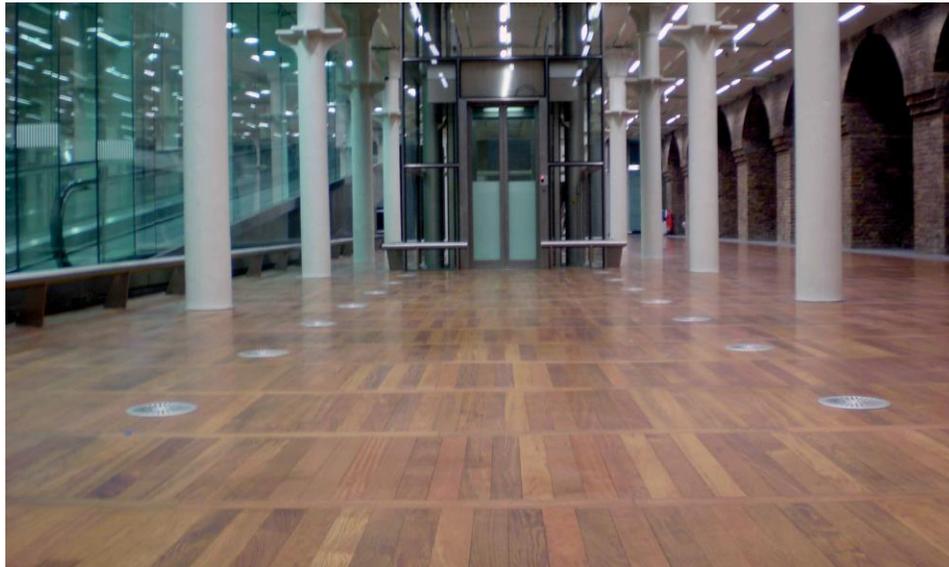




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Pancras International Terminal, the new home for EUROSTAR!

On Tuesday 6th November 2007, Her Majesty the Queen opened the new 800m St Pancras International Terminal in London. The Queen highlighted the importance of the attention to detail and the quality of the completed terminal, where millions of people are expected to pass through each year. The project comprised of installing approximately 6,000 square metres of FSC accredited solid Jatoba wood flooring, in the EUROSTAR departure and arrival halls. The floor was manufactured and custom machined by Atkinson & Kirby in their Ormskirk facility, and it is believed that the project is the largest single space solid wood flooring installation in the UK in 2007. The project also sets a new quality standard of wood floor finishing in Europe Loughton Contracts plc, working with ISG Interior Exterior plc, the clients fit out contractor together with the Architects Chapman Taylor, chose the surface treatment and maintenance products manufactured and supplied by WOCA DENMARK.

WOCA DENMARK is one of the world's leading suppliers of real wood flooring treatment and maintenance products, in particular for heavy traffic projects such as St Pancras International the Loughton Contracts team visited Copenhagen Airport with the design team, where a similar floor has been in service successfully for nearly two decades, and which has been treated with the WOCA (known in Denmark as Trip Trap) oxidizing oils, and has successfully been maintained since using a variety of WOCA maintenance products, specially chosen to meet the arduous traffic conditions.

WOCA UK with the support from its Danish technical teams, and the UK oiled floor treatment specialist Dane Care Ltd, worked with the experience from Copenhagen Airport, formulated what would be the successful oil treatment, protection, and maintenance procedures for the St Pancras project, based on their vast experience and proven product technology. The high quality finish demanded on this prestigious project required the development by Dane Care Ltd of a unique oiling / buffing technique using Dane Care special discs on the 2nd and 3rd wet coat to produce the fine, hard wearing quality finish.

The solid FSC Jatoba solid Wood floor, which had been machined to the customer's exact specifications, and was fitted by Loughton's Contracts plc, was belt sanded to 100 abrasion, and oiled and finished by Roger Hyde Ltd including Dane Care Ltd, the WOCA UK flooring specialist. The ladder bordered patterned floor was belt sanded with 100 grit abrasion. And the cross beams were then hand abraded to eliminate sanding marks, to achieve the fine finish required on the cross beams. Then two coats of WOCA Highs oiled natural Master Oil were applied, and finished off with the final coat of WOCA Maintenance Oil.

To achieve the high quality finish demanded on this prestigious project, a unique oiling / buffing technique developed by Dane Care Ltd was employed. This involved the use of specialist abrasive discs during the 2nd and 3rd wet coat to hone the wood finish while the oil was absorbing, which ensured that perfection was achieved from day one.

Inevitably there were several weeks between the final floor finishing work and the opening date, and given that other trades were on the floor until the last minute, a complete re-oil to achieve perfection was out of the question. So another WOCA innovation was introduced, which is the unique WOCA Oil Refresher product, applied the same way as traditional wood floor soap, but has a two in one ability to remove the dirt from the surface and at the same restore the floors natural appearance and ensuring the necessary protection.

WOCA DENMARK has also formulated and developed the ongoing maintenance procedures for the project, necessary to ensure that the floor is perfectly maintained and remains in good condition and appearance for decades to come. The team was able to hand over the completed Jatoba floor, dust free and in perfect condition in time for the Queen's arrival. It was a tremendous moment for the team to see and hear her Majesty confirm in her speech, how impressed she was with the attention to detail, after she saw and walked around the completed new St Pancras International terminal.

Truly a floor, "Fit for a Queen"!