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EDITOR'S VOICE



Hello and welcome to the May issue of Tomorrow's Contract Floors.

Excitement is building across the contract flooring industry as a busy events season gets underway this May. Three major dates for the diary, Flanders

Flooring Days, Clerkenwell Design Week and Warsaw Floor Expo, are set to showcase the latest products, ideas and innovations shaping the sector.

The momentum follows a successful first-ever edition of The Flooring Show South in April, where it was great to see such a strong turnout of exhibitors and visitors. Feedback from across the show floor was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting both the quality of conversations and the volume of business taking place. It's clear the event has quickly established itself as a must-attend fixture in the industry calendar, setting the tone for an exciting few months ahead.

From the open-house showroom experiences and manufacturer showcases in Belgium, to the design-led energy of Clerkenwell's festival atmosphere, and the growing international reach of Warsaw's dedicated flooring exhibition, each event offers something unique. Together, they highlight the creativity, technical expertise and collaboration driving the industry forward. In this issue, we preview what to expect – particularly in our

spotlight on Warsaw Floor Expo and our dedicated look ahead to Clerkenwell Design Week.

Alongside our event coverage, this month's issue is packed with insight and inspiration. We feature a range of standout projects, including our Makeover of the Month: a dementia-care refurbishment using specialist Altro system, alongside a hospitality scheme where Havwoods' natural wood surfaces help create a calm, welcoming environment. We also highlight how IVC Commercial flooring is supporting inclusive initiatives through Whitbread's Thrive programme.

Elsewhere, the focus turns to practicality, with F. Ball's expert insight into subfloor preparation for heavy-duty industrial environments, as well as guidance from Wagner Meters on moisture management and data recording to help prevent flooring failure.

As the industry comes together at these key events, May promises valuable connections and a renewed focus on innovation across contract flooring.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Sarah Robinson, Editor



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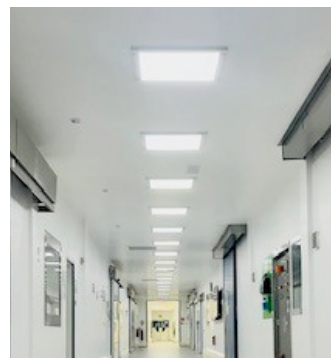
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ENVELOPE COMPLETION FOR KERAKOLL UK'S NEW PLANT

Kerakoll UK Ltd and Barnfield Construction Ltd have proudly announced that Barnfield Construction has finished the installation of windows, doors, wall cladding, and solar panels for Kerakoll UK Ltd's new plant in Preston.

Phase 1 of this landmark project includes a state-of-the-art distribution centre, research and development centre and training campus, allowing Kerakoll to showcase its products and systems.

The new facility represents a significant investment in the region and will support Kerakoll's continued expansion across the UK and Northern Europe. Building completion and handover is programmed for November 2026.

The site is being constructed to BREEAM standards with a predicted score of very good, with 2360m² of photovoltaic panels installed on the roof, generating an estimated 340 MWh per year, and saving 65 tonnes per year in CO₂ emissions.

The building has also been developed to allow rainwater harvesting with a capacity of 30,000m³, serving the toilets in the main offices, giving an estimated water saving of 3000 l/day.

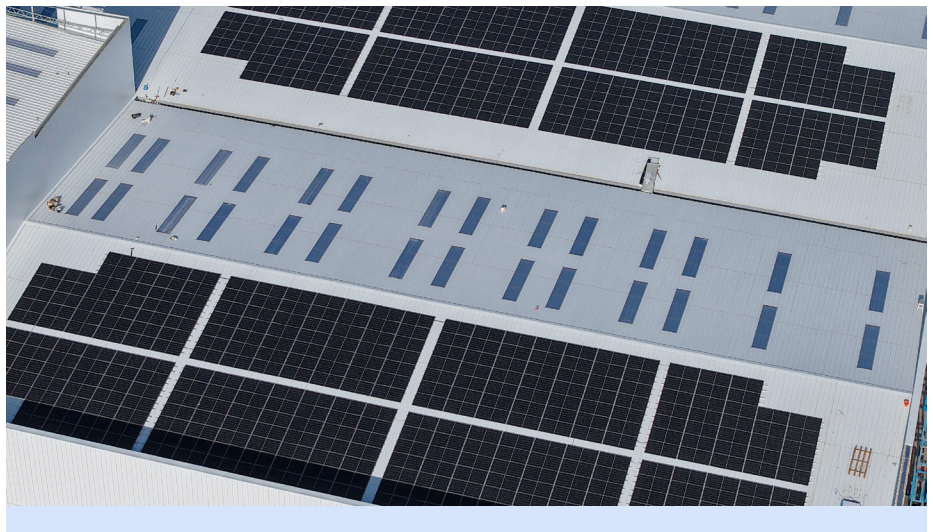
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Tim Webber, chairman and managing director of the Barnfield Group, said: "Reaching envelope completion is a significant milestone for the project and a testament to the strong collaboration between Barnfield Construction and Kerakoll UK. It's been great to work with the excellent team at Kerakoll – we've worked together as one team throughout, and that partnership has helped deliver such strong progress to date. We're looking forward to

seeing the final outcome on completion, which reflects our shared commitment to quality, innovation and sustainability."

Carl Gardner, managing director of Kerakoll UK, added: "Thanks to Barnfield Construction the project has been running smoothly and to schedule, allowing us to welcome our key customer partners to view the site in the second half of this year."

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www.barnfieldconstruction.co.uk



F. BALL APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF SALES FOR EMEA AND THE AMERICAS

F. Ball and Co. Ltd. has appointed Jack Sant as Head of Sales for EMEA and the Americas, to build on growing demand for the company's products in these regions.

This will involve maintaining and strengthening relationships with existing customers, as well as developing new business opportunities across both areas.

He will also lead the team that supports contractors, wholesalers and retailers to get the most out of F. Ball products, including providing case-specific advice on the best course of action for particular flooring installations and training.

Jack brings more than 15 years' experience in sales roles in the flooring industry. Having managed international portfolios, he has a proven track record of navigating cultural differences and building relationships with people from a wide range of backgrounds to

increase the presence of brands in new markets worldwide.

Commenting on his new role, Jack said: 'F. Ball is the UK market leader in flooring installation products and has been the go-to brand for the majority of flooring contractors for many years. When the opportunity came along to work for a company with such a rich history, talented people and reputation for high-quality products, alongside its strong focus on global expansion, I couldn't resist.

"Thankfully, F. Ball has unique, high-performance solutions that will meet unserved needs and create opportunities in competitive markets."

A sports fan, Jack enjoys playing golf and watching football, keeping fit and socialising in his spare time.

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Importantly, although its floors provide performance for heavy use, IVC Commercial ensures that projects can also benefit from designs that help aged residents to feel comfortable in their surroundings. With a wide variety of wood and stone effects for a connection to nature, specifiers can create an environment that's easy to navigate and understand, while ensuring a sense of familiarity. With LRV (light reflectance value) available on all designs, IVC Commercial floors can also be used in projects working to standards such as the RNIB Visibly Better Living Standard.

Mathew Federici, specification manager for social housing, local authority & aged care, said: "Aged care providers need the best possible value from every interior finish. Given the floor comes under daily pressure, making sure that the specification is up to job is critical to ensure objectives are met. Thanks to the adaptability of our collection, we can ensure that every area is equipped with a floor that's suitable, while our competitive pricing helps to deliver a cost-effective solution. Alongside, varied, homelike designs help to create supportive environments so that aged residents feel settled and better understand their living environment."

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REWARDING ROLLS WITH IVC COMMERCIAL

Due to popular demand, IVC Commercial has brought back its Roll Back Rewards promotion for 2026, giving you the chance to earn £10 on every full roll of its flooring purchased.

Available on IVC Commercial's Iperform 70, Adriatico 70, Isafe 70, Optimise 70 and Pioneer 70 sheet vinyl flooring, Roll Back Rewards gives back every time you purchase a full roll from qualifying distributors. Simply buy any full two-metre width roll and IVC Commercial will give you a £10 voucher to spend at major retailers.

Roll Back Rewards is available on floors purchased after 1 May 2026 and makes it easy to claim. Just visit the website, www.ivc-rewards.com, upload your invoices featuring qualifying full rolls and choose your vouchers from either All4One, Amazon, John Lewis or Laithwaites.

Jake Parks, national sales manager, said: "We've brought Roll Back Rewards back for 2026 as our way of saying

thank you to contractors choosing the quality and value of our heavy-duty sheet vinyl flooring collections. Ideal for use in education, aged care, social housing, hospitality and leisure projects, they all feature a durable 0.70mm wear layer to withstand intense use with options for acoustic and safety applications."

Whatever the project, you're guaranteed to be able to deliver a great looking floor and reward yourself for choosing IVC Commercial. For full Terms and Conditions of the promotion, visit the website below. Roll Back Rewards runs from 1 May to 30 September 2026.

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LEOLINE UNVEILS 2026 COLLECTIONS

LeoLine is renowned for cushion vinyl flooring that makes homes uniquely personal. Comfortable, water-resistant, easy to clean and tough enough for family life; LeoLine floors combine practicality with style.

For 2026, LeoLine has introduced three brand-new collections that keep its floors at the forefront of trends defining the interior style of homes across the UK. Artiste, Premium Elite and Ultimate Essence bring fresh new flooring looks ready to lift homes out of the ordinary.

Artiste's fabulous tile, concrete and terrazzo designs are full of expression. With the classic look of ceramic tiles in modern colour combinations, homes can take a twist on the traditional, opt for the cool concrete of George, or make something of the fabulous Marmette in its trending terrazzo effect. Every design brings exceptional value and helps to make every home quieter and more comfortable.

Premium Elite caters for homes that demand the best in authentic effects. Thanks to its enhanced v-groove and textured surface, it offers the quality look of luxury vinyl in LeoLine's versatile, affordable

and easy to install sheet format. Rustic wood planks for country charm, finely grained oak with a contemporary edge, herringbone and chevron patterns, as well as two concrete styles; the collection offers a premium look and feel in every style.

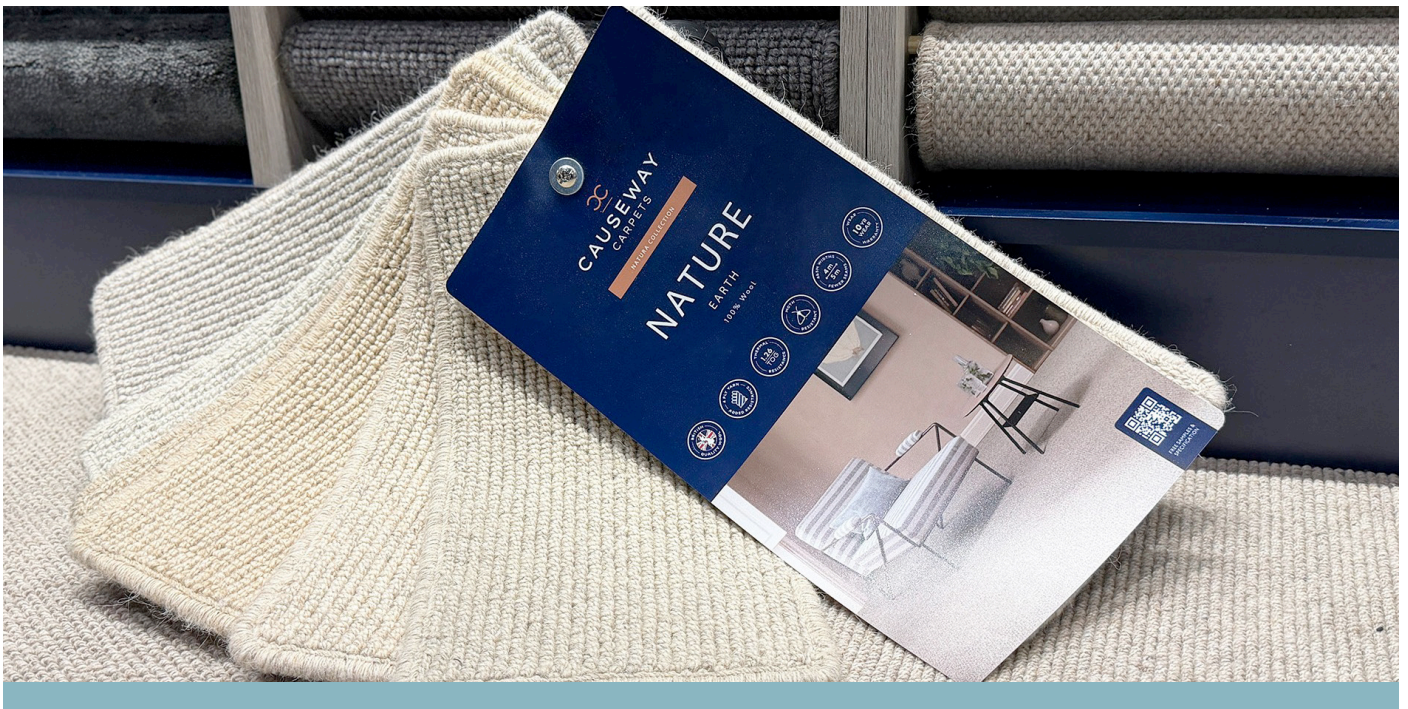
Ultimate Essence's exquisite wood, stone and tile designs offer the very best in contemporary and classic looks alike. From rich and dark wood planks that tantalise to hypnotising geometric tiles, the collection explores unique designs that stand out from the ordinary. It's also packed with performance for a floor that's a joy to live with and a lasting choice.

David Wray, national sales manager, said: "Thanks to the variety of flooring designs available, our new LeoLine collections add unique style to any home. Whether customers want a welcoming wood plank, elegant ceramic tile or trend-setting terrazzo; they offer a comfortable, practical and durable flooring option that can be used throughout the home."

Free samples of the new collections can now be ordered on the website.

leoline.co.uk





CAUSEWAY CARPETS RETURNS TO INDX

Causeway Carpets is returning to the INDX Flooring Show, eager to connect with buying group members in Solihull between 10 and 11 May.

The show presents another opportunity for visitors to discover how Causeway Carpets continues to add a fresh dimension to the broadloom carpet market with an exclusive collection of wool and polyester ranges quality carpets, supported by market-leading service, and a brand that stands out for its premium feel.

At INDX, Causeway Carpets will present its new ranges alongside established favourites, each showing just how it brings stores carpets that continue to set a new benchmark for quality and value.

Show highlights will include new Mayfair, a beautiful four-ply yarn loop pile carpet crafted from 100% pure new wool. Debuting at INDX, this new addition comprises 20 refined and elegant colourways across the four styles. Together, Mayfair Rib, Mayfair Linea, Mayfair Weave and Mayfair Texture offer a timelessly elegant look that fits perfectly in classic and contemporary spaces.

Alongside Mayfair, Causeway Carpets will also present a new look Nature Earth and Nature Core. Crafted from 100% British Wool in a chunky four-ply yarn that adds rustic character, these refreshed ranges come in five brand-new colours, joining a trio of existing best-sellers, to bring a collection with broad appeal for today's interior trends.

Causeway's stand will also showcase its comprehensive and versatile display options. Responding to the wide range of in-store requirements, each display perfectly captures Causeway Carpets' ambition to champion classic design for modern living. The Compact Display Unit is a chance for buying group members to introduce Causeway Carpets to stores with limited space. Designed to be combined, multiple units can be used inline or back-to-back. Retailers looking to elevate their store

with a more prominent presence for the brand can turn to the Multi Display Unit.

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FROM INSPIRATION TO INSTALLATION: HAVWOODS INTRODUCES NEW SAMPLE KIT

Wood surface specialist Havwoods is introducing a new sample box for Spring 2026, designed to support architects, interior designers and developers throughout the material specification process.

Bringing together a curated selection of hero flooring samples alongside complementary surface solutions in a beautifully packaged box, the kit enables finishes to be reviewed side by side, helping designers move confidently from early concept development through to final material selection – and build their sample libraries in the process.

To support a wide range of project sectors and specification requirements, the boxes can be configured to suit different design needs. Options include luxury residential flooring edits, mixed flooring and surface selections, dedicated surface boxes and high-street project formats, with a workspace-focused version currently in development. This flexible approach allows Havwoods to provide more customised material tools that respond directly to the evolving needs of designers and specifiers, supporting them from early inspiration to completed installation.

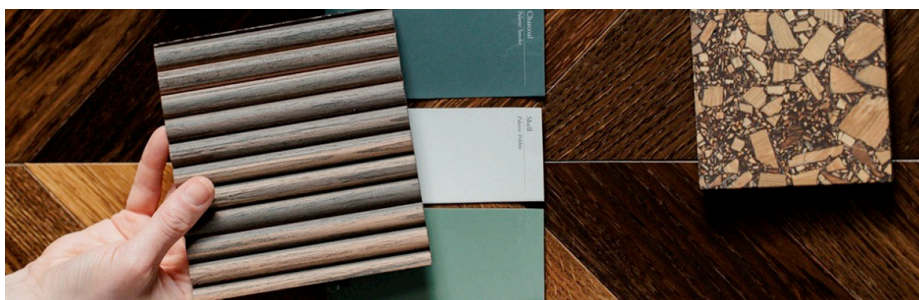
Manufactured on-site in Surrey using entirely FSC-certified materials, the boxes reflect Havwoods' continued focus on responsible sourcing and local production. The outer construction uses high-quality, fully recyclable uncoated paper produced in the UK, helping to reduce transport distances and associated emissions while maintaining a premium finish.

Physical sampling continues to play a central role in material decision-making. Havwoods' luxury wood samples, available via next-day delivery, enable designers to build and refine their sample libraries quickly and more effectively. Experiencing timber surfaces in situ ensures that grain, colour variation and scale can be evaluated with confidence.

Alongside physical samples, Havwoods provides a comprehensive digital platform for material exploration. Its online inspiration gallery showcases real interior projects across residential, commercial and hospitality settings, allowing designers to reference practical applications and identify new surface opportunities. Detailed technical information, product specifications and ordering functionality further support efficient project planning.

By offering both physical and digital resources, Havwoods enables designers to move seamlessly from inspiration through to installation, ensuring timber surfaces can be specified with clarity, creativity and technical assurance.

www.havwoods.com/uk



INTERFACE APPOINTS NILS RÖDENBECK AS VICE PRESIDENT & COMMERCIAL LEADER, EMEA

Interface has appointed Nils Rödenbeck as Vice President and Commercial Leader for the EMEA region.

In this role, Nils will lead Interface's commercial strategies across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA), with responsibility for commercial teams, customer service, and sales and technical support. He will also help advance Interface's growth objectives in the region, with a focus on growing its carpet tile business, expanding the company's resilient portfolio, and diversifying its presence across market segments such as healthcare and education.

Nils brings 19 years of experience at Interface, having held senior commercial and general management roles across Europe. Most recently, he served as Vice President, Commercial for DACH & UKIMEA, overseeing the company's commercial operations across key EMEA markets, including major markets such as the UK and Germany.

Prior, Nils was Vice President & General Manager for Interface DACH, where he led the company's business across Germany, Austria, and Switzerland focused on the Interface-branded product portfolio including carpet tile and luxury vinyl tile (LVT). Most notably, he drove significant growth in the DACH business while successfully leading the organisation through a period of intense global disruption.

Throughout his career, Nils has built and led high performing teams, with expertise in specification-driven markets and experience across Interface's full portfolio. He also brings a steadfast commitment to the company's aggressive sustainability goals and core values to his new role.

Jim Poppens, Chief Commercial Officer of Interface said: "If you have ever been fortunate to work with him, you know his passion for our company, our success, our values, and our sustainability commitments. He will stay close to our customers and help strengthen our product

portfolio through design and innovation to meet their needs."

Nils completed his Executive Education at Harvard Business School and holds additional business qualifications through a dual MBA program. He is currently based in Germany.

www.interface.com/GB



PRIME IMPORTANCE

While it is often thought of as an unnecessary process or expense, priming can be the difference between a successful flooring installation and complete floor failure. F. Ball training manager Tim Green explains why, as well as how to choose the optimum product for a particular situation.

In nearly all cases, subfloors should be primed before the application of an adhesive or a smoothing compound. The reasons for this depend on the type of subfloor.

When applied to non-absorbent surfaces, such as epoxy waterproof surface membranes, terrazzo or ceramic tiles, primers are designed to promote adhesion of subsequently applied smoothing compounds.

Priming absorbent subfloors, including porous concrete and sand/cement screeds, also increases the application characteristics of subsequently applied flooring preparation products, as well as preventing the unacceptably rapid drying of smoothing compounds and adhesives. Insufficient water for complete hydration of a smoothing compound may result in poor build up of strength. Avoiding the rapid loss of water from a smoothing compound will also prolong its open time. Similarly, adhesives that dry too quickly can lose their receptiveness to adhere floorcoverings properly.

Primers can also prevent the incidence of surface defects, such as 'pinholing', by stopping the slow escape of air from the subfloor, resulting in tiny bubbles in the smoothing compound which burst on reaching the surface, leaving small pinholes or craters as the screed cures.

■ TIME TO PRIME

Just as the reason for priming depends on the type of subfloor, this will also determine the optimum primer for a particular situation. General-purpose primers are available that can be used over both absorbent and non-absorbent surfaces. If preparing a particularly absorbent subfloor, such as screeds that include underfloor heating where it has been utilised in the drying of the base, it may be necessary for a contractor to apply a second, or even third, coat of the primer. The contractor would normally use a roller for application to ensure even coverage of the primer, with pigmented primers making this easier to gauge visually.

For non-absorbent surfaces, specialist primers are available that are designed to create a textured finish and enhance bond performance between subfloor and smoothing compound. This extra adhesion is particularly desirable where deep base smoothing compounds are applied at a thickness greater than 20mm; the strong bond created when using a primer such as F. Ball and Co. Ltd.'s Stopgap P141, is better able to withstand the increased stress that thicker smoothing compounds experience when drying.

Primers are also available for specialist applications, such as when working with calcium sulphate screeds, an increasingly popular choice in new builds. These are specially formulated to promote the application characteristics of compatible smoothing compounds; such primers are lower viscosity compared with other products, helping them to absorb into the surface of calcium sulphate screeds, which are denser than concrete or sand/cement screeds.



■ MIND THE GAP

When contractors are working over raised-access panels, the direct application of a smoothing compound to the substrate may result in weak points, where the smoothing compound sinks into the channels at the joints between panels.

For this reason, cement-based primers are available, such as F. Ball's Stopgap Fill and Prime, which fill the joints between the panels whilst simultaneously priming the subfloor, saving valuable time. These primers have a thixotropic consistency, meaning that they flow freely when stirred but set to a gel-like consistency on standing, enabling the joints to remain filled. They are also suitable for use over substrates with well-bonded, waterproof adhesive residues prior to the application of a smoothing compound.

Rather than being an added expense, applying Stopgap Fill and Prime can be applied over flooring-grade chipboard as a time and cost saving alternative to overboarding the subfloor with plywood.

■ WHEN NOT TO PRIME

A couple of notable exceptions to the requirement to prime include when working with smoothing compounds that can be applied directly over well-bonded old adhesive residues, such as F. Ball's Stopgap 1200. When used in this way, the subfloor does not require priming. The product can also be applied directly over waterproof surface membranes within 24 hours of the waterproof surface membrane having fully cured and while still receptive and tacky.

There is also no need to prime certain water-based waterproof surface membranes, including F. Ball's Stopgap F78, prior to the application of a smoothing compound, or before using a reactive (two-part) adhesive to adhere floorcoverings directly to a substrate.

Apart from in these particular instances, the advice is always to prime.

<https://f-ball.com>

RETURN TO FLANDERS

Flanders Flooring Days returns from 18–21 May 2026, bringing the global flooring industry back to Kortrijk, Belgium, for its fifth edition – and momentum is clearly building.

The event continues to strengthen its reputation as a must-attend date for flooring professionals across manufacturing, specification, distribution and retail.

What sets Flanders Flooring Days apart is its hybrid format. Visitors can explore leading manufacturers at their own production sites across the region, while also discovering a wide range of brands and innovations under one roof at Kortrijk Xpo. This dual approach offers a unique opportunity to combine product sourcing with behind-the-scenes insight into manufacturing processes, helping professionals make more informed decisions.

The 2026 edition is further reinforced by partnerships with Fedustria and Centexbel, adding both industry weight and technical depth. Fedustria will showcase Belgian expertise through its 'Belgian Textile' pavilion, while Centexbel contributes

to a forward-looking seminar programme focused on innovation and sustainability.

Knowledge sharing remains central to the event, with seminars and live demonstrations addressing some of the sector's most pressing challenges. Highlights include findings from the Living Lab Carpet project, which explores circular solutions such as reuse, repair and recycling, alongside practical applications for reclaimed materials.

With a strong returning exhibitor base, growing international reach and a clear focus on future-facing topics, Flanders Flooring Days 2026 is set to deliver valuable insights, meaningful connections and tangible business opportunities for flooring professionals at every level.

www.flandersflooringdays.com/en

EXPERIENCE THE CREATIVITY THAT MAKES BEAUFLO

Vinyl flooring specialist, Beauflor, is one of the Belgian companies joining Flanders Flooring Days. Taking place in the flooring heartland of Belgium this May, the event sees some of the world's largest flooring companies open their showrooms in what the organisers describe as a 'synergy between fairground and showroom'.

For Beauflor, the event gives the chance for all flooring specialists to visit the impressive Experience Centre to relax in the comfort of warm hospitality and to 'get behind' the surprising qualities of today's sheet vinyl floors. Visitors will also discover four global trend themes influencing its Belgian design team and can enjoy a seamless transition from the Kortrijk Xpo to the Experience Centre with a complimentary shuttle service.

Design, Product & Marketing Director, Michèle Bruynseels said: "Our collections are guided by global design trends. We use them to influence the materials, patterns and textures we look towards and the colours and tones we choose. Our team translates these with our leading and highly flexible digital printing technology so customers can always find the latest, trending designs in our collections. We're looking forward to showing just what digital printing can do and what's

influencing our current and future designs to people visiting us at Flanders Flooring Days."

One of the four themes, 'return to being' will be put in the spotlight as Beauflor explores how we are in a period of transition, shifting away from an era of mass appeal and copy-paste culture into an age of authenticity where craft and humanity are key driving influences in design. From rich, weathered and lime effects in wood to tactile, character-driven stone and between, it will be a fascinating behind the scenes look at Beauflor's sheet vinyl flooring collections.

The influence of other global themes in Echo Present, Still Light and Liquid Reality will also be felt in the flexibility and creativity explored at the Experience Centre, demonstrating how Beauflor is shaping today's vinyl flooring for tomorrow's home through design-centric, seamless flooring that brings comfort and ease of living.

Beauflor will be at Flanders Flooring Days, 18–21 May, opening its Experience Centre, Rijksweg 442, 8710 Wielsbeke and booth 173 at Kortrijk Xpo.

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STAY A STEP AHEAD WITH QUICK-STEP

This May, Quick-Step will open the doors of its Wielsbeke, Belgium showroom as it takes part in Flanders Flooring Days. Showing international visitors why it remains always a step ahead, Quick-Step will tell the story of its new brand positioning, inspire visitors with the next generation of its Alpha Vinyl and demonstrate the innovation and quality born through its creator mindset. Retailers will be able to discover how a partnership with Quick-Step can empower them through multi-category flooring.

Across the event's four-days, visitors will also experience CIRCUL'ART, an artistic installation concept where circularity becomes art. This immersive experience makes Quick-Step's circular materials flow visible and has been created by professional artists working with real Quick-Step flooring materials. Exploring how HDF and vinyl waste is valued as the starting point for new floors through industrial scale design, engineering and expertise; CIRCUL'ART shows how waste is a valuable resource for high-quality flooring.

Niall Cassidy, retail sales and national account manager at Unilin, said: "Flanders Flooring Days is a unique chance to deeply explore what makes Quick-Step tick. From the way we see waste materials as a valuable resource to create new floors to a new generation of Alpha Vinyl and how we create lasting partnerships with our retailers; the event opens the secret to how we stay always a step ahead. I look forward to

welcoming customers as they experience the passion and pursuit of perfection that comes from our creator mindset."

Visit Quick-Step at Kortrijk Expo, booth 171, or make an appointment to visit the showroom at Unilin, Ooigemstraat 3, 8710 Wielsbeke to see how it is always a step ahead.

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FIND YOUR ROOTS

For UK retailers making the trip to Flanders Flooring Days this May, a visit to Moduleo will be the first chance to see the forthcoming update to Roots, the luxury vinyl brand's design-centric collection. Carefully curated to match today's interiors and the trends shaping tomorrow's, these brand-new designs come with the same softness, warmth and durability found in the original Roots. But you don't just have to take Moduleo's word for it, as you'll also be able to put the quality of Roots to the test too.

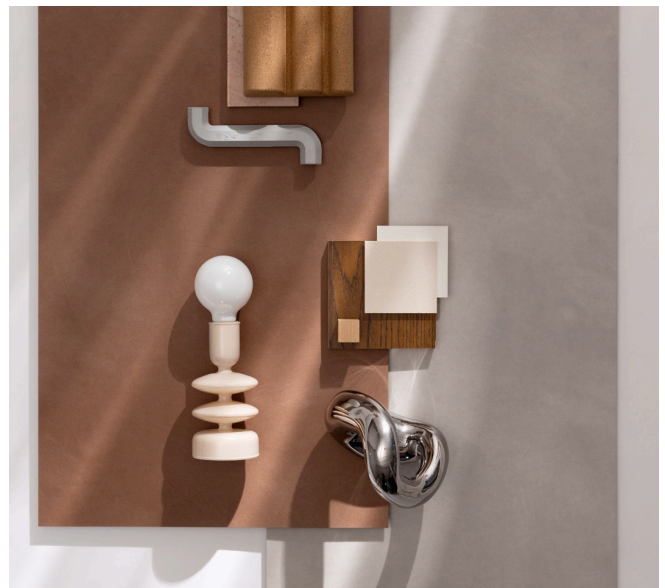
Crafted for long-lasting beauty and designed with circular principles in mind, the Moduleo Roots collection features at least 24% pre-consumer recycled content from its own production and through Recover, Moduleo's programme to take back post-industrial PVC from other industries as well as installation off-cuts and old floors. Flanders Flooring Days will be a chance to learn how Moduleo is pushing forward to create a more responsible future for flooring.

Niall Cassidy, retail sales and national account manager, Unilin, said: "We're excited to be bringing a refreshed Roots collection to Moduleo. Since it was introduced, Roots has impressed for the depth and variety of designs on offer. For many homeowners, Roots is the ultimate luxury vinyl. Design-focused, comfortable, made to last and with legendary Belgian quality; it is the pinnacle of luxury vinyl for style conscious homeowners. This update promises a Roots collection that translates the latest trends into great looking floors and Flanders Flooring Days is the perfect place to see just how exciting luxury vinyl can be."

Showcasing innovation from over 100 European brands, Flanders Flooring Days takes place in showrooms across the Flanders region, home to many of Europe's largest flooring manufacturers, and at the Kortrijk Expo, 18-21 May 2026.

Find Moduleo on booth 171, Kortrijk Expo, or visit Unilin, Ooigemstraat 3, 8710 Wielsbeke.

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INDUSTRY SUPPORT

F. Ball explains how it supports flooring professionals with expert advice, hands-on training and digital tools, helping them achieve reliable, long-lasting results across projects, and address skills gaps.

The UK's leading manufacturer of subfloor preparation products and adhesives for floorcoverings, F. Ball and Co. Ltd., has a long track record of innovation focused on creating the next generation of products to help flooring professionals meet ever higher customer expectations. This advanced technology is backed up by industry leading customer service in order to get the most out of F. Ball products.

■ IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

On-site support is provided by a team of regional technical representatives and dedicated retail support staff, and the company's head office-based technical service department is on hand Monday to Friday to answer questions about subfloor preparation and floorcovering installation. The service allows industry professionals to obtain on-the-spot site assessments and advice on the best course of action for a particular flooring project when using F. Ball products.

Alternatively, enquiries can be made via email or the company's social media channels. Followers on X, Facebook, Instagram will also find product information, technical advice and tips, news and details about upcoming events on these platforms.

F. Ball customers can additionally request virtual site visits, using video messaging platforms such as WhatsApp video, for a quick and convenient alternative to in-person site visits.

Flooring professionals can also consult F. Ball's digital resources. The F. Ball website features a library of video tutorials covering all aspects of subfloor preparation and flooring installation.

■ NO-COST TRAINING

F. Ball is also committed to helping flooring professionals acquire the skills needed to achieve the highest standards of floorcovering installation by providing free training courses



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RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES GUIDE



THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE TO FLOORCOVERING & ADHESIVE COMPATIBILITY

at the purpose-built F. Ball Centre of Excellence facility at its Staffordshire headquarters.

Training programmes, which run year-round, are led by experts from within the company, cover subfloor preparation, moisture management, and adhesive selection, and provide an opportunity to use a range of F. Ball products. They include specialist courses for flooring retailers and a three-day course on achieving optimum results when installing LVTs.

■ FLOORSIGHT™ APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

F. Ball has partnered with the Flooring Industry Training Association (FITA) and WEBS training, supported by the Contract Flooring Association (CFA), to launch its own apprenticeship programme, called Floorsight™, to provide career pathways in flooring aimed at ensuring the future of the industry.

It has been founded, in part, to tackle the persistent skills gap in the contract flooring industry and encourage younger people to consider careers in the flooring industry.

The first cohort saw 10 young people join the programme and placed with partnering flooring contractors.

In addition to on-the-job learning, apprentices benefit from blocks of specialist training delivered at the F. Ball Centre of Excellence by experts from the company's training and Technical Service

Departments, supported by floorcovering manufacturers and FITA, with F. Ball also providing additional resources, including tools, workwear and the use of a laptop for apprentices for the duration of the two-year course.

■ RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES GUIDE (RAG[®])

To help select the most suitable adhesive for a particular installation and avoid the risk of costly floor failure, F. Ball produces its industry acclaimed Recommended Adhesives Guide (RAG[®]) for checking the compatibility of adhesives and floorcoverings. The most authoritative publication of its kind features adhesive recommendations for over 6,000 branded floorcoverings from over 200 leading international floorcovering manufacturers.

Every adhesive recommendation in the RAG[®] is only included in the guide after the completion of a rigorous 56-day testing programme and endorsement of the recommendation by each floorcovering manufacturer.

"The F. Ball RAG[®] features adhesive recommendations for over 6,000 branded floorcoverings from over 200 leading international floorcovering manufacturers."

A constantly updated version of the guide is also available on the F. Ball website, and as a mobile app, which is free to download from the Apple App store or Google Play. The information about floorcovering-adhesive compatibility is updated continuously.

■ REWARDING LOYALTY

For over 15 years, F. Ball has sought to support the flooring industry through its Ball Rewards customer loyalty scheme, which offers a financial incentive.

Ball Rewards is free to join and rewards members with cashback each time they purchase F. Ball products. They also gain access to a wide range of exclusive benefits, including advanced previews of new products, monthly competitions to win great prizes, extra cashback on promotional products, and access to F. Ball's e-newsletter, F-Talk.

■ OPTIMUM RESULTS, GUARANTEED

Alongside unrivalled customer support, using F. Ball products comes with the peace of mind of the F. Ball guarantee, which certifies that they will perform for the entire lifetime of a flooring installation, as long as the advised subfloor preparation and installation procedures are followed. This means that a long-lasting, aesthetically pleasing floor finish is assured when using combinations of F. Ball products, such as those in its 'System LVT' range, which comprises subfloor preparation products and adhesives that, used together, help achieve optimum results when installing LVTs.

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DESIGNED FOR CARE

A package of specialist products from Altro has helped deliver a high-performance 'home from home' refurb at a leading dementia-care home in Middlesex.

The Woodlands Residential Care Home in Ickenham is a family-owned-and-run business providing dementia, respite and day care in a comfortable and secure environment. When the team wanted to expand and upgrade its facilities, they knew careful planning and design would be crucial, as would working with a range of products designed for the specific challenges dementia care environments can bring.

Vickie Nickolls, designer at Interior Therapy, worked closely with Woodlands to ensure all their needs were met. "My brief was to create a calming environment that felt home from home, somewhere that felt like you could be sitting in your own living-room, and specifically designed for residents with dementia," she explains.

The refurbishment project involved extending the existing facilities to create more space, adding a dedicated beauty salon, and family reading room, as well as redecorating all the bedrooms, living areas and ensembles. The home is divided up into distinct areas to make it as relaxed an environment as possible, with areas that are communal where the residents are able to mix and develop friendships.

Vickie selected a package of products from Altro to use in the project, including Altro Wood Comfort acoustic slip resistant flooring in hallways and bedrooms, Altro Wood adhesive-free in the lounge and dining areas and Altro Pisces specialist safety flooring in ensembles, coupled with Altro Tegulis tile effect wall panels for a seamless finish.



Completing such a project in a busy care home environment presents very specific challenges which needed to be considered from the start. Vickie explains: "We needed to make sure there was as little disruption as possible for all of the residents living in the existing care home. This was achieved by planning and executing the project in various stages so that no impact was made on the day-to-day life of the residents and no disruption to their care."

Altro has been at the forefront of dementia-friendly design, working with the University of Stirling's renowned Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) over many years to develop total solutions for the care home sector.

"The impact has been huge for both residents and staff – the space now feels exactly as intended: comfortable, reassuring and truly homely."

"The range of products on offer from Altro really helped as it gave me lots of choice when starting the design process. The fact that some products were DSDC accredited was the deciding

factor as this supported my designs on what colours worked best and also with what style was best suited for a dementia-friendly environment. Also knowing the LRV for each choice was a key feature for me so that I could ensure that each room flowed and met legislative requirements,” says Vickie.

“And of course, these Altro products appealed for the performance characteristics such as the safety, hygiene and durability, something that we needed to ensure we got correct throughout the whole care home.”

Each of the products selected has qualities and characteristics particularly suited to the care home environment. For example, Altro Wood adhesive-free creates maximum impact with minimum downtime providing a safe, durable and decorative solution for busy spaces. It also allows you to avoid the need for noisy air extraction equipment, as with no adhesive, there are no adhesive odours. Altro Wood Comfort offers biophilic, homely aesthetics combined with 14dB noise reduction plus comfort underfoot, as well as Altro’s one in a million slip-resistance guarantee.

Altro Pisces is an award-winning, domestic-look specialist flooring for a ‘home from home’, warm feel in wet environments; designed for shoe and bare foot use to keep you safe with common contaminants such as shampoo and conditioner. Altro Tegulis is a tile-effect wall panel with innovative etched grout lines and multiple colour and design palette options. It is easy to clean, robust and hygienic.

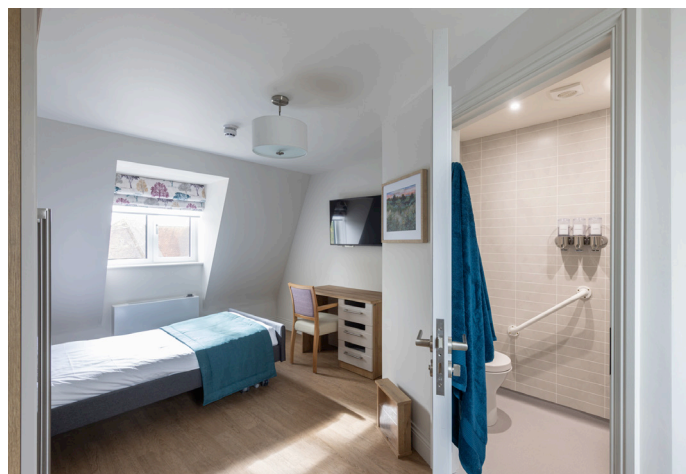


In the kitchens, Altro Stronghold specialist safety flooring was combined with Altro Whiterock White wall cladding for a tried-and-tested, easy-to-maintain, commercial kitchen safe and hygienic solution.

With the project complete, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. “The impact has been huge both for the residents and also the staff as we have created such a calming environment that feels home from home. The feeling you get when you walk in is exactly what we set out to achieve,” says Vickie.

“Working with Altro was great. The team were super helpful and knowledgeable when I asked any questions, and the whole process was very easy and also enjoyable.”

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POLAND'S FLOORING SHOWCASE

Warsaw Floor Expo 2026, the international trade fair for flooring and surface materials in Nadarzyn, takes place from 26 – 28 May. We shine a spotlight on what visitors can expect.

From 26 to 28 May 2026, the International Trade Fair for Flooring and Surface Materials, Warsaw Floor Expo, will take place. This will be the third edition of the event, aimed at professionals from the flooring industry. The trade fair is scheduled to be held at Ptak Warsaw Expo, Al. Katowicka 62, 05-830 Nadarzyn/Warsaw.

■ BRINGING THE INDUSTRY TOGETHER

Warsaw Floor Expo brings together market leaders, innovators and professionals, while visitors have the opportunity to discover the latest trends, technologies and flooring materials.



The organiser also emphasises the industry-focused character of the event and its networking role: the event is intended to 'bring together all branches of the flooring materials sector' and create conditions for professional business contacts, as well as help participants find potential business partners.

■ PROGRAMME AND ATTRACTIONS

As part of the trade fair, the Flooring and Surface Materials Conference has been announced for 26 – 28 May 2026, together with industry events held as part of the Flooring Innovations Forum.

One of the key highlights of the programme will be the Polish Parquet Installers Championship, organised by the Parkieciarze Foundation and the Parkieciarze Group. The event description outlines a three-day structure:

Tuesday 26 May (Day 1): Opening of the championship in the 'Open' format, presentation of the competitors and jury, discussion of the rules, and preparation of the workstations.

Wednesday 27 May (Day 2): Commencement of work on the pattern, presentation of master and journeyman diplomas in the parquet installer profession, and the Parkieciarze Foundation awards gala.





Thursday 28 May (Day 3): Finishing and refining of the pattern, conclusion of the competition and presentation of awards.

The conference website also announces a substantive programme prepared by the Parkieciarze Foundation and the Parkieciarze Group, covering topics such as 'underfloor heating/cooling and its impact on user comfort in the case of wooden flooring', 'wood in modern construction' and a 'discussion panel'. The programme is also expected to include themed zones, with areas dedicated to traditional craftsmanship and modern technologies, as well as expert consultations provided by the Parkieciarze Foundation.

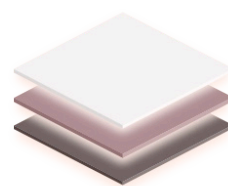
CONCLUSION

Warsaw Floor Expo 2026, taking place from 26 to 28 May, will offer three days of industry meetings, presentations and events as part of the Flooring Innovations Forum, including the Polish Parquet Installers Championship. The trade fair is addressed to specialists in the flooring materials market and is designed to support the development of knowledge and business contacts within the industry.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Date and venue:** 26-28 May 2026, Ptak Warsaw Expo, Al. Katowicka 62, 05-830 Nadarzyn/Warsaw.
- **Opening hours:** 10:00-17:00.
- **Registration:** Get your free ticket [here](#).
- **Access and parking:** The organiser provides information about free parking; access is possible, among others, by buses 703 and 711 from the P+R Al. Krakowska 15 stop to Ptak Warsaw Expo.



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CALM MATERIALITY

Wood surfaces from Havwoods help to bring a sense of tranquillity and softness to The Grilandia Restaurant, in London.

A celebration of organic tactility, Havwoods' wood surfaces have helped transform the interiors of Grilandia, a refined restaurant and dining space in Mayfair. Working closely with design studio Accanto Interiors, Havwoods' panelling helped shape the tone and rhythm of the interior through thoughtful materiality and a strong sustainability ethos.

Havwoods' Brienne PurePanel and White Oak Ondato M20 Sheet were specified, to provide both visual integrity and performance reliability while creating a sense of calm and softness through the interior design scheme. Chosen in the Platinum colourway, the Brienne PurePanel is pre-finished and offers a low-waste option while visually complementing the pared-back palette and organic textures within the space. Featured on the bar façade and within discreet display niches, the Ondato M20 Sheet from the Elegante collection introduces subtle texture and detail to the scheme, sitting in perfect harmony amongst the space's sensory narrative.

A wonderful combination of wood, fabric and organic forms, the bespoke scalloped banquette sitting at the centre of the dining



“The surface choices in this project work together to create visual interest without overwhelming the desired serenity of the restaurant’s ambience.”

area demonstrates the versatility of the PurePanel cladding product. Working not only to highlight architectural features, the wood cladding also unifies the entire space through a sense of calm and cohesion, complementing other natural materials including woven fabrics, travertine-effect stone and premium fixtures and fittings.

Reflecting a commitment to thoughtful, understated design, the surface choices in this project work together to create visual interest without overwhelming the desired serenity of the restaurant’s ambience. The result is a space that invites both engagement and calm, creating a highly pleasurable dining experience for all guests.

Presenting a diverse selection of luxury wooden surfaces designed to suit any residential or commercial project, Havwoods’ extensive collections offer both traditional and contemporary designs in a rich variety of colours, styles and patterns. Renowned for its commitment to quality, the dedicated team works closely with each customer to ensure every project detail is meticulously executed to the highest standards of craftsmanship.

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LEISURELY REFURBISHMENTS

Dual-bond systems, utilising adhesives with different characteristics, allow carpets to be easily lifted along with underlay when they need to be replaced, without damaging the subfloor, while holding floorcoverings firmly in place over the lifetime of an installation. This makes them ideal for use in areas of hotels and leisure facilities that require regular refurbishment, explains F. Ball.

When installing carpets over large areas, including function rooms, corridors and entertainment areas, flooring contractors should select an adhesive that will develop a strong enough bond to hold floorcoverings securely in place for the lifetime of the floorcovering.

However, floorcoverings installed with such adhesives will require mechanical removal when it comes to refurbishing these areas.

For this reason, products have been developed that allow the creation of a peelable bond which stops carpet or underlay moving laterally when subject to normal foot traffic, holding floorcoverings firmly in place for the installation's lifetime, while allowing them to be removed and replaced without significant damage to the subfloor.

■ HOW TO INSTALL

The type of bond achieved when using F. Ball and Co. Ltd.'s Styccobond F40, for example, depends on when the floorcovering is laid into the adhesive. Laying the floorcovering into the wet adhesive gives a permanent bond. However, the water-based

adhesive dries to form a transparent, permanently tacky coating, creating a release bond for underlays.

This can form part of a dual-bond system, where flooring contractors install underlay onto the tacky coating before adhering carpet to the underlay using a specialist adhesive for textile floorcoverings, such as F. Ball's Styccobond F3, which will develop the high bond strength required to withstand expected levels of wear.

■ PERMANENT BOND

Styccobond F3 is a water-based rubber/resin flooring adhesive that offers excellent wet grab and rapidly builds up a high bond strength. This delivers a flooring installation that won't ruck, move or lift throughout its working life, making it suitable for areas that are expected to be subject to high foot traffic in hotel and leisure settings.

The adhesive is suitable for installing a wide range of textile floorcoverings, including hessian, felt, secondary latex and rubber foam backed carpets, as well as cork tiles up to 3.2mm thick. It



can be applied over Stopgap smoothing compounds, structurally sound, smooth, dry subfloors of concrete and sand/cement screed, plywood, flooring grade chipboard and hardboard. It is also protected against bio-degradation and can withstand wet cleaning, which is essential for maintaining the appearance of carpeted venues.

Both Styccobond F40 and Styccobond F3 are suitable for use over normal underfloor heating systems and are also approved for use in marine flooring installations, making them suitable for use in combination to install carpet on board cruise ships.

CASE STUDY: F. BALL PRODUCTS PUT IN 5-STAR PERFORMANCE AT LONDON HOTEL

F. Ball's Styccobond F40 and Styccobond F3 adhesives were used to adhere new luxury Axminster carpet in different locations throughout the ballroom and adjoining corridors of Grosvenor House, the five-star luxury hotel on Park Lane, London, as part of a major refurbishment.

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Using high performance products meant that contractors were able to achieve the perfect finish required for such an illustrious hotel.

On arriving at the hotel, the contractors found that the carpet floorcoverings had already been removed, as refurbishment work was already underway at the hotel. The concrete subfloors were dry, clean and in good condition, so there was no need to install a smoothing compound prior to the installation of the new floorcoverings.

As the areas being re-fitted receive a significant amount of foot-traffic all year round, it was crucial that the installation was both quick and durable. Once the subfloors had been prepared, contractors from Welwyn Design applied Styccobond F40 to the subfloor to create a release bond for the new installation. When the adhesive had dried to a tacky coating, the contractors installed a new underlay to protect the carpet and provide added comfort. Styccobond F3 was then used to permanently bond the new 12-row Axminster carpet throughout the 4,000m² area.

Commenting on the use of F. Ball products at the Grosvenor House hotel, Simon Gauduchon, Director of Welwyn Design, said: "We've used F. Ball products for 30 years and we've never had any issues. The products always work well, and their reps are always available if you need any advice."

"Obviously with such a large job for a very high-profile client, we couldn't risk anything going wrong. With F. Ball you know exactly what you're going to get; good, reliable products."

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STEP UP SUCCESS

IVC Commercial heterogeneous vinyl floors have been chosen for two projects in the Thrive programme, Whitbread's decade-long support of young people with special educational needs and disabilities.



Through its Force for Good sustainability strategy, leading hospitality business Whitbread has run a decade-long Thrive programme at two post-16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) establishments, Derwen college in Oswestry, and Hereward college in Coventry. On site are mini Premier Inn hotels that serve as training centres for students to gain real experience within hospitality and bridge the disability employment gap.

The employer-led initiative equips young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with the skills, confidence and pathways they need to secure meaningful work. Many will go on to progress into supported internships or permanent roles in Premier Inn hotels.

Thrive has now expanded to two further SEND establishments in Lincoln and Wirral Peninsula, with off-site bathroom and bedroom pods built being utilised. IVC has partnered with contractor Falcon Flooring to donate the supply and installation of IVC Commercial flooring within these pods.

Isafe 70 was selected as the most appropriate floor for the task. This R12 slip-resistant range comes in a range of attractive designs, with Oak Herringbone and Odin Polished Steel chosen for both new mini Premier Inn training sites. Equipped with Hypergrip technology and a 0.70mm wear layer for a floor that's easy to maintain and durable, Isafe 70 helps to ensure the pods are the perfect training environment for SEND students taking their first steps in a pathway to paid employment.

Jake Parks, national sales manager commercial at IVC, said: "Whitbread's Thrive programme is a valuable contribution in fostering equality within society. Of course, when we learnt of Thrive and the need for performance flooring solutions for off-site constructed pods at two of its four colleges, we were only too happy to play a part by donating to this worthwhile initiative."

Each mini Premier Inn has three bedrooms, a laundry room and a reception area, to allow students to gain experience in a safe, simulated space during their course. Every year, cohorts of students start their journey with Premier Inn through a supported internship, and they will be based in a Premier Inn sites close to the college for nine months. Successful completion of the internship can lead to permanent employment for the interns.

Rachel Howarth, chief people officer of Whitbread, commented: "Thrive is a shining example of how business can lead the way in making employment more inclusive and accessible to all. At Whitbread, we believe there should be no barriers to entry and no limits to ambition – and Thrive proves that when employers step up, real change happens. None of this would be possible without the hard work of our partners, colleagues and local communities, and I want to thank everyone who has helped bring it to life."

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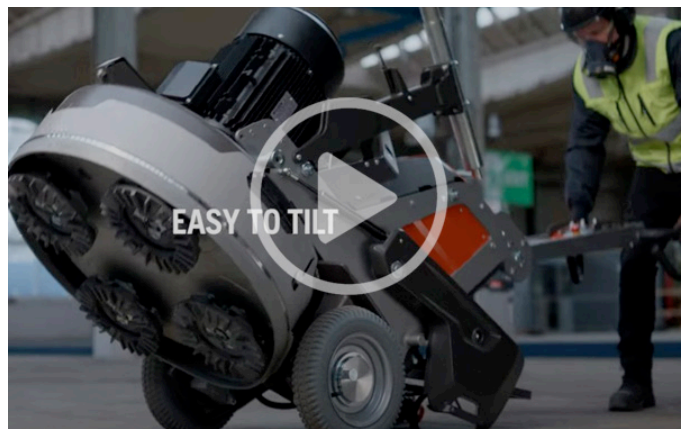
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Scott Bentley, Business Development Manager at **MeasureSquare**, sits down to discuss more about the new MeasureSquare CRM launched earlier this year and how flooring businesses are benefiting from a one stop shop fully integrated solution by reducing 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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TO THE EDGE

Forbo's wide portfolio of floorcoverings have been chosen to create a modern and functional interior for a unique community coastal activities hub.

Prominently located on Whitehaven Harbour, The Edge is a brand-new coastal activities centre that will enable visitors and locals alike to explore the Cumbrian coastline through watersports, walking, cycling and other outdoor pursuits, as well as a range of indoor activities and cultural events. A three-storey structure, it contains changing facilities, a café, public toilets, meeting spaces and a mezzanine area for a variety of uses. The top two floors also contain en-suite hotel-style accommodation.

Speaking about the building design, Alison Tordoff, Interior-Architect (previously Fidget UK Ltd), said: "The architects, Northmill Associates, designed the building itself, taking inspiration from a pebble found on the beach near to the site. From here, the frame was built, with its interesting and unique angles creating an eye-catching finished look.

"We were then brought in to consult on all the interior finishes, including the flooring. It was essential that we considered the usage of the space, as well as complementing the striking exterior appearance. We had a rough branding package that we used to help plan out the colours and tones we wanted to specify, but a lot of our work was drawn from the stunning rural location on the Cumbrian coast."

Forbo's floorcoverings were the specification of choice by the architect, with Alison and her team happy to work with this

selection. "I've worked with Forbo on many other occasions and so I knew we would be getting a quality product," Alison commented. "They also have a really comprehensive portfolio of floorcoverings, that I knew could be easily applied to the different spaces within The Edge to deliver on both design and function."

Function was one of the driving factors behind the specification of Forbo floorcoverings, with each product selected for its durability, ease of cleaning and – in certain circumstances – slip resistance too. Alison said: "Given the intended use of the space and the types of activities visitors would be engaging in, ensuring a safe, clean and hardwearing finish was crucial. For this reason, we specified a large amount of Forbo's Surestep and Safestep safety vinyl, which we had installed in the bedroom en-suites and across the ground-floor café and reception. Providing proven Health and Safety Executive (HSE) compliant R10 slip resistance, this product would protect visitors from slips or falls when returning to The Edge from watersports or other such outdoor activities.

"To further prevent slips and trips, we also had Forbo's Coral entrance matting installed within the entranceways to help reduce walked-in dirt and moisture. This would also help to bring



down cleaning and maintenance costs, as well as protecting interior floorcoverings, with Coral's ability to absorb significant amounts of moisture and scrape dirt particularly useful.

"These floorcoverings were all specified in varying grey tones to create a very neutral base. The building's many windows and quirky geometry meant we didn't need to do too much to make the interior design interesting. Forbo's Grey Seagrass, Black Seagrass, Elephant and Taupe Concrete were ideal for this, with slight differences in tone that created a lovely striped pattern in the café and reception area."

Forbo's Tessera carpet tiles were also specified on the project, with a combination of its Cloudscape, Chroma and Harmony collections used across the bedrooms, circulation areas and meeting rooms.

Alison continued: "The carpet added this lovely, neutral backdrop, that was also comfortable underfoot. We found that the natural patterns with the collections, particularly the Cloudscape range, were very reminiscent of the natural outdoors setting. We had this flooring laid in a varied pattern, complementing the building's asymmetrical shape and making these circulation areas an interesting space to navigate through."

The Tessera carpet tiles were specified in Ocean Winds, Grey Dawn, Pathway and Aqua Symphony – all nature-inspired colourways, making them ideal for The Edge.

Speaking on the wider specification of Forbo, Alison said: "For the first-floor mezzanine, there is a large open area with a double-height ceiling that we called The Lookout. We envisaged this space as being the perfect spot for people to relax and catch up before an event or heading outside on a walk. As such, we chose to specify Forbo's Allura LVT planks in the Light Timber Gradient colourway. This not only created a really interesting look to the space but also played with the different shadows and light points being cast by the asymmetrical windows around the building. Allura is also a durable floorcovering, with its 0.7mm wear layer ideal for a high footfall space such as this."

For their work on this project, Alison Tordoff won the Project of the Year category at the 2025 Forbo Awards. Alison said: "When I found out we had won I was absolutely thrilled; I couldn't quite take it in at first. It's such an honour to have your hard work recognised by your peers. The Edge is a fantastic project and to get to work on a building that's right on your own doorstep made it even more fun to be a part of."

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SHOW TIME

Clerkenwell Design Week (CDW) returns to London's EC1 from 19–21 May 2026, bringing a host of new features and highlights for this year's edition.

Marking the 15th anniversary of this global design festival, a new curated series of large-scale installations will be launched called Design Interventions. Following a call-out from CDW to emerging and established designers and architects for ideas for innovative structures, the strongest submissions will be installed across Clerkenwell. These will encourage interaction and spark conversations about materials and the built environment, while activating EC1 with striking, immersive moments throughout the festival.

In addition, a major highlight this year will be the expanded CDW Awards, presented with the digital design magazine Design Milk. The CDW Awards will not only celebrate the best new products and innovations but also the disruptors, dreamers and 'doers of design'.

DESIGN INTERVENTIONS: AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT AND CONNECT

These site-specific, interactive installations, created by the design and architecture community, will appear in the parks, streets and green spaces of Clerkenwell, as well as in the festival's venues. Many of these pop-up structures will provide a place to sit, reflect and connect with others while exploring structural and material concepts.

One of the many Design Interventions selected for this year will be on Clerkenwell Green. The Fountain of Technicolour Beads, has been created by Hong Kong-based multi-disciplinary studio One Bite Design. This immersive terrazzo installation integrates spatial design with social awareness by focusing on Colour Vision Deficiency (CVD). And next to St James' Church, The Crinkle-Crankle Bench will take pride of place. This series of half crescent benches crafted from natural stone bricks is designed by architectural practice StudioFolk.

EXPANDED CDW AWARDS AND NEW VENUES

Haberdashers' Hall, will be a new addition to CDW's list of spectacular venues. Known as The Luxury Edit during the show, this new venue will be hosting the CDW Awards ceremony on Tuesday 19 May, presented in partnership with Design Milk. Following a strong debut last year, the awards will once again celebrate furniture, lighting, materials and interior solutions that are shaping the future of design. New categories will focus on the individuals, teams and ideas challenging conventions and celebrating the creatives driving design forward today. In addition, as well as being home to a cluster of high-end Italian design brands, The Luxury Edit will host the talks series Design Meets featuring industry bodies, leading brands and industry experts.

A 'living' outdoor installation, The Pulse of Becoming, will animate the space outside The Luxury Edit. This Design Intervention, created by recent graduates Musab Umair, Amruta Ramesh Pullawar and Sharath Binu John who are based in Portsmouth, explores the cyclical nature of death, rebirth and life. Chia seeds embedded in two opposing crescent shells will sprout during the festival, turning bare surfaces green.

The Museum of the Order of St John above St John's Gate (originally built in 1504) is one of the great hidden historical treasures of London and is another new venue for the festival. The atmospheric space, steeped in history, will be the temporary home to INTERIORS FROM SPAIN, a striking platform for contemporary Spanish design produced by London-based design journal Disegno.

Material Source Studio, which showcases products and materials for architects, interior designers and property professionals, and Workplace on the Square outside The Zetter hotel, a platform for design brands catering to offices, are two new additions to CDW's wide range of venues for 2026. Office design brands will also be exhibiting at Workplace at Goldsmiths' at The Goldsmiths' Centre which returns as a festival venue this year.

RETURNING VENUES, NEW INSTALLATIONS

St Bartholomew the Great once again becomes the Church of Design, this year's venue for the coveted Conversations at



Clerkenwell programme curated by PR and Brand Consultant Katie Richardson, which will include discussions with leading and emerging designers on topical subjects. Dulux, this year's sponsor for Conversations at Clerkenwell, is launching a student-focused competition to design the backdrop of the talks stage using a palette of on-trend colours.

Roche Bobois, DEDON and MAGIS Spa are among the many leading international brands exhibiting at the Church of Design, and CONFLUENCE (pictured above), a monumental origami-inspired installation by Fung+Bedford, will be suspended from the ceiling of the 900-year-old Grade I listed medieval church.

The House of Detention returns as the host of Light, showcasing a selection of exciting local and global lighting brands. Visitors will be greeted at the entrance with Loom Light, a 3D-printed light sculpture drawing on the optical language of Op Art, designed by MIMStudios, AI Build and SEAM Design. [d]arc thoughts, an enlightening series of talks curated by [d]arc media, also returns.

"We're thrilled to be back in Clerkenwell this May with our new Design Interventions initiative which acts as a creative platform for the incredible talent and imagination of the participating architects and designers," said Marlon Cera-Marle, Design Division Director at Media 10, the organiser of the annual design festival. "These thought-provoking installations are set to bring a new interactive dimension to the show. We're looking forward to another successful year welcoming tens of thousands of people from the UK and abroad to EC1 to discover the latest that global design has to offer."

A mix of historic and contemporary buildings will once again become venues during CDW26

- **Old Sessions House** – Home to brand activations, presentations and the festival hub.
- **The Charterhouse** – Contemporary furniture, decorative lighting and luxury finishes.
- **Detail & Finishes** – Featuring refined luxury products and finishes in St John Priory Church.
- **British Collection** – Taking over the whole of St James's Church once again and highlighting the best British design talent and brands.
- **Ceramics of Italy** – Hosting Italian ceramic and porcelain

tile brands at a pavilion on St John's Square. This exhibition is organised by the Italian Trade Agency in collaboration with the Ceramics Association of Italy.

- **Commercial Design in the Park** (formerly Project) – Focused on contract furniture and surface design, the venue will also host a series of talks from Commercial Interiors UK.
- **Commercial Interiors on the Green** (formerly Clerkenwell Green Pavilions) – contract furniture, solutions and surfaces brands from around the globe.
- **Interior Hardware** (formerly Elements) – Dedicated to architectural hardware and finishes.
- **Future Talent** (formerly Platform) – Spotlighting emerging design talent and companies.

International design names: Across all venues, CDW will feature hundreds of design brands, showcasing furniture, lighting, textiles, surfaces, home accessories and product design. Confirmed exhibitors include String Furniture, Moroso, Swedese, Dornbracht and Vincent Sheppard. Country Collections from Austria, Denmark and Italy will also return.

Hundreds of showroom partners are an essential part of Clerkenwell Design Week as they host product launches, talks and workshops. A small taste of participating showrooms include: Actiu, Andreu World, Boss Design, Camira, Domus, HAY, Hansgrohe, Herman Miller, Humanscale, J.Adams & Co, Knoll, Muuto, Milliken, Modus, IRIS CERAMICA, Knoll, Tarkett and Cosentino.

■ INTERACTIVE APP

A new state-of-the-art app replaces the printed, paper guide and tickets in 2026. The CDW app will be an essential digital companion for visitors, helping them tailor their visit and navigate the venues, exhibitors, participating showrooms and much more according to their specific interests.

■ FOOD & DRINK

Festival-goers can also enjoy exclusive discounts and offerings from local food and drink partners. Architects and interior designers will have the opportunity to join guided specialist tours covering topics ranging from sustainability to emerging design talent and more.

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VISITING INFORMATION

- Visitors can register for their FREE festival passes now.
- All visitors require a visitor badge to access the exhibition venues and showroom events.
- Exhibition venues are open **10:00 – 18:00** on **Tuesday**, **10:00 – 21:00** on **Wednesday**, and **10:00 – 17:00** on **Thursday**. Showroom opening hours vary.
- Closest underground stations: Farringdon and Barbican
- Bus routes: 19, 341, 38, N19, N38, N41, 55, 48

FORBO TO CHAMPION LOW CARBON DESIGN

SHOWROOM: 79 ST JOHN STREET, EC1M 4NR



Forbo will be welcoming visitors back into its EC1 showroom, located on St John Street, for the annual Clerkenwell Design Week, taking place from 19-21 May. For 2026, Forbo's focus is on sustainability and how beautifully co-ordinated colour palettes, textures and finishes can be seamlessly brought together, enabling effortless, responsible and very low carbon designs.

Visitors to the Forbo showroom can expect to learn more about its wide variety of low-carbon floorcoverings, including the climate positive (carbon negative) Marmoleum range. One of the most sustainable floorcoverings on the market, featuring 98% natural raw materials like pine rosin and limestone, every square metre of Marmoleum removes 663g of CO₂ from the atmosphere.

As well as this, Forbo will be featuring its Tessera Evolve+ carpet tile series, made up of five individual ranges. The collection focuses on product evolution for low embodied carbon without offsetting, utilising innovative yarn systems such as Thrive matter by Universal Fibers or 100% ECONYL regenerated polyamide 6 solution dyed yarn. Combined with Forbo's lean production processes and 100% renewable energy manufacturing (electricity and biogas), these collections deliver incredibly low embodied carbon values across all five ranges – less than 2kg CO₂ per square metre eqv. A1-A3, without offsetting – and over 75% recycled content.

Also on show will be the manufacturer's vinyl portfolio, most notably the newly launched Sphera Elite b+ collection. Through the incorporation of innovative bio-circular materials, the range contains 43% recycled and 23% bio-circular content, using allocated used cooking oil via a mass-balance approach. Manufactured in factories using 100% renewable electricity

and embracing efficient manufacturing methods, Sphera Elite b+ has one of the lowest embodied carbons for a homogeneous sheet vinyl on the market of just 2.94kg CO₂ e/m², and a reduced carbon footprint of nearly 50% (A1-A3) compared to its standard Sphera offering.

Donna Hannaway, Head of Marketing UK and Ireland from Forbo Flooring Systems, said: "It's always an exciting time of year when CDW comes back around; it's a fantastic chance for designers, architects and specifiers to come into our showroom and experience everything we have to offer. This year we really want to show visitors how easy it is to combine low carbon solutions and great design across multiple flooring types, all from one portfolio. Whether you're looking for a carpet tile, vinyl solution or something unique – like Marmoleum – we have a solution that fits the need of any sector, as well as meeting modern building environmental requirements."

In addition to learning about its sustainable floorcoverings, visitors will have the chance to enjoy some very special sweet treats from CAKE by Hannah Jones.

Forbo is also sponsoring Material Source's seminar, hosted in its newly opened London space. Guests will be exploring the practical obstacles designers face when specifying new materials, from supply-chain transparency, testing standards, fire and acoustic performance and ethical sourcing, to cost implications, scalability and client expectations. Starting at 2pm on 20 May, it's a must visit for those curious about the changing face of the design industry.

www.forbo-flooring.co.uk/CDW

MAPEI TO PROMOTE WELLBEING

This spring, Mapei will be bringing wellness and leisure design to life at Clerkenwell Design Week, from 19-21 May. A lively programme of showroom experiences will run throughout the event, including product launches and presentations, and keynote speakers championing inclusivity in design.

Key themes – sport & leisure, wellbeing and urban design – will run throughout the event and will be showcased through Mapei systems and surfaces designed for all walks of life. These will include Mapei's TNS system of resin coatings and presentations of urban, sport and wellbeing spaces. Mapei experts will be on hand to advise on specification in all environments, from playgrounds and cycle paths, to Formula One race tracks.

A special Sustainability Hub will be dedicated to wellness and the Mapei ethos, with promotion of Mapei's latest CPD series. New launches from Mapei's Zero Line, with CO2 fully offset in the entire life cycle, will include UltraCare surface protection and maintenance products, a complete system of flooring adhesives, and sub-preparation products and new tiling adhesives.

Other product highlights will include the Mapei Color range, for perfect surface colour matching. Now available in 25 colour

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STEP INSIDE HAVWOODS

Wood surface specialist Havwoods returns to Clerkenwell Design Week, showcasing its latest collections with a focus on innovation, collaboration and design excellence.

A COLLABORATIVE SHOWROOM TAKEOVER

For the festival, Italian furniture brand True will take over the Havwoods showroom basement for a three-day collaboration. The installation will feature a curated selection of True's furniture alongside pieces from the Havwoods x True Lateral collection, highlighting the synergy between contemporary furniture and premium wood surfaces.

A standout feature is the bespoke Apex kitchen, finished in dark navy with soft-touch FENIX laminate. This freestanding, one-piece solution is designed for offices, flexible workspaces and social areas. Compact yet fully equipped, it offers customisable finishes, colours and shelving options. Handcrafted in Italy, Apex blends style and practicality, creating a natural hub for meetings, coffee breaks and informal gatherings.

ABOUT TRUE

Founded in 2009, True specialises in contract furniture that combines elegant design with innovation and functionality. Its collections are defined by a timeless aesthetic and thoughtful material research, offering cohesive solutions for workplaces, hospitality and public spaces. Featured pieces include the minimalist Ahkka lounge chair by Claesson Koivisto Rune and the Cremino side table by Favaretto & Partners.

NEW PRODUCT LAUNCHES

Havwoods will also introduce new designs across its TreeAzzo, Elegante, Flameless and Handgrade collections. Among these

SHOWROOM: 26-27 GREAT SUTTON STREET, EC1V 0DS

is a preview of Handgrade Premier Patterna, a new collection that reinterprets traditional end-grain timber in a contemporary context. Visitors will be invited to explore fresh approaches to timber through interactive displays and digital tools.

EXPLORE TIMBER'S POTENTIAL

Across the three-day event, visitors can experience a wide range of timber surface applications – from flooring to walls, ceilings and bespoke joinery – demonstrating wood's versatility in modern interiors. Expert teams will be on hand to offer guidance and inspiration.

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INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

Proper subfloor preparation will guarantee a safe and durable industrial flooring installation that will withstand heavy loads, explains F. Ball.

Flooring in industrial settings will often be subject to greater stresses and strains than in other areas, often subjected to heavy loads, such as forklift trucks or trolleys carrying heavy equipment. Ensuring that a finished floor is able to withstand this daily exposure, while maintaining its integrity and aesthetic appearance and safeguarding the health and safety of personnel, demands proper subfloor preparation using appropriate products is essential.

As with all flooring installations, contractors working in industrial settings should start with a thorough assessment of the subfloor to ensure it is clean, sound, dry and free from contaminants. Oil and grease, for example, are more likely to be present in such environments and can potentially threaten the integrity of the finished project if not dealt with effectively.

Where contamination is present but it has not penetrated too deeply into the subfloor, the mechanical removal of the top layer of the subfloor may be sufficient. When working with a newly laid concrete or sand/cement screeds, any laitance must also be mechanically removed beforehand and contractors should also check for any minor cracks and repair them before proceeding with the project.

■ DEALING WITH DAMP

The subfloor should also be checked for excess subfloor moisture; if the relative humidity (RH) is above 75%, preventative action must be taken to avoid moisture attacking adhesives and floorcoverings, potentially causing floor failure. In most industrial flooring applications, the most appropriate solution for excess subfloor moisture is to apply a liquid waterproof surface membrane.

Once the subfloor has been verified as ready or, if required, corrective treatment undertaken, the selection of an appropriate smoothing compound for the expected combination of traffic, loading and environmental exposure will ensure the longevity and integrity of the flooring.

■ SMOOTHING COMPOUND SELECTION

A smoothing compound formulated for heavy-duty environments will ensure that the floor will be able to withstand heavy, concentrated loads, from the wheels of a trolley used to transport heavy equipment or machinery, for example.

One such product, F. Ball's Stopgap 300 heavy-duty smoothing compound and wearing surface is suitable for creating a perfectly smooth base when installing floorcoverings in areas that will be subject to high traffic and heavy loads. It can also be used as a standalone wearing surface where floorcoverings are not required, making it perfect for upgrading and renovating new and existing floors in a wide range of heavy-duty industrial applications, including factories, warehouses and workshops where forklift trucks are in operation. When used as a wearing surface, the product must be applied at a minimum 5mm thickness.

■ EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS

For external applications or for situations that may nominally be inside but still subject to external weather conditions, a purpose-designed exterior grade smoothing compound is required. Stopgap 850 Exterior, for example, can be used in light to medium duty areas and once cured is unaffected by rain or frost. If required, it can be finished with a suitable non-slip coating or it can be left as a standalone exterior wear surface.

Its moisture tolerant properties mean the product can also be used internally over damp, uneven concrete and sand/cement screeds prior to the application of a waterproof surface membrane.

■ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In areas where water or other fluids may come into direct contact with the cured smoothing compound, treat with a suitable sealer. This provides a hygienic and protective surface and eases maintenance by reducing the adhesion of dirt and other debris. It also offers a level of chemical resistance to many commonly found chemicals in industrial and commercial applications.

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A MAJOR OVERHAUL

A recent cleanroom refurbishment at a pharmaceutical facility in Northumberland highlights the demands placed on flooring in highly regulated industrial environments.

Kemtile, a division of international flooring manufacturers, Stonhard, has just completed a major milestone at Piramal Healthcare Limited in Northumberland, replacing 650m² of pharmaceutical cleanroom floor.

Piramal's UK site, based in Morpeth, is a fully integrated production facility which offers Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and oral solid drug product development, clinical supply, commercial manufacturing and packaging services to both innovators and generic pharmaceutical companies.

A robust flooring solution from Kemtile, valued at around £250,000, was installed over 28 consecutive days of shifts, with the install team working tirelessly to ensure it was completed on time. It represents a significant overhaul of the previous floor which had served Piramal faithfully for 56 years.

The new Stonhard GS flooring is designed to provide exceptional durability, chemical resistance, and seamless hygiene, as well as good looks, making it ideal for Piramal's demanding pharmaceutical cleanroom environment.

Kemtile applied two coats of Stonkote HT4 with a textured finish to maximise slip-resistance and installed Polysto hygienic coving throughout and a new channel drain. Jay Livingstone, sales and business development manager at Kemtile, commented: "It's

built to meet the rigorous standards that Piramal's operations require and will keep performing for decades to come."

Martin Graham, Director of Engineering, Facilities and IT at Piramal Pharma Solutions, expressed his appreciation of the efforts of all concerned. He said: "A huge thank you to Kemtile, especially Steve Lyon, Declan Strain and Jay Livingstone together with their install team for their perseverance and commitment throughout this intensive project."

Experts at Piramal Engineering and Pharma Site Services Limited were also acknowledged for assistance in the floor preparation and cleaning activities.

Martin added: "Projects like this demonstrate the importance of experience, planning, and collaboration in achieving outstanding results."

Kemtile has over 40 years' experience serving the cleanroom and wider pharma sector with bespoke, hygienic floors. The team regularly advises pharma manufacturing plants on complete floor systems, providing a one-stop shop for site surveys, specification, design, groundworks, drainage, site supervision, health and safety compliance and installation.

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GET F. BALL'S FREE RAG APP

The mobile app version of F. Ball's Recommended Adhesives Guide (RAG) has emerged as the most popular way of accessing the industry-acclaimed guide to floorcovering-adhesive compatibility.

Flooring contractors can download the RAG app for free from the Apple App store or Google Play, allowing them to consult the trusted guide for advice on floorcovering-adhesive compatibility via the smartphone in their pocket at any time.

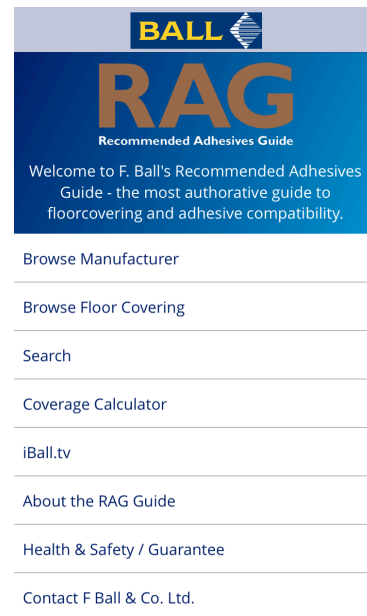
The guide features adhesive recommendations for over 6,000 branded floorcoverings from over 200 leading international floorcovering manufacturers, helping flooring contractors select the most suitable adhesive for a particular installation and avoid the risk of costly floor failure. The app provides the option to search for floorcoverings by brand name and manufacturer to obtain recommended F. Ball adhesives that are compatible with the selected floorcoverings. It also features a handy coverage calculator, allowing contractors to easily find out exactly how much of an F. Ball adhesive or smoothing compound is required for a specific project.

Every adhesive recommendation in the RAG is only included in the guide after the completion of a rigorous seven-week test programme and endorsement of the recommendation by each floorcovering manufacturer. Such is the company's confidence in the compatibility and performance of the adhesive and floorcovering recommendations that F. Ball provides a 100% guarantee of success of installations using its recommendations, as long as the advised preparation and installation procedures are followed.

The information about floorcovering-adhesive compatibility is updated continuously by F. Ball's Technical Service Department, who are responsible for testing the compatibility of floorcoverings featured in the guide.

The RAG is also available online at www.f-ball.co.uk. Free copies of the A5 printed guide can be requested by e-mailing mail@f-ball.co.uk or calling 01538 361633.

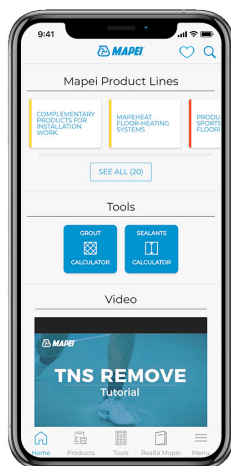
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Helpful tools, like the grout and sealant calculators, allow users to estimate the amount of product needed for a specific project. Other popular features include a comprehensive product tutorial video library, for visual demonstrations on the go; technical documentation and the latest editions of Mapei's bi-monthly magazine Realtà Mapei International.

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ON THE RECORD

Jason Spangler, Wagner Meters' sales manager, explains how enhancing your data documentation with the DataMaster L6 App can help prevent flooring failure caused by moisture and protect your reputation.



Are you tired of messy, unorganised records when measuring concrete moisture?

Then, the DataMaster L6 app is a must. This app allows you to collect, organise, and compare data from relative humidity (RH) tests in concrete. It's part of the Wagner Meters' Rapid RH system for taking concrete moisture readings.

To understand why an app like this is so useful, let's start with why you need accurate documentation when measuring concrete RH.

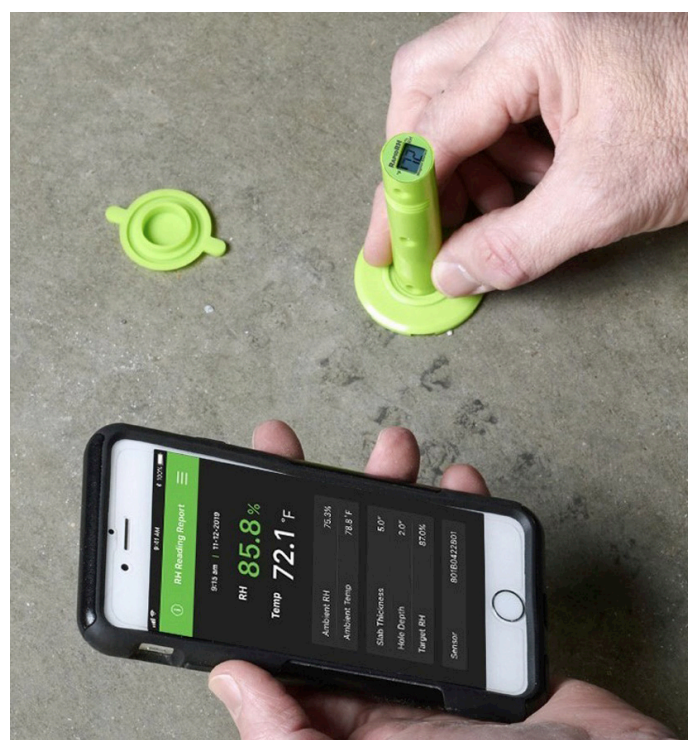
■ WHY ACCURATE DOCUMENTATION MATTERS

Floorcoverings laid over concrete can be surprisingly tricky. Installing the flooring isn't challenging, but without proper planning, you can end up with a ruined floor.

If the concrete hasn't properly dried before floor installation, moisture will continue to rise to the surface and into the floorcovering. This can cause mould, warping, or a breakdown of adhesives. Just like that, your beautiful flooring is ruined.

To avoid flooring failure, use a highly accurate relative humidity test, like the Rapid RH L6, to track concrete moisture levels. This way, you'll know when the moisture levels are safe for installing a floorcovering over the top.

But even if you're monitoring the moisture levels, you could still have problems if you lose your documentation or get it mixed up with other data. You could get confused and install flooring prematurely, ruining the flooring. Who wants to run that risk?



Furthermore, if there was a problem with installation, you would need documentation then too. So, what's the modern solution? The DataMaster L6 app.

■ THE DATAMASTER L6 APP

The DataMaster L6 app is like a digital filing cabinet for all your Rapid RH sensors and measurements. It's free and compatible with both Apple and Android devices. Here are some of the helpful features that make it a must:

- **Bluetooth connectivity.** No wires or plugs needed. The app will connect to the DataGrabber or the Total Reader (a device that reads concrete and ambient conditions) and transfer all the stored data directly to your app, where you can view and use it as needed.
- **Streamlined data and reporting functions.** If you had previous models of the DataMaster app, you'll notice this is a big upgrade. With the L6, you'll have time-stamped data, a history of the data, and more.
- **Adherence to ASTM F2170 standard.** You can download and assemble the data you collected to adhere to the standard – plus email it if needed.

So, what do these features allow you to do?

- **Automate data logging** with the Total Reader device. This is an improvement over previous versions. Now you don't have to manually log it. You can also use the DataGrabber for automatic reporting.
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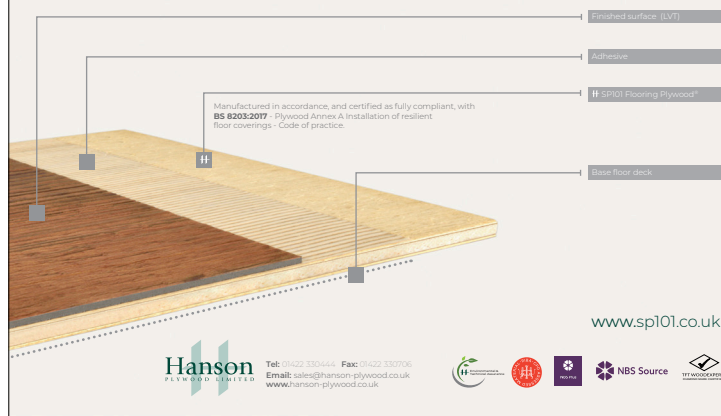
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