

PRODUCTS

Back in black



Terra Legno has added Black Pearl to its Quercia collection of engineered hardwood flooring. Each product of this collection is characterized by distinctive grains and noteworthy shades. Rounding out the collection with a darker collection not often seen in flooring, Black Pearl, which is FSC certified, offers a refined yet modern option for any residential or commercial space — with its brown undertones and low-sheen finish sourced from white oak. www.terraleigno.com

If it's wet ...



Pro MBR XD from **Proma** is a high-performance integral membrane used for both interior and exterior waterproofing under tile and stone installations. This product creates a thin, continuous barrier that protects against water penetration in wet areas, such as tub and shower surrounds, kitchen and food-prep areas, laundry rooms, balconies or terraces over unoccupied spaces. Pro MBR XD is also suitable for submerged applications, such as pools, spas, hot tubs and fountains. www.proma.ca

No shimming required

The Tuscan SeamClip, supplied by **Pearl Abrasive**, is a one-piece edge levelling system requiring no installation tools, no soaking, and is designed to assist in the installation of stone, ceramic, marble, granite and some large format tiles. The



SeamClip works by interlocking the tiles, creating a single flat-slab surface while the setting material is curing. The interlocking design reduces or eliminates settling from shrinkage, and minimizes the possibility of warping. The result is a lippage-free mirror surface that reduces the need to re-lift tiles to add more mud, or to shim tiles. www.pearlabrative.com

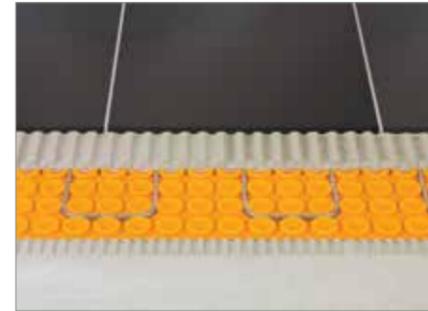
Rustic and modern



Preverco has launched Edge, a new hardwood floor texture inspired by the floors of yesteryear that combines rustic charm with a clean, modern look that's very much in the present. The Hard Maple, Charmonix, version of Edge (pictured) features a closed and uniform grain with visible annual growth rings. This product is available in Preverco's

SolidClassic platform, which involves a solid wood floor that can be installed on the main and upper floors. www.preverco.com

Uncoupled tile-heating system



According to **Schluter**, ceramic and stone tiles have many benefits, but one potential drawback relates to their installation with floor-warming systems, which can cause cracking in tiles and grout. The company says its Ditra-Heat is the first electric floor-warming system that directly incorporates essential uncoupling technology into a floor-warming system, instead of using methods that require the installation of an uncoupling system in addition to the floor-warming product. Ditra-Heat's heating cables are designed to snap easily into place on top of the uncoupling mat. www.schluter.com

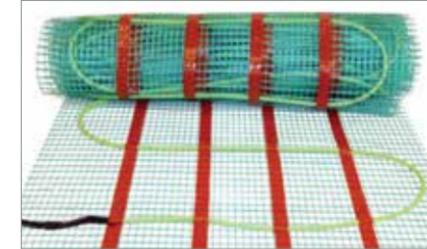
On the surface



Tarkett's Harmonium XF2 linoleum line of commercial flooring incorporates the company's proprietary XF surface-treatment technology while delivering more

colours and an XF2 matte finish to help bring the natural beauty of linoleum to life. Available in 93 colours, including a range of bright and clear colours as well as natural and earth tones, Harmonium XF2 offers solutions for modern and traditional interiors. With an improved matte finish, this product adds wear-and-tear resistance to the attractive look of linoleum. www.tarkettna.com

Buried in concrete



Flextherm has unveiled its Concrete Mat Xpress, the company's first mat designed specifically to be embedded in concrete. With a self-adhesive substrate, upon which is laid a 6W heating cable producing 12W per square foot of output, the mat can be installed in a few steps. Simply unroll the mat and secure it to the installation surface before pouring the concrete. This mat can be installed directly on the rigid installation under the concrete slab, or on a concrete or plywood sub-floor with a concrete topping. www.flextherm.com

From head to floor



Charles G. G. Schmidt & Co. has introduced a new insert style surfacing head for the flooring industry. These aluminum heads are made with four or six rows of standard four-sided inserts to do the surfacing, and two dovetail slots to accept adjustable cutters for adding the relief cuts on the bottom of the flooring. When used with the company's flip-flop design insert-style side heads, once the machine

is set up, no more adjusting is necessary — even after insert changes or rotation. www.cggschmidt.com

A bathroom system



The partnership between **Lea Ceramiche** and Lago stores continues with the Lago Bathroom, a new system that includes products dedicated exclusively to the bathroom. Lea Ceramiche was involved in the creation of floor and wall tiling that match the Lago furnishing complements. Reinterpreting one of the most traditional bathroom elements, the ceramic tile in the Lago bathroom includes: Slimtech, laminate stoneware that is only 3.5 mm thick; the long slabs of Modulo 36E8 for the floor and wall; and 36E8 Drunk, modules designed to create optical illusions. www.ceramichelea.com

Branching into wood



Mapei has added another branch to its family tree of wood-flooring products. The Ultracoat line was designed in Europe, where it has developed a track record of performance. According to company-cited statistics, about half of installed flooring is site finished. Ultracoat is designed to address this market need with four categories of products: wood-floor finishing accessories, basecoats, finishes, and maintenance products. All these categories of products are designed to be UV resistant, traffic resistant, and easy to apply. www.mapei.com

Blown away



Milwaukee Tool continues to expand its M18 Lithium-Ion system with the introduction of the M18 Compact Blower. Optimized for common construction debris, this compact blower offers a faster and more efficient way to clean up the jobsite. Delivering 100 CFM and 160 RPM, the company says this product is the most powerful compact cordless blower in its class. With a three-speed electronic switch, variable speed trigger and optional lock-on switch, the tool can clear a variety of materials while minimizing the amount of airborne dust and debris. www.milwaukeetool.com

Capturing mountain air



Nepal is one of **Nourison's** latest broadloom collections that are woven exclusively from high-quality materials and incorporate special dyeing effects, hand carving, hand finishing and lustre washing — all of which the company says is part of its signature technique. The Nepalese-inspired pattern (pictured) is designed to bring the clarity of mountain air indoors, and includes jewelled medallions and flame-like shapes flickering in elegantly-muted tones across a clean, neutral palette. The Nepal collection is 70-percent New Zealand wool and 30-percent Luxelle. www.nourison.com