply from renewable sources, as well as introducing recyclable packaging.

The company also aims to give back to contractors through its Ball Rewards customer loyalty initiative, which is free to join and rewards members with cashback each time they purchase F. Ball products, alongside other benefits. Similarly, it provides free training courses at the F. Ball Centre of Excellence at its Staffordshire headquarters. The Floorsight apprenticeship programme, launched recently in partnership with the Flooring Industry Training Association (FITA) and WEBS training, provides career pathways in flooring to help tackle the flooring industry skills gap.

Commenting on the anniversary, F. Ball's managing director Darren Kenyon said: "Reaching 140 years is a significant milestone and testament to steadfast values and commitment to customers and quality. This makes us one of the longest-established companies in the flooring industry.

"To celebrate, we are hosting a series of events throughout the year, including community and employee days as a way of saying thank you to the people who make F. Ball what it is and the community in which we operate. While we celebrate our past, we remain focused on the future, continuing to innovate and invest in the next generation of flooring professionals."

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WATER IS NO MATCH FOR THIS WOOD

Almost everyone loves a natural wood floor, but not everyone loves the worry when their new wood floor comes close to water. Worries like these may once have seen other flooring options win through, but that need not be the case any longer thanks to Quick-Step and its waterproof wood ranges. Quick-Step is so confident in the way these floors fight off water that it even says they are suitable for use in bathrooms, once a strict 'no go' area.

The Quick-Step Amato, Cascada and Cala wood floor collections are 100% waterproof. Protected with the Hydroseal water repellent coating, water can stay on these floors for up to 72 hours without causing damage – plenty of time to mop up any spills. What's more, the precision milled Uniclic Multifit joint makes it impossible for water to seep through the joints.

These waterproof wood collections also feature Wood for Life, a unique technology that means dirt and spilled foods won't get stuck in the joints or to the grain, helping to keep these floors looking like new and making them ready for every stage of life. From young families to empty nesters, Quick-Step is the key to beautiful and lasting natural wood flooring.

Niall Cassidy, retail sales manager at Unilin, said: "There's little doubt that a real wood floor is one of the most desirable floors out there, but for many homeowners, the fears of damage from water and difficult maintenance often have them searching elsewhere. We wanted to make these fears a thing of the past and so our research and development team set to work. The results of their innovative product development has often seen us lead the world, and our waterproof wood floors are no different – the world's first and only available at Quick-Step retailers around the country."

100% waterproof wood floors first entered the Quick-Step collection in 2022 with the Cascada collection and was expanded in 2025 by Cala and Amato. The range covers compact planks in Amato, wide and long planks with Cala and classic planks with the original Cascada. Every floor enjoys the same 15-year waterproof warranty and features Wood for Life. Installation with suitable Quick-Step accessories is required to uphold 15-year Wood for Life waterproof and lifetime quality and click system warranties.

www.quick-step.co.uk



DAVE SLEIGHT MOVES TO KEY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT ROLE



One of Kemtile's most experienced account managers, Dave Sleight has been promoted to the role of key account manager.

With an impressive 40 years' experience in the construction and specialist flooring industry, Dave has a proven track record of building long-standing customer relationships and delivering practical,

innovative, and reliable solutions that add real value.

Dave joined Kemtile in 2019 as a contracts manager; bringing in-depth knowledge of high-performance resin flooring, tiled surfaces, and stainless-steel drainage installations.

In his new role, Dave will work closely with key customers to ensure continuity, consistency, and champion the benefits of strong partnerships.

Commenting on his promotion Dave said: "Kemtile has always prided itself on long-term collaboration and trust, and my new responsibilities to important clients reinforces this commitment. I'm looking forward to continuing in helping current clients benefit from the full strength of the Kemtile and Stonhard 'single source'

meaning customers have one guarantee for both materials and installation.

Director Jamie Cook commented: "We're delighted to welcome Dave into this role and look forward to the positive impact his experience and expertise will bring to our existing customers and new projects in the years ahead."

In late 2025 Dave was asked to join the board at FeRFA, the Resin Flooring Association. He said: "I have been involved with companies that are FeRFA members throughout my entire career and it's a real honour to be invited onto the board of FeRFA and being in a position to be able to support our industry with my knowledge and experience".

www.kemtile.co.uk

MAPEI INSTALL FOR FLOORS AT MULTI AWARD-WINNING CRAFT REPUBLIC

A Mapei system has been used to complete a resilient floor installation at multi award-winning Craft Republic in Barry. The project, by Bridgend-based Intu Interiors, included preparation of subfloors and installation of LVT and sheet vinyl flooring using Mapei floor preparation products and low-VOC adhesive.

Originally located at The Goodsheds development in Barry, the family-owned Craft Republic's new site is prominently positioned in Dockside at Barry Waterfront – a vibrant new go-to destination delivered by Persimmon Homes East Wales. Dockside includes 23 commercial units and forms part of a major redevelopment within the waterfront area.

Craft Republic has an urban-style interior design, with an eye-catching wave-effect clad bar and wood-effect LVT flooring installed throughout. Prior to the installation of the resilient floor, the power-floated concrete subfloor was ground back to level and open porosity. The surface was then primed with

one-component rapid-drying PVDC-based Mapeproof Primer, to suppress any residual moisture, and levelled with Latexplan Trade – a two-component levelling and smoothing compound.

The floor installation included LVT and sheet vinyl from TradeChoice Carpet & Flooring's CFS range, installed throughout the front-of-house bar area. All-in-one universal adhesive, Ultrabond ECO V4 Evolution was used to install all flooring, providing a strong, rapid initial tack and long open/working time for an optimum finish.

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LAY DOWN YOUR ROOTS WITH MODULEO

Moduleo Roots is the ultimate luxury vinyl flooring collection for today's design conscious homeowner.

What it means to make a house a home is uniquely personal and with Moduleo Roots luxury vinyl flooring you make being unique a personal adventure into a world of design. Harmonising wood and stone, celebrating herringbone next to plank, or tantalising with terrazzo; the expanse of Moduleo Roots dryback LVT makes anything possible.

That's because when designing the Roots collection, Moduleo's designers paid careful attention to creating floors that not only stood out for their individuality, but that also complemented each other. The result is a collection that brings flooring freedom rooted in self-expression and carefully considered design. So, whatever flooring look your customer desires, it's sure to be found in the 114 looks and countless possibilities of Roots.

Depth and diversity make Roots the most impressive collection of dryback LVT designs on the market and the best for design obsessed customers, but some want a more direct approach to a beautiful new floor. For those shoppers, Moduleo has made it easy to capture its spirit by using different laying styles in a consistent and cohesive look. The Roots UK Colours mini collection is the perfect entry into Moduleo's unique world, seeing five new tones of Country Oak, Classic Oak and Galway Oak available in both plank and herringbone.

Retail sales manager Niall Cassidy said: "The freedom to experiment has always been at the heart of Moduleo and the Roots collection took us to another level. We focused on customers with a keen eye for design with a collection rooted in exceptional choice. Our UK Colours collection is another step in that journey, capturing the essence of Moduleo in a way that's easy for everyone to enjoy."

Moduleo Roots is a collection that puts design variety at its heart, but it is also one of premium quality. Every aspect of the floor has been looked at during development: acoustics, reflection. Gloss, texture, softness and warmth have all been finetuned to bring homes a better luxury vinyl floor. The Roots collection is made in Belgium using high-quality, traceable materials. All inks and coatings are water-based, and every floor features a minimum 21% pre-consumer recycled content from Moduleo's own recycling plant.

Display options are almost as varied. The 36 model holds some of the best sellers from the Roots collection, while the most popular 72 model holds all of the Roots collection including herringbone designs. Both stands show the variety, authenticity and detail of Moduleo Roots and come in high and low formats.

For retailers looking to make the most of Moduleo Roots, there's the shop-in-shop concept. This brings a large and impressive stand featuring a consultation hub with overhead, built-in AV display and a fully stocked cupboard housing take-away samples (replenished free), brochures and swatch books.

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floorwise has made rewards simple to access and even easier to use. Just register at [floorwise-rewards.co.uk](https://www.floorwise-rewards.co.uk) and your distributor will automatically calculate your points every time you buy qualifying products. You'll receive regular points updates so you know when to claim or whether to carry on saving. When you've decided on your reward, you can easily make a claim via the rewards website.

Richard Bailey, managing director of floorwise, said: "We're delighted to be bringing back floorwise rewards for this year as it's a great way to say thank you to our customers for trusting in the quality and value of floorwise. We know just

how much professionals rely on our products every day and with rewards, we give you something back for using our products as the start to a fantastic floor."

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MAKE COMMUNAL AREAS FEEL JUST LIKE HOME WITH IVC COMMERCIAL

With its Pioneer 70 and Isafe 70 dedicated flooring solutions for public areas in social housing, IVC Commercial helps providers to achieve a high-quality floor that upholds value requirements. The floors prioritise durability, safety and ease of maintenance across a range of welcoming residential designs.

Pioneer 70 is an affordable heavy-duty floor that provides 18dB of impact sound reduction. Bringing improved acoustics to hallways and communal areas, the floor's 0.70mm wear layer ensures it withstands the high levels of traffic expected in these areas. In a choice of 22 wood, stone and decorative effects, the collection is ideal for social housing where a welcoming design is important. It also benefits from Invertech and PUR shield for a more authentic look and easy maintenance.

For areas where slip resistance is important, such as social housing for the elderly or assisted living accommodation, Isafe 70's PTV 36+ specification delivers. The floor's Hypergrip+ permanent technology delivers exceptional slip restraint and improves cleaning for a low maintenance finish that upholds its appearance. Again, using IVC

Commercial's 0.70mm wear layer compact vinyl construction, Isafe 70 ensures a durable floor under heavy use. The collection is available in 12 wood effects, including herringbone, and 14 colour and material designs.

National Sales Manager – Commercial Jake Parks, said: "In private areas of social housing, our Zenura range delivers the comfort, longevity and ease of cleaning needed, but stepping out into public areas

requires extra durability. That's why our social housing collection also includes floors designed for commercial use as they can withstand intensive use. Both Pioneer 70 and Isafe 70 are Class 34 rated, so providers can be confident in their suitability, but don't compromise on aesthetics thanks to a range of designs that make communal areas feel just like home."

www.ivcfloorsforhousing.co.uk



DOMOTEX SUCCESS FOR FN NEUHOFFER

At over 300m², FN Neuhofer had one of the largest exhibition stands at DOMOTEX 2026, deliberately seeking to demonstrate its size. Last year, the company invested more than €40m into new plants, products and technologies.

The absolute highlight of the show was the new FN XTRU-pro punchable core skirting board. With its new extrusion plant in Pöndorf, near its headquarters in Zell am Moos, FN Neuhofer heralded the era of in-house production of extruded core skirting boards at the end of November. The special feature of this skirting board is that it can be punched, which saves a lot of time during processing and ensures precise processing quality. Inside is a stable MDF core, fully coated with polypropylene. During punching, the extruded PP film remains completely intact. The result: clean, closed corners – for optimum protection. At the FN Neuhofer stand, massive punching tables were used to punch all day long. Visitors were able to experience live how easy, fast, and clean

the processing is – without noise, dirt, or time expenditure.

One area of the exhibition stand was entirely dedicated to the core skirting board. Connected by a carpet, visitors could access the opposite area, which showcased all of FN Neuhofer's bestsellers and classics. Other new products, such as the FN para-fix room divider with fixed and movable slats, were cleverly integrated into the stand concept. This allowed visitors to get up close and personal with the new FN digi-felt felt panels, which adorned an entire wall.

Summing up the show, company boss Franz Neuhofer said: "Four intense days full of discussions, ideas, and encounters are behind us, and we were once again able to show what we can do and what we are working on – but more importantly, we inspired, enthused, and learned new things. Many thanks to our entire team, who made this event possible, and to our customers, who always motivate us to perform at our best with their challenges."

www.fnprofile.com/domotex



NEW WATER-FREE FLOORING SYSTEM ADDRESSES CONTRACTOR CHALLENGES

Saint-Gobain Weber has launched a new bag and bottle system to help flooring contractors meet the needs of complex sites while streamlining the application process.

The weberfloor bag and bottle 4000 system has been developed to provide a practical solution for both residential and commercial projects where water supply is limited or inconsistent.

An entirely water-free solution, the two-part system contains a bagged powder and protein-free polymer liquid solution which, when combined, forms a moisture tolerant, smoothing and levelling compound.

Both components are pre-measured to ensure the correct ratios are always used, creating a consistent and speedy mix every time and simplifying the process for application teams. Once applied, it can receive foot traffic in just two hours and all common final floorcoverings after eight hours.

James Mead, R&D director at Saint-Gobain Weber, said: "In construction we see a range of challenging site conditions

where a lack of water supply can cause logistical issues and costly delays to the project. High-rise buildings or a sprawling new build site with limited infrastructure are just a couple of examples of projects that often have little to no water supply. This leads to a complicated, lengthy application for contractors or, if there is water, varying degrees of quality which affects the integrity of the finished floor, causing problems later down the line.

"By removing the reliance on water supplies, our new weberfloor bag and bottle 4000 system not only helps to minimise these challenges but also aids speed of

application and opens up more project opportunities for flooring contractors."

The weberfloor bag and bottle 4000 can be hand-applied to depths of 3-10mm to prepare or pre-smooth concrete substrates, as well as sand/cement and anhydrite screeds to provide a strong finish. It can also be used in spaces with up to 98% relative humidity. The product can also be used as part of Weber floor systems provide damp proof membrane or acoustic solutions.

www.uk.weber/weberfloor-bag-bottle



STOPPING GRIN-THROUGH

Not only is it crucial to select the most suitable flooring products when undertaking a floorcovering installation, the equipment and application techniques used also play an important role in the quality of the finish. Here, Chris McQuade, one of the technical service officers at F. Ball and Co. Ltd., explains how this applies to stopping trowel serrations showing through thin vinyl floorcoverings.

Trowel serration show through, otherwise known as 'grin-through', is a common problem that occurs when installing thin vinyl floorcoverings, including sheets and tiles. The problem results from ridges in the adhesive, caused by application with a v-notched trowel, becoming visible through the floorcovering, a particular concern in areas exposed to lots of natural light.

F. Ball recommends that its adhesives with pressure sensitive characteristics and wet lay adhesives are both applied with a notched trowel, held at a 60-degree angle to the floor. This ensures that the optimum amount of adhesive is deposited on to the subfloor.

The solution depends on what type of adhesive the flooring contractor is using as well as how it is applied. Pressure sensitive adhesives, which are commonly used for the installation of vinyl tiles and planks, should be treated differently from wet lay vinyl adhesives.

When using a wet lay adhesive, vinyl sheets or tiles are laid while the adhesive is still wet, forcing the adhesive to spread under the weight of the floorcovering, meaning shadowing is less frequently a problem. In all instances when using wet lay or pressure sensitive adhesives, the contractor should go over the floorcoverings with a weighted roller afterwards.

Where a pressure sensitive adhesive is applied with a trowel with a larger notch size, such as A2, it will need be rolled while still wet with a paint roller that has been pre-coated with the same

adhesive to flatten the ridges formed by trowel application. It is then allowed to dry to a permanently tacky film. Not only does this reduce the instance of trowel serrations shadowing through thin vinyl floorcoverings, but additionally provides a uniform coverage that gives better contact between the adhesive and floorcovering. However, this is not recommended for some adhesives, so you will need to consider what equipment you will need at the same time as choosing the adhesive.

Instead, using a fine v-notched trowel, such as A1 size, eliminates the need for the adhesive to be rolled before installing floorcoverings as the ridges in the adhesive produced are small enough that they won't be visible through thin vinyl floorcoverings. It is always advisable to check the data sheet before applying a product to ensure the correct equipment and application methods are used.

Before installing, it is always advisable to check that an adhesive is suitable for use with a particular floorcovering. For these purposes F. Ball produces its industry-leading Recommended Adhesives Guide (RAG), which lists adhesives recommended for use with over 6,000 floorcoverings, produced by over 200 manufacturers. A continually updated version can be found on F. Ball's website and as a free app. It is also available as an A5 printed booklet. Alternatively, F. Ball's technical service department are on hand Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5.00pm, to answer your questions about F. Ball products and how to use them.

<https://f-ball.com>

SHOWPIECE

Showcasing the Award-Winning Trelawny VoltMax® Range as Battery Innovation Takes Centre Stage at Flooring Show South.

Fresh from winning the highly prestigious Innovation Product Award at the World of Concrete event in America, Warwickshire-based Trelawny will be showcasing its now award-winning and critically acclaimed battery-powered Trelawny VoltMax machines at Flooring Show South.

“Trelawny VoltMax takes cordless performance to a new level for flooring professionals.”

Centre stage will undoubtedly be the company's TFS230 Floor Stripper and its TCG250 Floor Grinder machines, launched last summer to considerable industry acclaim. Developed by the Leamington Spa-based manufacturer, Trelawny VoltMax is a bold new range of battery-powered equipment designed and engineered to revolutionise the surface preparation and renovation sectors – developed for tomorrow's contractor, but available today.

Drawing on more than 80 years of engineering expertise, Trelawny has combined its hallmark durability and performance with the complete freedom, convenience and sustainability demanded by today's modern worksites. The result is a



range that not only meets evolving environmental expectations but also delivers the robust capability contractors rely on in high-pressure environments.

While battery-powered tools are well established across many trades, Trelawny VoltMax takes cordless performance to a new level for flooring professionals operating at both industrial and DIY scale. At the heart of each machine is a high-performance electric motor paired with powerful 82V lithium-ion battery technology – a first for the sector. This advanced system ensures consistent, maximum high-torque power delivery from start to finish, eliminating the drop-off in performance often associated with battery equipment.

The Trelawny VoltMax TCG250 Floor Grinder offers run times of approximately 35 minutes while the TFS230 Floor Stripper can operate for up to an hour depending on the application and working environment. Crucially, both machines provide zero-emission power without compromising on output. A reduction in noise levels make them ideal for use in sensitive environments such as hospitals, schools, retail spaces and occupied commercial buildings, where minimising disruption is critical.

Built with rugged construction and engineered for demanding tasks, the machines are equally capable of tackling short, intensive bursts of work or longer, sustained operation. Integrated cooling systems protect battery longevity, while LED status indicators provide operators clear, real-time information on remaining charge levels. Depending on battery capacity and condition, average charge times start from just 30 minutes, ensuring teams can maintain productivity throughout the working day.

Beyond the headline machines, visitors to Flooring Show South will also gain insight into Trelawny's expanding pipeline of hand-held battery-powered products currently in development and scheduled for launch later this spring. This signals the company's continued investment in cordless innovation and its ambition to lead the transition toward cleaner, more flexible, site equipment.





Dan Rowledge, Managing Director at Trelawny, said: "Being recognised on an international stage at World of Concrete was a proud moment for the entire team, the award was particularly momentous as it was voted for by a panel of industry experts. We're now delighted to be able to showcase our products here in the UK. Trelawny VoltMax represents a significant step forward not just for Trelawny, but for the surface preparation industry as a whole. Contractors are demanding cleaner, quieter and more flexible solutions without sacrificing performance, and that is exactly what we have delivered. We see battery technology playing a transformative role in the future of our sector, and this is just the beginning of our journey."

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TRELAWNY







COMMUNITY SPIRIT

F. Ball donates products to support an LVT installation in a charity refurbishment.

Products donated by F. Ball and Co. Ltd. from its System LVT range have been used to install floorcoverings at a new café at the Coffee, Chat, Support facility for families of children with special educational needs and disabilities, including autism and ADHD, in Taunton, Somerset.

Flooring contractor MJV Flooring, also based in Taunton, undertook the installation, first removing old carpet tiles and adhesive residues, ensuring a sound, smooth surface, free of dust and debris, for the receipt of subfloor preparation products. A subfloor moisture test indicated that subfloor relative humidity levels were low enough for the installation to proceed without the requirement for a moisture management solution to prevent excess subfloor moisture attacking floorcoverings and adhesives and potentially causing floor failure.

“Fibres in Styccobond F48 PLUS provide high initial grab, a benefit when installing LVTs.”

The surface was then primed using F. Ball's Stopgap P141, which is designed especially to promote the adhesion of smoothing compounds to non-absorbent surfaces and is coloured yellow to help gauge coverage.

Contractors trowel-applied Stopgap 1400 high-flow, two-component smoothing compound over the entire area to create a perfectly smooth base for the receipt of luxury vinyl tiles (LVTs). The product uses the latest cement formulation technology to maximise ease of application. It is walk-on hard from just 90 minutes after application and ready to receive floorcoverings from 12 hours, allowing floorcoverings to be installed the next day.

Once the smoothing compound had cured and to complete a full F. Ball System LVT installation, F. Ball's Styccobond F48 PLUS was chosen to install Gerflor Creation wood-effect LVTs in the café. Fibres in the adhesive provide high initial grab, a benefit when installing LVTs. The temperature tolerant adhesive also holds floorcoverings in place when subject to high temperatures, which can cause tenting and gapping at the edges of vinyl floorcoverings as a result of repeated expansion and contraction over time.

“It was a straightforward project, and everything went to plan ahead of the official opening,” said Marcus Vaughan, managing director of MJV Flooring. “What is rewarding is knowing that the budget the charity saved on flooring can now be spent on essential equipment and toys for children with special needs.”

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PERFECT FINISH

The experts at Kerakoll explain how to achieve a successful installation of resilient flooring.

It is difficult to overstate the importance of a well-prepared subfloor to a successful resilient flooring installation. If the substrate is not sound, dry, clean, and smooth the finished flooring will have problems – this could range from an aesthetic issue through to debonding and complete failure.

The first thing is to make sure that the moisture content of the screed is low enough for it to accept the floorcovering: for most types of resilient flooring 75% RH is acceptable. It is best if new screeds are allowed to cure until they are sufficiently dry. However, where moisture levels are too high and cannot be brought down, Proflow MVS can be used. This revolutionary advanced double component smoothing compound has a built-in moisture vapour suppressant barrier that is effective up to 95% RH, removing the need for an additional moisture barrier, and thus condensing a potential three-layer application into one single application. It is a rapid-setting product allowing foot traffic in 90 minutes, but still offers a wet edge time of 30 minutes.

When the screed is uneven, or the surface finish is not of the required standard, a smoothing and levelling compound must be applied. The choice of smoothing compound will be dictated by the irregularity of the screed and the time available for it to set. As previously noted, Proflow MVS is an ideal choice for most situations, especially with an improperly cured screed. Proflow Finish is a good alternative with a very irregular screed

or where underfloor heating is involved. It is a true all-rounder, moisture tolerant and suitable for use in any installation, on any substrate and with any type of resilient flooring at depths of up to 60mm. A single component self-smoothing compound with a free-flowing formulation and a 30-minute wet edge time, it is able to accept foot traffic and floorcoverings after 3.5 hours. It has an EC1-Plus GEV Emission rating.

Alternatively, Proflow Smooth is a self-smoothing compound with a unique free-flowing formulation that fills and smooths any substrate imperfections and creates a flawless surface finish effortlessly. It incorporates moisture lock technology which means that installation can proceed even if the screed is not fully dry. With working and wet edge times of 30 minutes, and its ability to accept foot traffic after only 90 minutes and floorcoverings after just 3.5 hours, it gives the best blend of extended working times and rapid installation.

■ ADHESIVE SPECIFICATION

Once you have a perfectly smooth subfloor, the use of a good quality adhesive is essential. Eco-3000 HT is a universal floor adhesive that is perfect for installing luxury vinyl tile and sheet vinyl. It has been formulated to be solvent-free with very low VOC emissions, having achieved the rating of EMICODE EC1 Plus, and has been specially developed to provide excellent adhesion properties curing to a hard set with a high bond strength. Flooring can be installed after as little as 10 minutes, when the adhesive is semi-tacked off and has reached its 'anti-slide' state. Full tacking off takes 40 minutes and the floor is ready for light foot traffic after 12 hours.

More details on the products can be obtained from the Kerakoll team, who will also be delighted to answer any questions and offer technical advice on particular projects.

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Mapei UK expands its Zero Line with CO₂ fully offset resilient flooring products, delivering high-performance, low-VOC adhesives and preparation solutions for safer, more sustainable installations.

Mapei UK has extended its Zero Line with the addition of six best-selling resilient products, five of which are manufactured in the UK. The new series provides a full Zero resilient range – featuring established, core products – now with CO₂ fully offset in the entire life cycle. Each of the products also benefits from a very low VOC EMICODE: EC1 Plus certified formulation, providing a safe, high-performance solution for contractors and specifiers. A further new preparation product – Ultraplan Eco 3215 – will join the Zero Line in the spring.

The Zero resilient range includes an all-in-one adhesive, a fibre-reinforced formulation, a universal acrylic primer, a carpet tile tackifier, an ultra-fast hardening self-levelling compound and a fast-track patching compound, each developed to provide a safe and sustainable low-odour solution.

Universal adhesive, Ultrabond Eco V4 Evolution Zero is a ready-to-use and easy to apply adhesive, with a strong rapid initial tack and a long open time. It can be used with PVC, LVT and rubber flooring, as well as textile floor and wall coverings. It's also suitable in wet lay or pressure sensitive applications and for use with underfloor heating. Specifically developed for LVT floors, the second adhesive – Ultrabond Eco 4 LVT Zero – is a fibre-reinforced, high-temperature adhesive that guarantees exceptional performance in terms of adhesion and dimensional stability. Product features include easy application, with low-to-no waiting time, excellent initial grab and peel strength and high shear resistance.

The third product – Ultrabond Eco Tack TX+ Zero – is a solvent-free and non-staining carpet tile tackifier. The fast-track acrylic

adhesive creates a permanently tacky film, allowing for the easy removal and replacement of carpet tiles. It can also be used to prevent loose lay LVT, textile flooring and carpet underlay from slipping.

Two floor preparation products also join the range: Eco Prim T Plus Zero – a fast-track universal acrylic resin-based primer developed to improve the adhesion of levelling compounds on all absorbent and non-absorbent substrates, and Ultraplan Eco 3215 Zero – an ultra-fast hardening, water-mixed, self-smoothing compound – Planipatch Xtra Zero – completes the series and is used for local repairs and skim coating down to a 'feather-edge'.

Each of the Ultrabond products are also certified to Blauer Engle DE-UZ113 and M1 Emission Class, and the adhesives are castor compliant in accordance with EN 12529.

The Zero Line series demonstrates Mapei's commitment to the planet, to people and to biodiversity. CO₂ emissions measured throughout the life cycle of products from the Zero line in 2026 using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology, verified and certified with EPDs, have been offset through the acquisition of certified carbon credits in support of forestry protection projects. The Zero Line currently includes products from Mapei's ceramic and stone materials, cleaning, maintenance and protection, mortars and masonry restoration, waterproofing and coatings lines.

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PUT TO THE TEST

Which concrete moisture testing tool will best meet your needs? Jason Spangler, Wagner Meters' sales manager, weighs up the pros and cons of surface meters against relative humidity (RH) probes.



Failing to follow proper concrete moisture testing procedures comes at a cost. Inaccurate readings can cause moisture issues to go unnoticed, leading to floorcovering damage such as warping, mould and rot, as well as structural failure and a damaged reputation.

That's why thorough testing is so crucial. But just how thorough should you be? Is a surface meter sufficient? Or do you need to measure a bit deeper with relative humidity probes?

■ SURFACE TESTING

Surface testing is just what it sounds like. It's a form of testing that measures the moisture at the surface of a concrete slab. Surface testing is performed with pinless surface meters, such as our C555 Concrete Moisture Meter. They use a scanning plate to take moisture readings from the top half inch of the slab.

Because readings can be gathered at the push of a button without any prep work, surface meters are great for quickly scanning a concrete slab for moisture hotspots.

■ RELATIVE HUMIDITY TESTING

Unlike surface testing, relative humidity (RH) testing can measure beyond the concrete's surface. This is done with the help of in-situ probes, like our Rapid RH L6 sensors. They're able to get deeper, more comprehensive readings because they are placed into holes that have been drilled deep into the concrete.

This is important because most of a concrete slab's moisture is located deep within the slab. So, those who only perform surface testing may get the impression that the concrete is dry when it's not. But relative humidity testing can give you a fuller, more accurate picture of your concrete's moisture condition.

Which concrete moisture testing method is better? Let's compare professional-quality surface meters and RH sensors to find out.

■ PROS & CONS OF THE C555 CONCRETE MOISTURE METER

The C555 Concrete Moisture Meter is a surface meter. To take a reading, all you have to do is press its scanning plate against the concrete you want to measure.

■ PROS

The C555:

- **Is quick and easy to use:** Get an instant reading with a scan at the push of a button. You don't have to drill into concrete or wait for equilibration.
- **Is non-destructive:** Because it measures moisture with a pinless scanning plate, you won't have to worry about dealing with drilling and filling in sensor holes. It is compliant with ASTM F2659 for non-destructive moisture evaluation.
- **Is versatile:** It can be switched to 'relative mode' to get relative moisture readings on other building materials like gypsum, brick, and cement.
- **Is 2x more accurate than leading surface meters:** An in-house case study conducted by Wagner Meters confirmed that the C555 is more accurate than competing meters.

■ CONS

The C555:

- **Only captures surface readings:** Unlike the Rapid RH L6, the C555 only reads moisture on the surface, so it doesn't account for moisture hidden deep within the slab.
- **Has limited documentation capabilities compared to the Rapid RH:** The C555 doesn't store moisture data, and doesn't have an app like the Rapid RH L6.

■ PROS & CONS OF RELATIVE HUMIDITY TESTING WITH RAPID RH L6 SENSORS

The Rapid RH L6 sensors are relative humidity probes. To use them, you must drill a hole into the concrete, clean the hole,



Rapid RH L6 measures deep into the concrete to get a fuller picture of its moisture condition.

place the sensor inside, and wait for 24 hours to allow the sensor to equilibrate according to ASTM standards.

Once that's done, you can take readings and upload them to the DataMaster L6 app on your phone for easy access, sharing, and storing.

■ PROS

Rapid RH L6 Sensors:

- **Are accurate and reliable:** Their accuracy and dependability make them the gold standard for concrete moisture testing. They are compatible with ASTM F2170.
- **Provide a fuller picture of the slab's moisture condition:** Can measure deep into the concrete slab to better account for the moisture gradient of the slab.
- **Make it easier to make, access, and share data reports:** Some package options come with a DataGrabber with Bluetooth so you can send and store your readings on the DataMaster L6 app on your phone.
- **Have a low cost per sensor:** It costs less than other RH testing methods.
- **Has upgrade options:** You can stick with a manual version or upgrade to the version with the DataGrabber with Bluetooth to share readings to your phone wirelessly or the True Remote Monitoring System to access readings from anywhere in the world.

■ CONS

Rapid RH L6 Sensors:

- **Requires drilling:** You have to drill into the slab to take a reading – 40% deep if your concrete is drying on one side, and 20% if your concrete is drying from both sides. These holes are permanent, but necessary for accurate testing.
- **Take longer to get readings:** Though they can get accurate readings – within 3-5% of the final moisture reading – as soon as one hour, you have to wait 24 hours to take official readings according to ASTM Standards.
- **Are single-use sensors:** You can't take the sensor out of the hole you placed it in and put it in another. They must remain in the spot they were originally placed in – making them single-use sensors. However, this does not mean they only take one reading. They can take multiple readings while positioned in the slab, tracking the moisture condition of the area and how it changes.

■ WHICH SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

What's the better tool? Both the C555 concrete moisture meter and the Rapid RH sensors do their respective jobs well, so your choice primarily depends on your moisture testing situation.

Surface testing (with meters like the C555) is a good option when:

- You're working on a pre-bid, and you want to know how much an installation will cost and how much trouble it will be.
- You want to find moisture hotspots.
- You want to monitor ambient temperature.
- You're working with a variety of building materials.
- You can't drill into the concrete.
- Your floorcovering manufacturer doesn't require you to perform RH testing.
- You know you're not going to attempt other forms of moisture testing; surface testing is far better than no testing at all – at least you'll have a moderate understanding of your subfloor's moisture condition.



The C555 Concrete Moisture Meter is good at finding moisture hotspots in the concrete subfloor.

Relative humidity testing (with sensors like our Rapid RH L6) is ideal when:

- You want a better picture of your subfloor's moisture condition.
- It is required by local industry standards.
- You want to track, store, and share moisture readings.
- You want traceable data records in case clients question your work.

But who says you have to choose just one? Really, the best way to use the Rapid RH L6 and the C555 is to use them together. Since the C555 finds moisture hotspots, this can help you narrow down which areas need further moisture inspection.

So instead of stopping at surface testing, or placing your RH sensors at random, use the C555 moisture meter to help locate the optimal locations for placing your Rapid RH L6 sensors. Then you can be confident that you're working with the most relevant and reliable moisture data.

Visit our Concrete Information & Knowledge Base to learn more about concrete moisture testing best practices and tools.

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GOING SOUTH

This April, the UK flooring industry welcomes a landmark addition to the trade calendar with the launch of The Flooring Show South, taking place 15–16 April 2026 at Sandown Park, Surrey.

For over six decades, The Flooring Show has been at the heart of the sector, attracting retailers, contractors, specifiers, and suppliers to Harrogate each autumn to network, discover the latest products, and do business. Now, for the first time, the show is coming south – offering a tailored platform for professionals who want the very best of the industry closer to home.

■ BRINGING THE INDUSTRY SOUTH

For many southern-based flooring professionals, attending Harrogate has long been a logistical challenge. Travel time, costs, and time away from the business have made the trip impractical, leaving a significant proportion of southern retailers and contractors unable to fully engage with the UK's leading flooring trade event. Recognising this need, The Flooring Show South has been created as a dedicated, two-day trade event that delivers the full spectrum of innovation, product discovery, and networking – without the long journey north.

The event is designed to enable attendees to connect, learn, and do business efficiently, all under one roof, in an environment tailored to the needs of southern flooring professionals.

■ SUPPORTED BY LEADING INDUSTRY BRANDS

The launch is proudly backed by six founding partners: Elements & Textures Inspirations, F. Ball & Co, Furlong Flooring, J2 Flooring, Kellars, and Likewise Floors, all of whom share a commitment to driving the industry forward.

They will be joined by an extensive exhibitor line-up, including: Abingdon, Alliance Flooring Distribution, Artisan Fibre, Balta, Bjelin,

Blackheath Products Ltd, Brampton Chase, Canopy Flooring, Causeway Carpets, Coretec, Cormar Carpet Company, Curtain Express, Evergreen Floors, Hanson Plywood, Headlam Brands, Ibexx, Janser, John Barnham & Son Ltd, Karndean, Kensington Trims / Sweeney Todd, KHR, Kleen-Tex Ltd, Lecol, Likewise Flooring, Masterpiece Systems, MeasureSquare, mediaCo, Myscribe Solutions Ltd, Packexe, Premier Flooring Distribution, Rakata Technology, Refina, Rinos, Salesmark West/Floorwise, Sarva Foam, Stairrods, Tarkett, Truu Tools, UK Display Stands, Ultimate Home Living, V4 Floors, Valley Wholesale Carpets, Westex Carpets, YB Floormaster, and YTD.

Collectively, these brands showcase the full breadth of the flooring industry, spanning carpet, wood, LVT, underlay, tools, adhesives, and accessories. For attendees, this means the opportunity to explore an extensive range of products, compare options side by side, and make informed purchasing decisions in just two days.

■ WHAT TO EXPECT AT SANDOWN

The Flooring Show South is a purpose-built, high-value trade event with its own identity. Over 100 leading flooring brands will be present, showcasing the latest collections and technological innovations. From traditional carpets to luxury vinyl tiles, engineered wood, underlays, adhesives, and installation tools, the show provides a complete view of what's driving the industry.

Sandown Park has been selected for its accessibility and ease of navigation, allowing attendees to make the most of their time. The event is designed for productive, face-to-face business conversations, enabling buyers and suppliers to discuss orders, pricing, and partnerships efficiently.

■ A NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY LIKE NO OTHER

To complement the exhibition, The Flooring Show South invites all visitors to a drinks reception at 5pm on Wednesday 15 April, held at the Parade Ring Networking Bar, located on the upper foyer next to the main exhibition hall. Overlooking the parade ring, this relaxed and informal evening provides the perfect setting to connect with suppliers, manufacturers, and fellow flooring professionals.

The reception is an ideal opportunity to exchange ideas, build valuable relationships, and strengthen connections that can support your business growth – all while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Sandown Park. It's networking in a setting designed to inspire conversation and collaboration, ensuring your visit delivers both commercial and professional value.

■ THE INDUSTRY CONTEXT

The UK flooring sector continues to evolve at pace. Sustainability, design trends, and new technologies are shaping purchasing decisions, while businesses look for efficiency and impact in how they source products. Even in challenging economic conditions, one constant remains: real business happens when people can see, touch, and compare products in person.

The Flooring Show South delivers exactly that, enabling the southern market to engage fully with the industry in a focused and accessible format. It also builds on the success and momentum

of the Harrogate event, which has grown year-on-year, reflecting strong demand from retailers, contractors, and specifiers alike.

■ WHY YOU NEED TO BE THERE

The Flooring Show South is designed for anyone looking to stay ahead of trends, strengthen supplier relationships, and grow their business efficiently. Whether you are planning your next showroom collection, sourcing products for upcoming projects, or seeking market insight, this event provides unparalleled access to suppliers and the latest innovations in one concentrated space.

With the added benefit of the drinks reception on the first evening, attendees have a unique chance to connect with peers and industry leaders in a relaxed and inspiring setting. Two days at Sandown can translate into months of better-informed decisions, stronger partnerships, and improved business outcomes.

For southern retailers, contractors, and specifiers, The Flooring Show South represents a rare opportunity to experience the scale, breadth, and networking power of the UK's leading flooring trade event.

Spaces are limited so register today. All Tomorrow's Contract Floors readers can claim their free visitor pass **here**.

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BJELIN TO SHOWCASE POINT OF SALE AND INNOVATIVE WOODURA AND NADURA COLLECTIONS

STAND: A70

Bjelin, the Swedish flooring manufacturer renowned for its patented Woodura technology, will be exhibiting at the Flooring Show South, showcasing its premium collections designed specifically for the UK independent retail and distribution market.

Visitors to the stand will discover Bjelin's distinctive product ranges including Woodura Planks, Woodura Herringbone, and Nadura Tiles – each engineered to meet the demanding requirements of today's residential and commercial interiors whilst delivering exceptional sustainability credentials.

WATERPROOF INNOVATION MEETS SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN

Central to Bjelin's offering is its advanced waterproof technology. Both Woodura and Nadura products feature a waterproof surface and the sophisticated 5G Dry locking system, that is 72h water resistant and fully leak proof, providing retailers with a compelling solution without compromising on aesthetic appeal.

The Woodura collections combine the authentic beauty of wood with Bjelin's proprietary manufacturing process, delivering superior stability and performance. Meanwhile, the Nadura Tiles range offers the elegance of natural stone and ceramic aesthetics with the practical benefits of resilient flooring.

SUSTAINABILITY AT THE CORE

Bjelin's commitment to environmental responsibility will be a key focus at the show. The company's products are manufactured using renewable energy and sustainable forestry practices, with full transparency on environmental impact – credentials that resonate strongly with today's environmentally conscious consumers and specifiers.

RETAIL SUPPORT ON DISPLAY

Recognising the importance of point-of-sale marketing, Bjelin will present its comprehensive retail support materials designed to help independent flooring retailers showcase the unique benefits of Woodura (and Nadura) to their customers. From sample displays to educational materials, the company provides the tools needed to convert showroom visits into sales.

VISIT BJELIN AT FLOORING SHOW SOUTH

For flooring distributors and independent retailers seeking to differentiate their offering with innovative, sustainable products backed by Swedish design and European engineering excellence, Bjelin's stand is an essential destination.

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F. BALL LAUNCH PARTNERS FOR THE FLOORING SHOW SOUTH

STAND: D31

F. Ball and Co. Ltd. will exhibit at the inaugural Flooring Show South exhibition as a launch partner. The company will showcase the latest advancements in subfloor preparation products and adhesives for floorcoverings.

These include the latest addition to F. Ball's range of smoothing compounds, Stopgap 1400. The high-flow, fast-setting, two-component smoothing compound offers superior self-smoothing properties and is walk-on hard from just 90 minutes after application and ready to receive floorcoverings from 12 hours.

It will also be celebrating the 140th anniversary of the company, which was founded in 1886 and has remained an independent, family-run business ever since.

Commenting on the company's exhibition, F. Ball sales director Karl Brannigan said: "We are excited to be launch partners for the first Flooring Show South exhibition, which will enable us to strengthen relationships with a wider audience of industry decision-makers, including retailers, contractors and specifiers. We expect the Flooring Show South to capture the same energy of the Harrogate show."

Representatives from F. Ball will be on hand throughout the exhibition to answer any questions that visitors may have about F. Ball's products and technical support, including free training courses delivered at the F. Ball Centre of Excellence in Staffordshire.

Contractors attending the show can also find out how to become a member of the Ball Rewards loyalty programme, which entitles them to claim cashback each time they purchase F. Ball products, as well as a range of exclusive benefits, such as the opportunity to enter regular competitions and earn extra cashback on promotional products.

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CAUSEWAY CARPETS SHOWS IN THE SOUTH

STAND: D55

The Flooring Show South will be a chance for visitors to discover how Causeway Carpets is offering independent retailers a range of premium quality carpets and best-in-industry service. Exhibiting on Stand D55, Causeway Carpets will present its latest ranges, showing just how it brings stores a unique range of carpets that deliver something different.

Among these ranges is the new Mayfair, an exquisite loop pile carpet crafted from 100% pure new wool in a resilient four-ply yarn. Coming in 50 refined and elegant colourways in the four styles of Mayfair Rib, Mayfair Linea, Mayfair Weave and Mayfair Texture for a timelessly elegant look that enhances classic and modern interiors alike.

The refreshed Nature Earth and Nature Core will also be shown. Beautifully crafted from 100% British Wool in a chunk four-ply yarn that adds rustic character, these carpets come in five brand-new colours, joining three existing best-selling shades. Adding a sense of richness to the natural flecked tones of both styles, the refreshed palette ensures that the carpets can find a place in any home wanting a classic countryside style in neutral hues.

Causeway's stand will also be home to its display options. Accommodating a wide range of in-store requirements, these displays reflect Causeway Carpets' ambition to champion classic design for modern living. The Compact Display Unit is a chance to introduce Causeway Carpets to stores within a compact footprint. Designed to be combined, multiple

units can be used inline or back-to-back. Retailers looking to benefit from a more prominent presence for the brand can turn to the Multi Display Unit. Holding samples across eight collections in the main display area, which also features a pull-out lower shelf for easy access, it can also be combined with compact units to create larger display walls.

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INTO THE ZONE

Interface has worked with Blueprint Interiors to create a new workspace for Inizio that combines sustainability with biophilic forms, textures and finishes, accommodating the evolving needs of employees without compromising on reducing carbon emissions.



When Inizio, the healthcare services provider, relocated to its 18,000 sq. ft premises in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, it needed a workspace that would reflect its growth ambitions while promoting employee wellbeing.

Offering a full range of services, from strategy to medical communications, Inizio helps healthcare brands connect with customers and patients through tailored solutions. To extend that same commitment to its employees, the company has now created a workspace that not only supports its people's working patterns but protects the planet too.

Sustainability is at the heart of Inizio's ethos, both in the services it delivers and its internal policies. The newly refurbished office was designed with a strong emphasis on environmental responsibility, incorporating energy-efficient lighting and recycled furnishings throughout the space to minimise its carbon footprint. Biophilic elements were another key driver of the space's design and fit-out, with Inizio seeking a space which allowed its employees to connect with nature and its forms, textures and finishes. Existing furniture was reused wherever possible to reduce waste and workstations were positioned around windows to maximise natural light and reduce reliance on artificial lighting.

Leading the office design, Blueprint Interiors collaborated with experts from flooring manufacturer and global specialist in sustainability, Interface.

Speaking about the project, Interface account manager Jack MacLennan said: "Inizio's move into Excelsior House in Ashby-de-la-Zouch is testament to its ambition for growth. But a business can only thrive when it provides a workspace that meets the evolving needs of its employees. The task here was to create an environment that would help staff not only do their very best work but switch off when needed too – all whilst having as little impact on the planet as possible."

■ ZONING THE OPEN-PLAN OFFICE

To ensure the new office environment supported a range of working styles, Blueprint Interiors worked closely with Inizio to establish distinct zones within the open-plan space. The aim was to encourage collaboration while providing areas for focused work, all within a seamless and cohesive design.

Interface's Concept Design Team played a pivotal role in defining these spaces through carefully selected flooring solutions recommending carpet from the Icebreaker collection, which features organic, etched patterns that are perfect for adding subtle texture and visual interest. In the larger, open areas, the team opted for the Peach colourway to create a neutral, welcoming base that complemented the use of natural wood and planting."



To define focused working spaces, the deeper green tones of Oasis from the same collection were used, providing contrast while maintaining harmony with the overall design.

“When it came to the main desk-working areas, we went for the aptly named Human Connections carpet tiles in the colour Granite. The collection is inspired by the organic patterns of stone and rock and can really help to promote a sense of calm.”

Both Icebreaker and Human Connections are made using 100% recycled yarn and backed with CQuest Bio, a carbon-negative carpet tile backing – features that immediately reduced carbon emissions on the project.

■ DESIGNED FOR DURABILITY

High-traffic areas in the Inizio office, such as tea points, corridors and reception areas, required materials that would withstand daily footfall while maintaining their appearance over time.

To meet these demands, the Concept Design Team specified luxury vinyl tiles (LVT) from Interface’s Walk on By range. Engineered for resilience, the collection features a Ceramor ceramic bead coating which protects tiles from everyday scratching and scuffing, ensuring long-term performance. As with all Interface LVT, the product comes with a Sound Choice acoustic backing which reduces impact noise – an important consideration for a busy office environment.

Beyond its practical benefits, Walk on By introduced vibrant, energetic patterns to the tea point areas, fostering a sense of community and encouraging employees to recharge. “These playful design elements contrast with the neutral tones used elsewhere in the office, bringing warmth and personality, while also being manufactured with a high percentage of recycled content.”

■ SUPPORTING MODERN WORKSTYLES

As hybrid work continues to shape modern office life, Inizio’s new space was carefully designed to accommodate evolving workstyles. Through workshops with the team, Blueprint Interiors gained an in-depth understanding of the company’s culture and vision for the future, ensuring that each material specified contributed to bringing this to life.



The refreshed office now features a mix of workspaces suited to different tasks, including hot-desking areas that encourage interaction and collaboration across departments, private spaces for focused work and confidential conversations, a state-of-the-art control room to support hybrid and virtual events, and an inviting reception and workplace cafe area, named the Market Square to serve as a social hub for employees and clients alike.

Interface played a key role in shaping these spaces, providing flooring solutions that aided wayfinding and created distinct zones, while enhancing both functionality and aesthetic appeal. Through the strategic use of carpet tiles and LVT, the design team was able to balance the practical needs of hybrid work with a cohesive and visually engaging layout.

■ A LASTING IMPACT

Reflecting on the fit-out project, Jed Salmon, project designer at Blueprint Interiors, said: “The finished workspace is something Inizio can truly be proud of. It’s been meticulously curated to embody Inizio’s values of sustainability, wellbeing and innovation, and we couldn’t be happier with it. By partnering with Interface’s Concept Design Team, we’ve successfully delivered a destination workspace that caters perfectly to needs of Inizio’s employees and will support the company’s future ambitions, too.”

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BACK OF THE NET

F. Ball products help complete the extensive refurbishment of a Premier League office space.

Executives at a Premier League football club are now enjoying their very own indoor patch of turf, thanks to the strength of F. Ball and Co. Ltd.'s Styccobond F3 adhesive for textile floorcoverings, which has been used to create a striking grass wall-effect focal point in their offices.

The project, part of an extensive refurbishment of a 1000m² office area, sees the wall 'pitch' taking pride of place in the club's business support departments, including fans' membership and ticket services. Additionally, carpet tiles and luxury vinyl tiles were also used to make a bright, open-plan working environment for the staff.

To create the grass wall feature, contractors PMH Flooring applied Styccobond F3 adhesive to plywood panels affixed to an internal wall and placed artificial grass strips vertically, in a similar fashion to putting up wallpaper. Once in position, the 'grass' was pinned with nails as the adhesive dried to secure the fixture.

Styccobond F3 was recommended for its high initial wet grab and early build-up of strength, meaning it was quickly able to

adhere the artificial grass to the wall before drying in just 20 minutes. Over 50 years since its original launch, the product is still the UK's most used adhesive for textile floorcoverings, likely due to its compatibility with many different floorcoverings, including most carpets, and its approval for use in marine installations.

On the floor, a mixture of grey Milliken Clerkenwell Triangular Path and Naturally Drawn Watercolour Lesson carpet tiles were positioned randomly to create a unique installation in the open-plan area, with light green versions adding a pop of colour inside the seven meeting rooms.

Contractors opted for F. Ball's Styccobond F41 carpet tile tackifier to provide a permanently tacky film which prevents loose lay carpet tiles from moving under normal foot traffic but enables them to be lifted and replaced easily when required; if they become damaged or worn, for example. The tackifier is also protected against biodegradation, suitable for use over normal underfloor heating installations and will withstand normal wet cleaning techniques.

Complementing the 'grass' feature wall, Forbo Allura wood LVT planks were installed in a chevron formation, also known as Hungarian herringbone, to complete a natural-looking breakout meeting place.

Speaking of the unique installation, Glenn Hitchin at PMH Flooring, said: "The club wanted something with the 'wow factor' for their staff, so we captured the spirit of the beautiful game by giving them their own piece of pitch. We were grateful for the help of F. Ball's expert Technical Services team, who advised on how to approach the project."

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RESTORE & RENEW

ECOPROTEC Director Mark Atkins outlines how Black Spot & Algae Remover eliminates slippery algae and lichen, restoring grip, safety and appearance to outdoor paving.

A build-up of algae on paths, steps, driveways and patios creates a slippery residue and a hazard underfoot. Algae tends to flourish in damp, shady and humid areas and, in the UK, build-up is especially common in the winter. ECOPROTEC provides the solution with Black Spot & Algae Remover – an acid-free treatment that safely restores safety and appearance to all types of pavers, including acid-sensitive natural stone, concrete, brick and porcelain. The treatment is easy to apply and gives results in as little as two hours.

■ DIFFERENT TYPES OF ALGAE

Often forming a dark green or black jelly-like film, slippery algae is generally caused by a cyanobacteria called Nostoc. Black spot – a dust-like lichen that originates from plants and trees – can also form a slippery residue; it takes about two to three years to become established, sending tendrils or 'hyphae' down into any cracks or porosity, searching for nutrients. Other forms of algae, like moss, liverwort and lichen, tend not to be such a hazard, although widespread growth might not be welcome from an aesthetic point-of-view.

■ REMOVING SLIPPERY RESIDUE

ECOPROTEC Black Spot & Algae Remover removes all types of algae, along with dirt and other residue. It is applied neat to swept pavers using a watering can or light pressure garden sprayer, and left to act for up to four hours. The formula breaks down residue and removes stains. Most stains are removed within hours of application. Exposure to the air for four hours or longer ensures that the potency of the product has diminished before hosing surfaces down with clean water. This helps to ensure that the diluted wash-off is as harmless as possible to plants and lawns. The remover can be used on dry and slightly damp surfaces and should be applied during a morning or afternoon of fair weather.

"ECOPROTEC Black Spot & Algae Remover removes all types of algae, along with dirt and other residue."

A pressure washer shouldn't be used to remove algae and residue, as excessive water will encourage further growth, damage pavers and any sealer applied and it will loosen grout. Water alone also won't target hyphae or filaments anchored into place below the surface. Acidic solutions should also be avoided, as these will damage acid sensitive material and erode cementitious grout joints.

After treatment, newly cleaned surfaces can be protected with ECOPROTEC Patio Sealer, ECOPROTEC Porcelain Paving Enhancer or ECOPROTEC Pre Grout Protector. These treatments create a

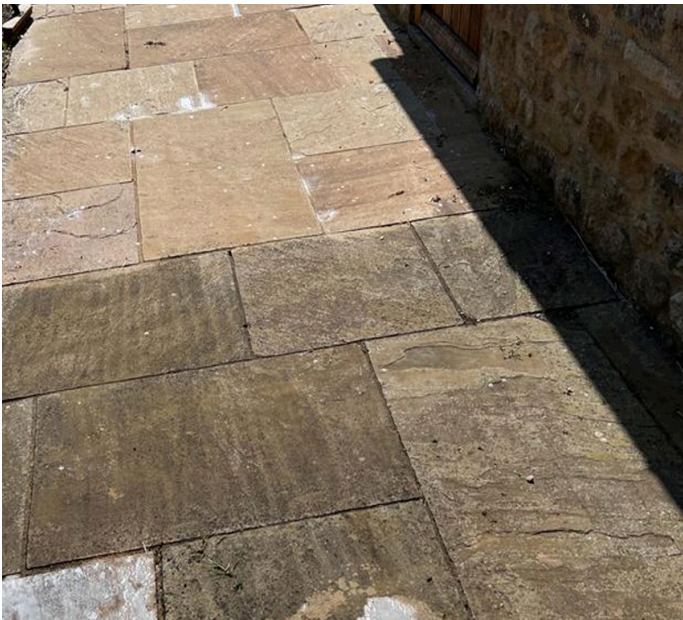
barrier that helps to prevent absorption of moisture and organic particles, reducing staining and the spread of algae, mould and black spot.

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EXTERNAL EXCELLENCE

The ARDEX Group outlines best practice for direct fixing external porcelain and stone, ensuring durable, weather-resistant installations across patios, terraces and outdoor living spaces.

The rise in popularity of external tiling over recent years has transformed the way homeowners and professionals approach patios, terraces and outdoor living spaces. Installers today work with a wide variety of materials, but the most common choices remain external self supported porcelain – often 20mm thick – along with natural stone, slabs and concrete pavers.

Two key installation methods dominate external tiling: traditional monolithic fixing, which involves laying pavers onto a mortar bed, and the more tile focused method of direct fixing onto a concrete base. As we move into the busy spring season, it is the direct fixing method that most tilers favour. This approach closely mirrors internal tiling practices, offering a familiar technique that can be adapted for patios, terraces and even driveways.

Direct fixing is suitable when installing porcelain, slabs, natural stone or pavers – provided the materials are rated for external use – and when an existing, sound concrete base is available. Before work begins, it is critical to ensure the concrete substrate has fully cured and is free from laitance, efflorescence, contamination or any loose material. Mechanical preparation may be necessary to create a surface with exposed but stable aggregate, delivering reliable adhesion. An effective damp proof membrane must also be in place to prevent moisture transmission, particularly where the concrete is laid directly onto earth.

As with any external installation, environmental factors must be carefully considered. Adequate falls must be incorporated into the design to ensure efficient drainage and avoid standing water. Expansion joints are also essential, helping accommodate movement within the substrate and preventing tile failure.

Dampening the concrete prior to applying adhesive helps control suction, but care must be taken to avoid leaving standing water.

Where the substrate requires smoothing or gradient adjustment, an external levelling compound can be used – such as BAL Level Out or ARDEX K 301. The installer should protect levellers from adverse weather – including sun, wind, rain and frost – until properly cured.

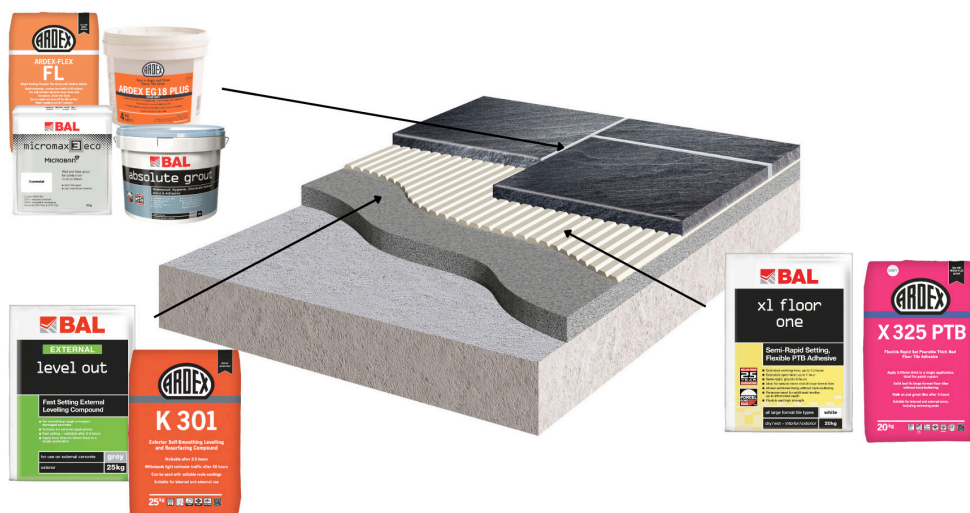
Once the substrate is prepared, tiles can be fixed using a suitable external grade adhesive – such as BAL Rapid-Flex One or ARDEX X 78. Because external environments are prone to lateral movement, an uncoupling solution may be required. Traditional uncoupling mats are not always ideal outdoors, as any trapped moisture can lead to issues unless drainage channels are built in. An alternative option is a rubber crumb, anti fracture adhesive such as BAL AF Max, which provides both adhesion and uncoupling in one system. Water and frost resistant, it is a practical choice for external porcelain and ceramic tiles.

For time-sensitive or budget-restricted projects, some external adhesives can be applied directly onto tamped concrete, eliminating the need for a leveller. Where large-format tiles or heavy natural stone are used, rapid setting or semi rapid, pourable tile adhesives – such as BAL XL Floor One or ARDEX X 325 PTB – can provide the necessary strength and coverage. These thick bed systems – sometimes accommodating depths of up to 25mm – are ideal for uncalibrated stone or uneven substrates. Back buttering should be considered, particularly for deeply keyed tiles, to ensure full coverage. Spot fixing must always be avoided as it contradicts British Standards and increases the risk of staining and failure.

After the adhesive has cured, grouting can begin. High performance cementitious grouts – such as BAL Micromax3 ECO or ARDEX FLEX-FL – offer durability outdoors, although pre sealing tiles may prevent staining during application. Admixtures can enhance flexibility and longevity, especially in challenging environments. Epoxy grouts provide an alternative solution: waterproof, chemical resistant and easier to maintain, making them well suited to external use. Consider BAL Absolute Grout or ARDEX EG 18 Plus.

Finally, keeping external grout in good condition requires a regular cleaning regime using products appropriate for the tile type. Avoid harsh chemicals or acids that may erode the grout surface.

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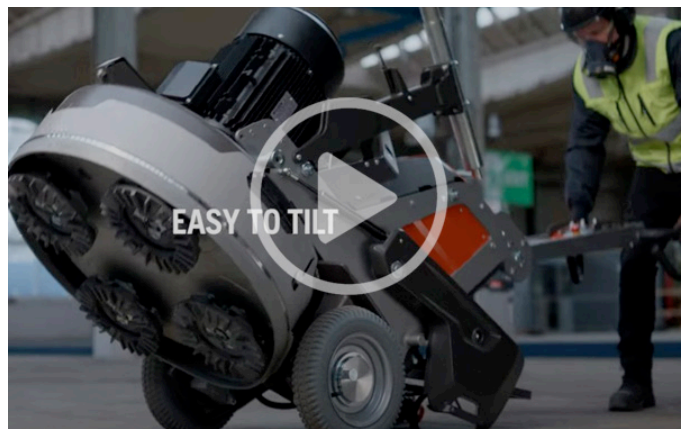
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Scott Bentley, Business Development Manager at **MeasureSquare**, sits down to discuss more about the new MeasureSquare CRM launched earlier this year and how flooring businesses are benefiting from a one stop shop fully integrated solution by reducing data duplication from multiple software systems. Scott also discusses MeasureSquare's commitment to innovation and what users can expect in the coming months.

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READY FOR OUTSIDE

From pools and patios to artificial grass, Kerakoll explains how its exterior systems are purpose-built for reliable outdoor substrate preparation.

The creation of a space for outdoor living has become the norm in most gardens, in spite of the British climate. Whether you are laying a tiled patio for use as an outdoor seating area, or artificial turf you will need a smooth level base and products developed for external use.

Levelflex External is a rapid-setting self-levelling compound specifically developed for use outside and in areas submerged in water. It incorporates Frost Protect, a blend of additives specially selected to prevent frost damage during the freeze-thaw process when used externally. Levelflex External is ideal for use in wet areas and swimming pools as part of the Kerakoll swimming pool system as it maintains performance even when submerged.

It can be used in thicknesses from 2mm to 50mm, and has a 25-minute wet edge time with a three-hour wait before tiling. It can also be used as a base for artificial turf, or left bare as a wearing surface in areas exposed to light to medium foot traffic.

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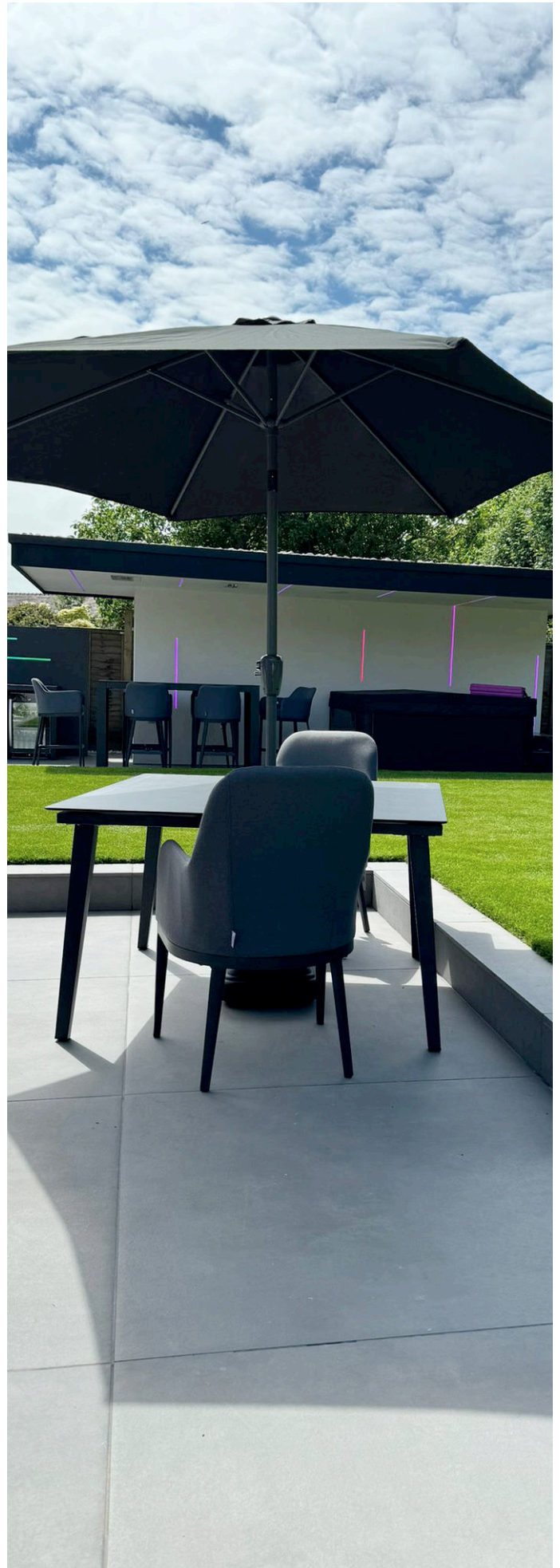
For tiled surface, once the surface is dry, choose any of Kerakoll's Setaflex range of adhesives, all of which are suitable for external use. You can choose the speed of Setaflex Rapid which is ready for grouting after approximately three hours at 23C, and has a pot life of 30 minutes, or the convenience of Setaflex Standard with its extended pot life of around three to four hours and a wait of 24 hours before grouting. Alternatively, you can get the perfect balance between speed and convenience and use Setaflex Semi-rapid, which has an extended pot life of 90 – 120 minutes but is still ready for grouting after six hours.

Finally fill the joints with Grout 3000 in a colour that matches the tiles. This range is frost resistant and suitable for outside use.

For artificial turf, simply follow the instructions of the manufacturer to lay the material once you have levelled the base with Levelflex External.

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GREAT OUTDOORS

The experts at F. Ball and Co. provide a straightforward guide to exterior flooring installations.

The steps to achieving a professional flooring finish outside, as well as in transitional areas such as entranceways, are much the same as when working indoors. The main differences are that the products used must be formulated for outdoor use and external projects frequently involve floorcoverings that aren't typically installed indoors, such as artificial grass.

When undertaking exterior flooring installations, contractors still need to create a suitably smooth and stable base on which to install the floorcoverings, as they would for an interior installation. Priming the subfloor beforehand is just as important. The flooring contractor can then proceed to install chosen floorcoverings. In each case, the contractor needs to use products that are designed for outdoor use.

■ EXTERIOR SMOOTHING COMPOUNDS

External flooring installations typically involve working over concrete or sand/cement screeds. It's also possible that the screed will be uneven or damaged, particularly if the project is a refurbishment. In most cases, a smoothing compound will be required to create a surface that is smooth and level for floorcoverings to be installed. The smoothing compound must be weatherproof and able to withstand extremes of temperature.

For example, F. Ball and Co. Ltd.'s Stopgap 850 is purpose-designed for external application. It is suitable for smoothing and smoothing screeds, including those that have become worn, impact damaged or weathered and can be used for patios, walkways, and balconies. Its resistance to water once fully cured also makes it ideal for use in locations such as garages.

If desired, the smoothing compound can be used as a stand-alone exterior wear coat, for example, over a garage floor, and is also suitable for the installation of artificial grass or for use with vinyl or matting in transitional areas, such as entranceways. It can be applied in thicknesses between 5mm and 15mm, and, when fully cured, it is resistant to frost and rain.

Mixed with aggregate, Stopgap 850 can be filled up to 50mm for use where concrete or sand/cement screeds are particularly damaged or worn. Alternatively, contractors may opt for a ready-to-use repair mortar that is suitable for exterior floors to repair areas of damage, such as F. Ball's Stopgap 460 Exterior Repair, before applying the smoothing compound.

As always, it's essential to prime the subfloor before the application of a smoothing compound. Priming absorbent subfloors of concrete or sand/cement screeds helps to promote adhesion and prevents the unacceptably rapid drying of subsequently applied smoothing compounds.

■ ADHESIVES FOR EXTERNAL USE

When using suitably water-resistant products, contractors can proceed straight to installing floorcoverings once the smoothing compound is fully cured. Again, it's essential to choose an adhesive suitable for outside use.

Epoxy or polyurethane-based adhesives are the traditional choices for installing floorcoverings in outside areas. Such adhesives are tolerant of water, frost and snow.

The latest advancements in adhesives technology have enabled F. Ball to create a one-part, moisture-curing adhesive for internal and external heavy-duty applications: Styccobond F73 PLUS.

The adhesive has been specially developed to provide the high bond strength required to hold a wide range of floorcoverings in place in the most demanding environments, such as in areas subject to surface water, heavy loads and high foot traffic, including in transition areas and entranceways. The adhesive offers high initial grab, and fibres in the adhesive limit early lateral movement, an advantage when installing LVTs.

Styccobond F73 PLUS is also easier to apply and faster curing than traditional alternatives, requiring as little as 90 minutes to secure floorcoverings. The adhesive can be trowel-applied to a wide variety of sound, smooth subfloors, including concrete and sand/cement screeds. Its fast-setting properties allow welding of sheet floorcoverings to take place from as little as two hours.

■ CHECKING FLOORCOVERING COMPATIBILITY

It's always advisable to check the compatibility of particular floorcoverings and adhesives. To do this, flooring contractors can consult F. Ball's industry-leading Recommended Adhesives Guide (RAG), which lists adhesives recommended for use with over 6,000 floorcoverings, produced by over 200 manufacturers. A continually updated version of the guide is available on the F. Ball website and as a free app. Alternatively, F. Ball's technical service department is on hand Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5.00pm, to answer your questions about F. Ball products and how to use them. Contractors can also consult floorcovering manufacturers for advice.

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COMPLETE CARE

Mapei discusses how its UltraCare range delivers a comprehensive solution for cleaning, protecting and maintaining hard landscaping, helping external tiles and stone retain their appearance and performance in even the toughest conditions.

In all environments, a good protection and maintenance regime is essential, in order to retain a tile's aesthetic and performance. Outdoors, this can be a particular challenge, especially with increasingly wet weather and the advent of heavily textured engineered tiles. Mapei UltraCare provides a solution, from installation to the protection and maintenance of all types of external surfaces in domestic and commercial settings. Many treatments now form part of Mapei's Zero Line – with CO2 fully offset in the entire life cycle – and feature water-based formulations, for a safe and environmentally-friendly application.

■ MAINTENANCE MADE EASY WITH ULTRACARE

For everyday maintenance, UltraCare Multicleaner Zero is a versatile and highly concentrated pH-neutral solution. Used diluted 1:200, it is perfect for routine cleaning on external surfaces. It can also be used diluted 1:30 to tackle heavier organic dirt. The solution is formulated for all types of engineered and natural stone surfaces, including external porcelain, and is also available in a pump spray bottle for indoor tile care.

■ TACKLING RESIDUES, STAINS & DEPOSITS

Slippery algae and organic matter, greasy deposits, fixing residues and rust can be difficult to remove from tiles and stone, especially from acid-sensitive natural stone. The UltraCare range includes six products to tackle these issues, restoring appearance and performance:

UltraCare HD Cleaner Zero is a concentrated deep cleaner for porcelain and unpolished natural stone. It quickly removes organic dirt, grease and wax – as well as algae, blackspot, tree sap and stains caused by leaves – restoring a paver's aesthetic, as well as slip-resistant properties.

UltraCare Grout Release provides benefits both before and after grouting. Applied before installation, it prevents grout ingress on porous stone and acts as a sacrificial sealer on porcelain. After installation, it makes the removal of grout easier from both natural stone and external porcelain.

UltraCare Acid Cleaner Zero and UltraCare Keranet Zero are formulated to remove cementitious residues and rust marks, as well as efflorescence and limescale from porcelain and acid-resistant natural stone. Pump spray-format – UltraCare Keranet Easy Zero – is particularly useful for removing cementitious grout residues during fixing; it can be used as soon as grout becomes opaque, significantly reducing the time to undertake a Builders Clean.

To tackle rust and oil-based stains, the range includes UltraCare Rust Remover and UltraCare Stain Remover Zero. UltraCare Rust Remover is a fast-acting, acid-free treatment designed to remove surface and deeply penetrated rust from all types of tile, including acid-sensitive stone. For organic grease and oil stains – including engine and hydraulic oil – UltraCare Stain Remover Zero quickly removes marks from porous surfaces. Both treatments have a thick paste-like consistency that allows targeted treatment and reduces waste.

■ PROTECTION - BEFORE & AFTER INSTALLATION

Alongside Mapei's UltraCare cleaners, the range also includes a series of UltraCare protectors and intensifiers designed to meet specific requirements, from protection against grout ingress, to natural-effect and colour-enhanced protection after installation. All of the solutions are non-film forming, breathable and UV resistant.

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