

REFLECTED GLORY

Strong, sustainable, shining and contemporary – solid bamboo floors bring retail outlets, entertainment venues and even art galleries a warm, welcoming ambience

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As the planet's resources shrink and awareness grows, sustainability is becoming a driving force in commercial design. A flooring product that grows like wildfire, is as hard as nails, and most importantly brings a lustrous presence to any room is an ideal ecological solution and aesthetic feature statement.

Eco Flooring Systems offers precision-machined, pre-finished tongue-and-groove solid bamboo flooring for use in a variety of commercial and residential interiors, says director Paula Taylor.

"Bamboo floors are particularly well suited to high-traffic commercial environments such as restaurants,

offices, and retail outlets," says Taylor. "As a result, they are receiving increased attention from architects, designers and specifiers – particularly as it becomes clear that issues of sustainability are now integral to the building industry. Of course, the warmth and strength of bamboo carry equal pulling power."

Other aspects of Eco Flooring Systems' floors are also attractive from a designer's perspective. The floors are prefinished, using tough seven-layer German coating systems that are as eco-friendly as the material itself. This means there is little or no down time on a retailer's trading hours, as there is no waiting for coats

Below Bamboo's natural attributes are harnessed and enhanced in these pre-finished tongue and groove solid bamboo floors by Eco Flooring Systems. Durable and eye-catching, the ecologically sound surfaces add ambience to spaces as diverse as urban outfitters Rip Curl, a niche Gulgong gallery, and a chic eatery at the Xanadu winery. The floors are available in a light sand or carbonated amber colour and can be finished in a gloss, satin, or commercial finish.

of varnish to dry. Safety is another consideration, particularly in a commercial environment, and finishes available include a non-slip texture specifically designed to meet Building Code of Australia requirements.

Eco Flooring Systems' bamboo floors are made by a manufacturer the company has relied on for over 12 years. There are 23 stringent control checks undertaken in the process, including everything from bamboo density and hardness, through to colour consistency and moisture content.

Design flexibility is another important ask for designers. The floors are available pre-finished – in gloss, satin

or commercial – or raw, for on-site staining. Accessories include stair nosings, edge moulds, skirtings and custom treads, as well as panels made to specification.

High profile commercial projects that feature the warm look of an Eco Flooring System floor include Lend Lease headquarters, the Chinese Consulate, David Jones, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, and the Port Douglas Mirage Resort.

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