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Tarkett Salsa adds a tasty finish to Gateshead restaurant

Tarkett's Salsa Oak Nature engineered wood flooring was recently installed to create a warm, welcoming environment in the newly refurbished restaurant within Gateshead Civic Centre. Now known as the Bewicke Suite, around 340m² of Tarkett Salsa was installed throughout the main seating areas.

Sandafloor of Gateshead carried out the complex installation. "The wooden flooring had to be fitted to a lot of curves and angles where it butted up against either ceramic or carpet tiles" commented one of the Directors. "Before the installation began, we knew there would be very little, if any, room for expansion of the wooden floor so it was decided to fully bond the hardwood to a prepared subfloor."



Whilst it is designed for floating floor installation, Tarkett's engineered wood flooring can be bonded in this way. Salsa is available with the choice of an Ultraloc or T-lock mechanical glue-free locking system, which bond the boards closely and evenly together without any edges. Its three-layer construction provides excellent dimensional stability, eliminating 70% of the woods natural movement.

"Tarkett Salsa was selected for its stability and overall appearance", explained Sandafloor. "The decision was also based on its durability performance on a couple of other installations, including the Hilton Hotel in Gateshead."

The Salsa range is 14mm thick with a 3.6mm wear layer of genuine species wood. This means the floor can be re-sanded up to 4 or 5 times giving greater longevity and lifetime value. The surface is protected by Tarkett's Proteco or Proteco Natura lacquer, the most wear-resistant lacquer on the market, providing superb protection against wear and micro scratches.

Available in over ten different wood species, the Salsa range offers the widest choice of wood finishes. Selecting a grain with minimal sapwood and knots gives a calm appearance, whereas a more lively finish can be achieved with a rustical or robust grading, with lots of knots, colour variation and sapwood. Other finish options also include aged, brushed, stained and heat-treated woods. With so many options to choose from, it is not surprising that the Salsa Range is Tarkett's most popular engineered wood flooring solution.

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