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Cork City success for Gerflor as they supply 6000m2 flooring solutions at Primary Care Facility.

The beautiful university city of Cork, in Republic of Ireland, boasts one of the best Primary Care Facilities in the country. When a fast refurbishment of the healthcare complex was required, it would see international flooring specialist Gerflor supply over 6000m² of world class linoleum, vinyl and carpet flooring, coupled with Gradus accessories throughout the building. The vast array of products specified were chosen for their exceptional performance and high durability, meeting the project brief as required by the client.

Commenting on the project Gareth Murphy, Gerflor Area Sales Manager, Ireland said, “The scope of the project required a complex and achievable plan, incorporating a large mix of products over a short period of time, in order to ensure a cohesive and comprehensive flooring solution for the entire facility renovation.”

On specification and the remarkable elements of the project Gareth Murphy added, “This was a challenging project that had a short installation timeframe. Due to limited storage space on site, we worked closely with the contractor on a clear delivery plan, to maximise efficiency within the installation process.”

In order to fit out the vast 6430m², a tailored selection of Gerflor high quality products were required. On entering the building, customer facing areas, corridors and receptions, DLW Marmorette Linoleum, with its patented Neocare™ surface protection, offered the perfect solution both hygienically and aesthetically. This was complemented with Gradus Latour² Carpet Tiles and Creation 70 Connect LVT in the office areas, which gave a sleek and modern look to these hardworking spaces for healthcare staff. Both product ranges were selected for their eye-catching finishes and impressive easy to clean and maintain credentials.

In addition, the changing rooms and shower areas were also transformed, with the installation of Gerflor’s Tarasafe Standard and Tarasafe Ultra H20 floorcoverings, ideal for the locations, thanks to their unique design and exceptional performance delivering outstanding safety and slip resistance for all patients.

Another driver for the client’s specification was the requirement that all flooring products installed in the healthcare building would need to be exceptionally easy to clean and maintain. This would be fundamental for the facility, as it would significantly reduce lifecycle costs and time invested to maintain optimum hygiene within the interiors.

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Sustainable solutions needed to be factored into the specification, with Gerflor's unique and patented surface protection treatments, this ensured that the client would also reduce their detergent and water usage as part of an intensive maintenance regime.

A spokesperson for the Primary Care Facility in Cork City said, "Choosing Gerflor and Gradus products enabled this project to be completed very swiftly and on time, which was one of the crucial elements of the specification requirement. The flooring would need to also look exceptional and deliver on quality, performance and safety, all these factors were critical and key parts of the tender process. Gerflor have delivered this and exceeded our expectations."

The large amount of flooring and accessories required for the healthcare project would be initiated by a Mayo-based flooring contractor. Crean Mosaics TA Crean Contract Flooring was formed in 1968 by the late William Crean. William began his career in mosaics while working for a company called Irish Mosaics formed and owned by his late brother John Crean in the 1950s.

Since 1968, Crean have been committed in the pursuit of delivering excellence in the provision of floor and wall finishes, to the residential and commercial construction industry in Ireland and the UK. In 2008 Crean opened their office and warehouse facility in Blanchardstown Corporate Park Dublin. From 2022 they now trade as Crean Contract Flooring positioning themselves as "Ireland's flooring contractor of choice".

David Cunningham, Sales Director at Crean Contract Flooring said, "Crean Contract Flooring were asked to price the project and won the tender." On specification David Cunningham commented, "We absolutely love working with Gerflor and Gradus as they have innovative and superior high quality products and they always deliver an excellent service."

On timescales for the project and staffing David Cunningham went on to say, "We had approximately eighteen fitters with the project phased over a three-month period to completion. The Gerflor and Gradus products are very easy to work with and laying them is never a problem. The floorings and accessories that we installed are more than meeting the high expectations set by our client."

Gareth Murphy concluded, "This was an iconic project to be involved with. The sheer variety and volume of floorcoverings that we supplied, is a real testament to our high quality products. The client is pleased with the final result and now has a new range of flooring that not only looks exceptional but delivers high performance and safety where needed. The local community is proud to have this modern healthcare facility on its door step, that is future proof for many years to come."

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In conclusion David Cunningham ended by saying, “We would be delighted to work with Gerflor and Gradus products and the teams again. The final result is both spectacular and totally fit for purpose and more than meets the criteria set by our customer.”

The spokesperson for Cork City Primary Care Facility ended by saying, “We are absolutely delighted with the finished look of the facility with its new flooring from Gerflor and Gradus. As promised, it’s delivering on all aspects of our specification needs and we would happily use and recommend Gerflor and Gradus again.”

Supporting Information

Overview of Gerflor and Gradus products installed.

Gerflor is a manufacturer of comprehensive contract interior flooring solutions, including vinyl, linoleum, carpets, and rubber. Gerflor innovations help to create attractive and functional environments, as well as enhance and protect healthcare interiors. Gerflor solutions are proven to enhance the longevity of a building whilst reducing long term maintenance costs. Gerflor works in partnership with the healthcare sector to ensure buildings are safe and accessible for all users.

DLW Linoleum Marmorette Flooring

Stylish and sustainable. If you are striving to update a healthcare facility with the aim to have an environmentally friendly interior with a more modern and contemporary finish, Gerflor’s DLW Marmorette collection has a vast array of designs to choose from. Made up of 98% bio based and mineral materials, the Marmorette Linoleum product range is extremely durable thanks to its triple laser UV cross-linking technology. It’s manufactured with Neocare™, a solvent-free surface treatment, making it scratch resistant, super resistant to chemicals, such as bleach and it doesn’t require any sealing or waxing. Gerflor’s Marmorette Linoleum collection is incredibly versatile.

The collection is available in a marbled design with a matt finish. It offers a wide selection of colours, from bright staple pieces such as ‘Spicy Orange’ and ‘Red Lobster,’ to neutral shades such as ‘Beeswax Beige’ and ‘Banana White.’ With a total of 64 colours, there’s a shade for everyone.

Gerflor’s Marmorette is also carbon neutral, as well as using up to 40% recycled content and is certified by many eco-labels, including Blue Angel, M1, Floorscore and Cradle to Cradle. Hygienic properties: antibacterial activity (EN ISO 22196) and antiviral activity (ISO 21702).

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Tarasafe Standard and Ultra H2O Safety Vinyl Flooring

The high performance Tarasafe Standard vinyl safety range comes with a unique UV cured Sparclean[®] surface treatment, for easy cleaning and maintenance and no polish for life. Using mineral crystal particles, rather than carborundum, Tarasafe Standard, with its improved performance, is easier to transport & install, it is lighter and more flexible to handle. The range has a maximum hygiene rating meeting the EN Standard 22196 for anti- bacterial activity (E. coli - S. aureus - MRSA) (3) returning >99% levels of growth inhibition, comes with a 12-year warranty and is also 100% recyclable.

Tarasafe Ultra H2O is a bespoke safety vinyl floorcovering ideal for both barefoot and shod applications, a popular choice for wet rooms, bathrooms and changing areas. Available in contemporary finishes with a studded design. It also comes with a 12-year warranty and is 100% recyclable.

Within Gerflor's Tarasafe vinyl safety flooring family, there are over 80 finishes available to choose from. They are reinforced with a glass fibre grid and are suitable for use in all areas of heavy traffic where slip-resistance, durability and hygienic conditions are required.

Creation 70 Connect LVT

Creation 70 Connect is a durable, interlocking LVT flooring solution designed to meet the demands of busy healthcare environments. Its robust construction, including a 0.7mm wear layer and reinforced core, ensures it can withstand constant footfall, wheeled traffic and regular cleaning, while maintaining its appearance over time. The PUR+ matt surface treatment enhances resistance to stains and wear, while simplifying maintenance, supporting high standards of hygiene with minimal upkeep.

Designed with practicality in mind, the interlocking system allows for quick installation with minimal disruption, making it ideal for refurbishment projects where downtime must be kept to a minimum. It also delivers strong safety performance, with a Bfl-s1 fire rating and R10 slip resistance, alongside acoustic benefits that help reduce noise levels, creating calmer, more comfortable spaces for patients, visitors and staff.

Creation 70 Connect also supports healthier and more sustainable interiors. It is REACH compliant, made with phthalate-free plasticisers (excluding recycled content), and achieves very low VOC emissions to help maintain indoor air quality. With a wide range of realistic wood and mineral finishes available, it enables the creation of welcoming, non-clinical environments that support wellbeing, wayfinding and overall patient experience.

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Gradus company and products overview

Gradus is a manufacturer of comprehensive contract interior solutions, including stair edgings, floor trims, barrier matting, lighting, and wall protection. Gradus innovations help to create safe, attractive and functional environments, as well as enhance and protect healthcare interiors. Gradus solutions are proven to enhance the longevity of a building whilst reducing long term maintenance costs. Gradus works in partnership with the healthcare sector to ensure buildings are safe and accessible for all users.

Gradus Latour2 Carpet Tiles

Gradus Latour2 is a high performance carpet tile range that contains a wide choice of Plain and Stripe designs, which can be used alone for flexible spaces, or can work together to create interesting and unique floor schemes. It is suitable for a range of environments including commercial office and education applications. Gradus Latour2 is available in a 500x500mm tile format and is manufactured from 100% Aquafil solution dyed nylon yarn in loop pile construction. Gradus Latour2 has a bitumen backing that contains 75% recycled material and comes with a 10-year anti-static and wear warranty.

Door Trim Accessories

Gradus offers a comprehensive range of floor trims which includes Clip-Top, Clip-Top FX, MTS, Euro-Clip, PPS, Trans-Edge, Cable Ducts as well as Specialist Floor Trims. Gradus floor trims reduce the risk of accidents for building users by providing a safe link between floorcoverings. They also provide a safe joint where wheeled traffic is expected and ensures that trolleys can move freely between different type and heights of floorcoverings. Available in a wide choice of shapes, colours and finishes, transition strips can be selected to either blend in with the surrounding floorcoverings or act as a highlight to help determine walkways and circulation areas.

Learn more about Gerflor solutions, ask for a free sample or contact us to speak to a specialist today by calling 03332 412901, emailing contractuk@gerflor.com, or visiting gerflor.co.uk for the latest innovations.

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