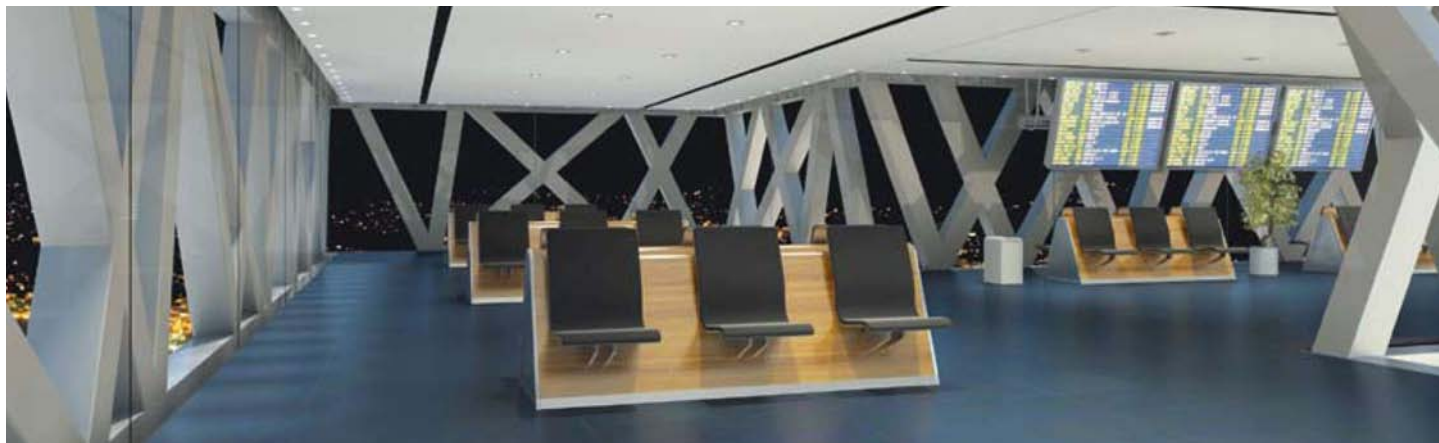


Press Release

CORK: natural comfort, whatever the environment



Cork coverings are becoming increasingly popular with contractors, architects and interior designers for their incomparable decorative potential, the comfort they provide on the most varied levels, and their ecological virtues. A 100% natural and renewable raw material, fully compliant with the concept of "sustainable building", cork possesses a range of attractive features which make it ideal for interior applications in residential, commercial or public buildings.

Portugal boasts the perfect environmental conditions to produce superior quality cork. Harvested from the cork oak after it reaches an age of 25 years, cork is an ecological product throughout its entire life cycle. The harvesting of cork, or stripping, is a highly specialised and environmentally friendly process, which ensures that the tree is not harmed. As a result of the composition and cell structure of cork, cork coverings offer benefits which are unrivalled by any other material: they offer natural thermal and acoustic insulation (perfect to block noise from the floor above), they are hygienic and anti-static (ideal for bedrooms, and highly recommended for people who suffer from allergies), resilient (safe for bedrooms and play areas) and easy to clean.



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Excellence in flooring

Varnishes – technical solutions

The Xtreme WRT (Wear Resistance Technology) and HPS (High Performance Surface) protective varnishes provide impermeability, highly durable protection and high resistance to wear. For areas subject to "high traffic", such as public spaces, shops, offices and exhibition halls, Amorim Revestimentos offers the HPS (High Performance Surface) finish, based on nanoparticle technology, with a 25 year guarantee.

The new Wicanders® range

Cork coverings remain Amorim Revestimentos' core business, but as of 2009 it also manufactures general floorings. The launch of the new **Wicanders®** product lines, which include **Corkcomfort**, **Woodcomfort**, **Vinylcomfort**, **Linocomfort** and **Parquet** mark the beginning of the Company's new strategy. With the exception of **Corkcomfort**, which has an obvious cork look, the remaining, exclusively designed product lines contain at least one layer of cork, a distinctive factor providing a high level of comfort.



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