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Bathmats and rugs for indoors and outdoors (0071)

Al-Falah International describes itself as a leading manufacturer and exporter of floor covering, made-ups and textiles such as rugs, carpets, cushion covers, and table covers. The Indian company plans to display selected bathmats made of cotton, rayon, and chenille, which are designed for use in the bedroom as well as in the bathroom. Various rugs will also be on exhibition made from cotton, rag and wool. These are suitable for placement in corridors, bedrooms, dining rooms, and offices. The smaller rug pieces that are also produced are said to be ideal for picnic purposes outdoors. (Photos available)

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Designer carpets from Tibetan wool in 150 colors (0018)

The Italian company Stile BK plans to unveil a range of designer carpets made of hundred-percent Tibetan wool. The products have reportedly been praised as combining contemporary Italian design with the expertise of traditional rugmaking. The carpets are hand-carried, hand-spun, hand-knotted and partly hand-woven, with or without fringes. An individual color combination is possible with 150 colors. Various texture and weaving techniques are represented in the range. The designer, Behrouz Kolahi, was born in Persia in 1954 and studied architecture in Turin. His knowledge of traditional knotting techniques and confrontation with western aesthetics in Italy is said to have inspired a design style that delightfully synthesizes Eastern and Western elements. (Photos available)

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Carpets/Rugs (hand-made)

Fine linen-wool carpets with elegant charm (0089)

The VM-Carpet stand will also be showcasing a range of elegant carpets made from a combination of luxurious linen and soft wool. Both raw materials used in the new Finesse series are said to be dust-free and of high quality. The pile length is around 3.5 cm in the middle of the rug and about 1.6 cm on its low-cut edges. The backing cloth is doubled and made of close-woven cotton and polyester. The carpet is available in standard and custom sizes in rectangular, square and round shapes. The largest possible width or diameter is given as 500 cm and the maximum length is specified as 1,300 cm. There are seven different color options. (Photos available)

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Hand-knotted rugs with simple Italian design (0028)

Sartori will be presenting new collections at the fair's Floor Forum. The company reports that their design is inspired by concepts of simplicity and minimalism that render a touch of personality and Italian design glamour to interiors. The traditional rug company produces hand-knotted rugs made from handspun wool and dyed with vegetable colors. The exhibitors attribute their presence on the market to an emphasis on Italian design philosophy, a cognizance of interior furnishing trends, and innovative production techniques. (Photos available)

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Carpets/Rugs (hand-made)

Hand-tufted and loom carpets in various fibers (0073)

Aalishan Exports, a leading Indian manufacturer and exporter of home furnishing products, will be particularly highlighting its spectrum of carpets, rugs and bathmats. The featured woolen carpets are hand-tufted and handloom-woven in both cut and loop designs. The company also provides hand-tufted carpets made of cotton, acrylic, silk and viscose in cut and loop designs. The rugs on offer come in cotton, wool, chenille, staple, rag, and jute variants in both modern and traditional designs. Shaggy rugs in woolen, cotton, jute, rayon, staple, or chenille materials round off the spectrum, along with bathmats made from cotton, acrylic, chenille and staple fibers. (Photos available)

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Hand-tufted designer rugs with linen and wool pile (0015)

The Poks series of hand-tufted rugs from VM-Carpet has been created by the Finnish designer Jarkko Kallio. The pattern is described by the manufacturers as a combination of cheerful ball figures and trendy colors that form a nice addition to any modern decorative atmosphere. The new designer rugs are made of linen and wool pile. The pile length is approximately 3.5 cm and the backing cloth is doubled and made of closely woven cotton and polyester. The different color options are specified as beige, orange, brown, and green. The company adds that both standard and custom sizes are available in rectangular and square shapes, with a maximum possible width of 500 cm and a maximum length of 1,300 cm. (Photos available)

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Luxurious pile carpet for chic décor (0090)

A recent development from VM-Carpet is the Nyanssi range of pile carpets. What the Finnish manufacturers describe as a striking, luxurious pile is said to add a touch of chic to special settings. Whereas linen and soft wool are combined in the middle of the rug, the thick wool pile along the edges is low-cut to form an elegant border. Both raw materials are reportedly dust-free and of the highest quality. The pile length is about 3.5 cm and the backing cloth is doubled and made of close-woven cotton and polyester. The product is available in standard and custom sizes, in rectangular, square and round shapes, and in seven color options. The maximum width or diameter is specified as 500 cm and the maximum length as 1,300 cm. (Photos available)

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Thick linen and wool carpet with elegant charm (0091)

One of the pile carpets on display from VM-Carpet will be the Spiral model made from a combination of loop and cut pile comprising linen and wool. The Finnish company insists that both raw materials are dust-free and of superior quality. The doubled backing cloth is made of closely woven cotton and polyester. The soft, luxurious pile is said to be comfortable underfoot and create a warm, elegant atmosphere. (Photos available)

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Coding system for carpet color classification (0001)

The Chromatone international color reference system has been specifically developed by R.G.S. Chromatone for the carpet and rug industry. The system displays colored yard poms, each of which are numbered with a six-digit reference that objectively describes each color. As the company points out, this enables quick and efficient communication by phone, fax or e-mail. The complete system also provides a comprehensive color bank for product range development. The full extent will be exhibited at the fair, comprising a collection of 1,979 individual colors available in various packaging options. There is also a digital system version, the Explorer, for use with Windows-based applications.

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Cotton rag rug in trendy designer colors (0094)

VM-Carpet will be introducing a traditional cotton rag rug in new colors designed by the Finnish artist and fashion designer Jukka Rintala. Under the name of Kesäpäivä or Summer Day, the rugs have what the manufacturers call trendy colors suitable for the modern home. The designs, which are said to create a fresh atmosphere, are seen as a good choice for decoration, for instance in kitchens, nurseries, halls or cabins. The rug is available in standard sizes. (Photos available)

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Durable, dust-free and fire-resistant carpets (0096)

VM-Carpet will be explaining the special merits of its Dico carpet series. The products, which are deemed suitable for both home and contract use, are allergic-friendly, anti-static and fire-resistant. Moreover, the carpet is treated with Ruco-Guard stain resistance, which is said to make it particularly easy to care for. The six color options for the paper-twine carpets allow a range of decorative atmospheres to be created. Thanks to the Evapolytex backing, the carpet maintains its shape while being flexible and non-slip. As further advantages of the backing material the Finnish company also mentions that it is suitable for all floor surfaces, does not stain or scratch the floors, and is both odorless and recyclable. The carpets are available in standard or custom sizes. (Photos available)

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Durable sisal carpet with non-slip backing (0092)

The product spectrum from VM-Carpet includes the Panama machine-woven carpet described as a good-looking and durable sisal carpet for home and contract use. Thanks to the special Evapolytex backing, the carpet is claimed to keep its shape as well as be flexible and non-slip. The compound consists of polyester felt coated with the thermoplastic polymer EVA or ethylene vinyl acetate. The fully recyclable material is praised as odorless and safe, leaving no stains or scratches on the floor. It is said to be suitable for all surfaces, including those with radiant heating. The ready-made carpet is bordered with cotton tape and is available in both standard and custom sizes. (Photos available)

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High-quality carpets with Wilton-type structure (0083)

The Turkish manufacturers Atlas Carpet Weaving intend to display a selection of their latest work, which they generally describe as high-quality, Wilton-type, machine-made carpets in designs reflecting Eastern and Western influences. As the company relates, the number of looms at its factory has been steadily increased since its establishment in 1967 to meet demand. The range of designs and technologies has also developed and the annual weaving capacity of the integrated mill is now specified as five million square meters. The carpets produced are rated by the International Carpet Classification Organization (ICCO) as T6 and other classification levels. Weaving can be carried out with a pile combination of wool and acrylic or using 100-percent polypropylene, acrylic, or wool.

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Home fashion rugs in natural and synthetic fibers (0079)

Tulip Home Manufacture will be bringing a selection of the latest rugs it produces in Shanghai. According to the company's press report, the featured product catalog mainly consists of hand-tufted rugs made of wool or acrylic, silk rugs, braided rugs using polypropylene (PP), cotton or acrylic bathmats, and bamboo mats. Crumb rugs composed of polypropylene, nylon, and polyester will also be on show in both solid-dyed and printed variations. (Photos available)

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Woven Carpets (machine-made)

Latest mats combining functionality and design (0041)

Milliken Denmark describes itself as a leading manufacturer of doormats and matting systems. The Danish Walk-Off Mats production facility of the American-based conglomerate will be presenting its latest innovations at the fair. The company develops, manufactures and markets high-quality mats and matting combining functionality and design for all kinds of buildings such as hotels, industries, offices, and private homes. The products provided by the mat specialists comprise materials remarkable for their dust-controlling properties, enhanced absorbency, reduced buildup of lint and fluff, and improved resilience. (Photos available)

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Linen designer rug with sleek, elegant look (0095)

The upper surface of the new Musique rug from VM-Carpet is made of linen, whereas jute is used as the supporting warp and cotton as binding warp. The Finnish artist Jukka Rintala is responsible for the design. The hems are folded at the shorter edges and overlocking on the long sides is said to give a sleek, finished look to the creation. The easy-care rug can reportedly be laid on both sides. The manufacturers envisage its use in homes where the luxury and elegance of linen is desired. The collection includes five colors in standard sizes. (Photos available)

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Mats and rugs from natural materials (0039)

Foam Mattings in the Indian province of Kerala makes mats, rugs and carpets from environmentally friendly materials such as coir, sisal, jute, cotton, and grass. The products are manufactured on traditional handlooms or powerlooms and can be used as floor coverings, runners, or paneling for walls and ceilings. They are available in natural, bleached and solid colors and in a multitude of designs and patterns. For example, the rugs highlighted by the company in its report measure 90x150 cm, whereas the coir doormats specified come in the sizes 45x75, 40x60, and 35x60 cm. In their Internet presentation, the exhibitors also draw attention to their high-end production facilities and quality control standards. (Photos available)

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PE yarns for backings and artificial grass (0002)

Bonar Yarns & Fabrics will be showcasing its range of carpet backing yarns and artificial grass yarns. The Scottish firm points to its long history of manufacturing polypropylene backing yarns for Axminster and Wilton woven carpets. The yarns are characterized as having a high tenacity that reduces stoppages due to weft and warp breaks, and are described as being highly uniform along their length with no thicks and thins. The company's PE-blended products are said to provide softer, more flexible and durable artificial grass yarns for contact sports. These yarns are claimed to be ideal for third-generation synthetic sports surfaces due to their waxy feel and ability to completely encapsulate the rubber and sand infill.

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Woven Carpets (machine-made)

Softness and class for domestic settings (0093)

A recent highlight from VM-Carpet is billed as adding class to domestic settings when softness and lightness are the qualities desired. The pile is made of anti-static, stain-resistant polyamide. The backing is composed of the non-slip Evapolytex compound, which is flexible and helps keep the carpet in shape. This special material is said to suit all floor surfaces, including those with radiant heating. The exhibitors also point out that it does not stain the floor and that it is odorless and environmentally friendly. The machine-woven carpet is available in both standard and custom sizes and comes in several colors. (Photos available)

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Universal floor covering for in- and outdoors (0014)

Hellsten Flooring, a Finnish producer of synthetic carpets, will be showcasing its Tuuli universal floor covering for both indoor and outdoor use. The material comprises high-quality vinyl to 90 percent and polyester to 10 percent, a combination reportedly suitable for different types of conditions, especially in a very damp environment. A specially developed method allows the carpet to be cut in any given direction without fraying, enabling convenient adaptation to specific needs. The product is said to be simple to work with, easy to care for, and feel soft and steady on all surfaces. A popular application is described as wall-to-wall carpeting in hotels, banks or shops. A large range of colors will be displayed. (Photos available)

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Textile and flexible Floor Coverings

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Anti-slip flooring for wet and dry conditions (0045)

Aikona will be explaining the effectiveness of its new slip-resistant and water-resilient flooring. The specially developed flooring material from which the company bears its name is a versatile vinyl composite that is claimed to be in its element whether the conditions are wet or dry. The flooring has a textured non-slip surface that reportedly remains effective even when wet, making it a practical yet attractive choice for hotel bathrooms, spa premises and leisure facilities. The UV-stability of the covering makes it additionally suitable for balconies, patios, swimming pool surrounds, and other outdoor applications. The English manufacturer reports that it can be supplied plain or with a nautical stripe for a marine teak deck appearance. (Photos available)

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Attractive, hard-wearing floor tile system (0011)

Groupe TLM plans to exhibit its Optiline floor tiles for community service buildings, light industrial buildings and sites with normal to heavy foot traffic. Billed as attractive and hard-wearing, the system can be used for new surfaces or for covering old floors. The tiles have a very fine-grain finish, present a satin surface aspect, and measure 500x500 mm with a thickness of 5 mm. A second product on display from the French manufacturers will be their Periline perimeter finishing. This accessory is a perimeter base board finishing specially designed for installation with the company's Traficline and Optiline PVC floor coverings. The system comprises a rigid base support that is attached to the floor and a two-component, flexible and rigid covering element. (Photos available)

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CAD/CAM solutions for textiles and carpets (0059)

The Carpet Designer is an advanced carpet designing solution from Booria CAD/CAM Systems in Tehran. It reportedly comes with a comprehensive set of drawing tools, including one for spiral lines, and a wide range of functions. The developers refer to the large library of ready-to-use motifs and design repeats, the pressure-sensitive tooling, and features such as resize, rotate, repeat, and mirror. Functions like the Border Wizard, Cross-Planting Guide, De-Perspective, Loop and Pile Simulation, Elliptical Border and Binding Effects are particularly singled out. The company will also be showcasing its Tile Studio, which has been developed for creating virtual images in 3D decorative presentations and for preparing printed and electronic tile catalogs. (Photos available)

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Cotton doormats with high water absorption (0008)

The cotton doormats on exhibition at the Flooratex booth are said to manifest a high water absorption capacity. The mats have three layers, the first two made of cotton with the final pith composed of rubberized coir fiber. The latter is lightweight and reportedly gives a cushion effect to the mat. The topmost cotton covering can be easily removed for washing. Attractive pictures, names, or logos can be printed on this covering. The mats measure 37x62 cm. The Indian manufacturers also sell rubber stable mats, restaurant mats, and rubber anti-fatigue mats. (Photos available)

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Doormats in aluminum, brass, textile and rubber (0070)

The exhibitors from BKF System will be bringing some of their latest doormats to the fair. The company's professional entrance matting system embraces aluminum mats under the brand names Prestige, Avangarde, Duty and Easy, brass mats in the Prestige Gold series, Exclusive and Ryps mats made of textile material, and rubber mats from the Use range. The Polish manufacturers also report the design of a new connection method for aluminum and brass doormats. This connection is described as part of the profile itself and is said to be very durable due to its aluminum or brass composition. There are no PCV (polyvinylchloride) connectors or lines between the profiles, which come with a ten-year guarantee. It is specifically pointed out that the construction is safe for women with high heels. Four kinds of inserts are offered, which can also be combined and replaced as necessary. (Photos available)

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Fully automatic serger for car carpets (0058)

The Titan DK 4640 highlighted by De Koninck is a fully automatic serger for tufted and needle-punched rugs or mats. According to the Belgian manufacturers, no shape programming is required and one operator can supervise up to four automatic systems via a touchscreen interface. Complex-shaped carpets up to 100x150 cm can be handled. The sewing threads are cut, the last stitch is fixed, and the finished carpets are stacked on a pallet. The exhibitors also stress the easy set-up, maintenance and servicing, the clear instruction manual and technical hotline, the three colored status lamps, and the complete security fence. Various sensors help prevent jamming and thread breakage. Any dust is removed by a vacuum-cleaner system. (Photos available)

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Handmade carpet collections in various styles (0022)

Papilio, the hand-tuft division of Prado Rugs, will be highlighting some of its dozen different styles. The nostalgic Sixties collection from Hilde Lapere depicts the typical red-brown colors and designs of the 1960s. The same designer has also created the rich, expressive carpets in the Flower Power range. Sunset is a series of woolen carpets produced through a dip-dyeing method that enables orange-red, pink and turquoise tints. The Monique Lester carpets are made of high-quality acrylic with flamboyant colors and a soft silky feel. The Shaggy shag-pile carpets, the Tikal artificial leather rugs, and the Disney collection are further examples. Most carpets are deliverable from stock in standard sizes such as 120x170, 160x230 and 200x290 cm with other sizes on demand.

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Loose-laid interlocking PVC floor tile system (0009)

Traficline is the name of PVC floor tiling from Groupe TLM with a glueless jigsaw attachment system that is especially suitable for industrial and public building use. The system reportedly manifests a resistance to compression of more than 500 kg/sq cm and is claimed to be resistant to most chemicals. The tiles are described as supple, strong and non-slip, whereas application is said to be fast and easy. The different colors available make it easy to identify different areas. Further advantages include the thermal and sound insulation qualities and the fact that tiling can be simply taken up and re-laid. The system can also be combined with the company's Standline tile range. (Photos available)

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Natural mats and rugs made of coir and jute (0007)

Flooratex based in the Indian province of Kerala also produce mats and rugs made of coir, the fiber obtained from coconut husks. The company describes coir mats as the most natural kind of entrance mats. Imperial mats, creal mats, mesh mats and so-called lovers knot mats are supplied. The coir and jute rugs offered by the manufacturer come in naturally bleached and colored forms with cotton hems. The most common sizes are specified as 60x90, 140x200, and 170x240 cm. (Photos available)

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Overedging machine cuts and sews round corners (0057)

De Koninck will be presenting the new Titan DK 4620 automatic carpet overedging machine that cuts and sews rounded corners on all types of carpets. As the company describes it, the carpets are automatically loaded onto an air table. A robot arm then feeds the carpet to the automatic sewing head, which requires no programming of the shape. After cutting the corner and sewing the rounded corners, the threads are cut and the last stitch is fixed at the back with ultrasonic welding. Finally, the robot palletizes the finished carpet. The flexible, easily used machine achieves a speed of 2,900 stitches per minute with a standard stitch width of 10 mm. Software is included to monitor production output. (Photos available)

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Textile and flexible Floor Coverings

PVC duckboard tiles for heavy-duty applications (0010)

The Standline range from Groupe TLM is a PVC duckboard tile especially designed for well-used floors in entrances and for perimeter areas around machinery. As the French company explains, the duckboard tiles have been developed using computer technology, are laid with an exclusive jigsaw installation system, and are suitable for bearing heavy loads or traffic volumes. Liquids, oils, metal cuttings and dust fall easily through the open mesh design, stopping dirt spreading throughout the building. Food handling areas, industrial kitchens and premises cleaned by high-pressure jets are further applications. The tiles come in differently grained finishes and in satin or brilliant satin surface aspects. The dimensions are 500x500 mm with a thickness of 7 mm. (Photos available)

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Quality carpeting in various styles and colors (0081)

The Samur carpet mill near Ankara manufactures wall-to-wall tufting carpets, piece carpets, corridor runners, and prayer carpets. In its self-profile, the company draws attention to its annual capacity for wall-to-wall tufting carpets of 18 million square meters, which are exported throughout Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. The exhibitors also emphasize the quality of their goods, their competitive prices, and their customer-friendly delivery terms. The contract market is a particular field of specialization with specially designed, chromojet-printed carpets produced for hotels and housing development projects. A new piece carpet generation will also be highlighted. (Photos available)

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Textile and flexible Floor Coverings

Rubber mats for diverse applications (0030)

Glenrock Rubber Products describes itself as India's leading supplier of rubber mats and custom-made rubber products. The manufacturers offer an extensive range of more than 150 rubber-molded products. Examples specified on the company's Internet homepage embrace mud busters, stable mats for dairy livestock, musical instrument parts, rubber spatulas and buckets, nitrate balls, and golf tee pads. The rubber mats in the spectrum include tip-colored stud mats in different designs, oil-resistant taper-edge mats, holomats, doormats, shed mats, coir mats, and various other types for residential, commercial and industrial uses. (Photos available)

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Rubber matting in various sizes and designs (0006)

The Indian manufacturers Flooratex will spotlight various types of rubber matting. Different kinds of stable mats will be presented with grooved bottoms and plain or amebic tops, as well as with narrow grooves on the tops and broad grooves on the bottoms. These mats can be provided in custom sizes. In addition, rubber hollow mats are available in the sizes 40x60 cm and 1x1, 2x1, 1x0.5 and 1.5x1 m with a thickness of 22 mm. Moreover, rolls of narrow- or broad-ribbed rubber matting are supplied in green or black in the dimensions of 1.2x10 m with a thickness of 3 or 4 mm. Other products include different types of doormats, rubber pin mats, silky mats, stud mats, and grass mats in a multitude of colors and designs. The company's rubberized coir mats come in 40x60 cm and 45x75 cm sizes as well as in customer specifications. (Photos available)

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Textile and flexible Floor Coverings

Slip-resistant coatings to minimize skidding (0012)

Floor coverings will be presented by Lott-Lacke with an anti-slip effect that minimizes the danger of skidding in wet areas, on stairs, and in other high-risk areas. As the coating specialists report, depending on the particle size and surface roughness, incorporating slip-resistant particles in the PVC finish satisfies the necessary requirements for an R9 or R10 classification. Integrated in thin layers, these slip-resistant particles can apparently even help to increase the abrasion resistance of the coating. The exhibitors add that rough surfaces follow the current trend: for instance, when used as a PVC finish for tile designs, the treated tiles can be said to feel like real ones.

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Contract Flooring

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Aluminum luminaire with variable color effects (0034)

A new product featured by Ludwig Leuchten bears the designation Line One S 3T16-35 DIM RGB. The core feature of the luminaire, which is neatly hidden in a kind of tray, is the electronic control module that mixes the basic colors red, green and blue in an additive process into innumerable color variants. A topside controller generates dynamic color changes as well as an optional static color mix. An adjacent switch shifts between the two operation modes. The luminaire is entirely made of extruded aluminum, whereas the shade covering the lamps and a lateral decorative strip come in opal plexiglass. Massive aluminum feet provide stability. Each fluorescent tube is separately switched to a dimmable ballast. The dimensions are specified as 1,895x350x200 mm. (Photos available)

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Hardwood and specialist sports surfaces (0046)

Prestige claims to be one of the few exhibitors to be displaying sports and gymnasium flooring at the fair. The company describes itself as a specialist in DIN-certified gymnasium floors that provide enhanced safety and performance conditions for athletes. Further products include synthetic sports flooring systems for indoor and outdoor use and specially designed floor patterns in solid and massive hardwood. (Photos available)

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Slim and elegant aluminum profile luminaire (0033)

One of the products on show from Ludwig Leuchten will be the SL 1 aluminum profile luminaire. Described as slim and elegant, the light is said to manifest a technically inspired appearance as a result of the miniature louvre in its highly reflective Miro aluminum material. This is reinforced by the compact design with its clearly defined lines and emphasis on geometrical form. According to the manufacturers, the use of the miniature louvre ensures an all-round luminance limitation L of 1,000 cd/sq m or less at an emission angle exceeding 65° to the vertical in accordance with DIN EN 12464. The luminaire is laid out for T5 lamp technology and is said to fulfil monitor workstation requirements. Available in surface-mounted and suspended variants, it should fit well in representative areas, corridors and hallways. (Photos available)

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Parquet and Laminates

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Eco-friendly, easily cleaned linoleum flooring (0042)

Forbo is launching a new linoleum collection called Marmoleum Global 2. The range is described as a one-stop-solution for architects, designers, facility managers, wholesalers and retailers. An extensive choice of designs and product features is offered that includes acoustic and dissipative linoleum as well as non-marbled designs to maximize the possibilities of creative freedom and functional design. All items incorporate the new Topshield finish, which is billed as a breakthrough in appearance retention and reduces the need for cleaning and maintenance. In addition, the company's multicolored welding rod is now available for all main marble collections. A new development is Gloweld, a photo-luminescent welding rod that stores light during the day and re-emits it at night.

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Engineered parquet flooring with three layers (0020)

A new natural wood product on show from Piemonte Parquets is said to be particularly compatible with ecological building standards and can be applied with floating and glueless installation techniques. Ecoclick is described as three-layer engineered parquet flooring using vinylic glues according to EN DIN D3. It is available in solid wood thicknesses of 15/20 mm, with 4.5 mm for the superior line and 3.2 mm for the contract line, in widths between 100 and 200 mm, and in lengths running from 800 to 2,500 mm. According to the Italian company's report, the parquet is fabricated completely without polluting elements and is reusable, recyclable and biodegradable. It is further characterized as suitable for heated floors and humid rooms. A thirty-year warranty is provided. (Photos available)

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Parquet and Laminates

Full range of natural wood treatment oils (0044)

Chimiver is specialized in the production of varnishes, glues and adhesives for wood and parquet as well as accessories for the carpentry sector. The Italian company will be launching a new range of natural oils under the name of Lyos. The five products aimed at modern customers, designers and architects comprise the Bioil initial treatment oil, Talita extra maintenance oil, Soft Balm nourishing detergent, Balm protective treatment, and Kronos deep-cleaning agent. The exhibitors also point out that Bioil will feature a spectrum of 32 fashion colors. Altogether, the series is claimed to make the application and above all maintenance of natural oil easier for both professional and non-professional users. (Photos available)

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Interior moldings and millwork in Duropolymer (0064)

Orac has brought out new collections of decorative elements made from the new material Duropolymer. The Axxent range of cornices, panel moldings and skirtings is said to widen decorative possibilities at an affordable price. Special attention is also drawn to the ready-to-install door-framing kits that include all the necessary profiles and elements. The company's Scodrant collection consists of a scotium, a quadrant and skirtings, available in white and seven wood imitation finishes. The hard-wearing elements are described as water- and knock-resistant, easy to install by gluing, screwing or nailing, and resilient to cleaning products. They do not warp, rot or deteriorate and can be recycled. Customized profiles and finishes are also possible. (Photos available)

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Natural wood flooring from various wood species (0005)

Biadki Parquet Factory intends to display some of the latest products derived from its long experience in wood manufacturing. The company, which describes itself as the leading manufacturer of wooden floors in Poland, offers a wide choice of natural wood flooring and finishing materials to customers throughout the world. Floors can also be fabricated according to individually agreed technical parameters. Specific examples of the range include parquet, two-layer parquet, lamparquet, mosaic parquet, and floorboard. According to the Internet homepage, the products are made of various wood species and can be supplied in pre-finished or unfinished versions.

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New collection of durable floor coverings (0060)

Forbo will be introducing its Novilon 2005 collection comprising the three design ranges Nova, Viva and Prima. All the products are manufactured with Diamond Seal lacquering and the Aquagrip safety feature, elements claimed to enhance hardness, scratch resistance and durability along with non-slip performance. As the Dutch exhibitors report, the collection has been updated with new contemporary designs in the wood, all-over print, and tile categories. The Nova range also features a new matt, rustic embossing for all relevant designs. Within the product family, the company is also unveiling Noviflor based on Solidcore technology and consisting of four new qualities with modern designs and a superior price-to-quality ratio.

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New collection of printed flooring decors (0003)

Decotec Printing in Barcelona will be presenting its new 2005 Flooring Collection, which is reported to comprise a completely new range of attractive flooring decors. The exhibitors draw attention to what they call an appealing selection of structures and colors as well the new irregular joint and color interplank features, which are expected to be of interest to designers, professionals and end consumers alike. The new collection includes pine, oak, chestnut, cherry, walnut, and stone decors. (Photos available)

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Pre-finished floor with durability and elasticity (0088)

The Italian exhibitors from CBT will be presenting a pre-finished floor with what they call superior resistance thanks to its HDF support balanced with a high specific weight. Nevertheless, insists the company, the board remains elastic and adaptable to the specific surfaces on which it is laid. Moreover, although the standard lacquer is claimed to offer optimum resistance to abrasion, the addition of a special extra finish reportedly yields the highest level of resistance within the floor category. The manufacturers add that both finishes are treated on the surface with an anti-slip coating. The product description on the Internet homepage also stresses the personalized color variety that can be created.

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Space-saving presentation for floor coverings (0021)

Klapcarrousel is to be presented by the Dutch interior manufacturers Reijer de Jong. The product reportedly allows a large amount of floor covering to be displayed on a relative small floor space. It is apparently possible to simply change the vertical position of the samples on show into a horizontal one at floor level. As is pointed out, this realistic kind of display facilitates presentation at walking level with no more winding around displays. The innovation is available in the form of a fixed model for surrounding existing pillars or as a freestanding model to be placed anywhere in a store. The maximum presentation area of 2 m, the two-sided display boards, the simple installation, and its suitability for all kinds of floor coverings are singled out as further advantages. (Photos available)

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Stable pre-finished wood flooring with two layers (0004)

One of the flooring novelties to be presented by CBT is a two-layer pre-finished floor that is said to manifest greater stability than a traditional floor. This is reportedly achieved in the wooden top layer by a special seasoning treatment and progressive kiln drying, whereas the sandwich-finish birch support is inherently stable thanks to the crossover structure of its various layers. The technique of cold pressing the two components is also claimed to ensure durability and high resistance. A further advantage is seen in the grooving on the back of the board, which serves to give elasticity and flexibility for easier adaptation to the sub-floor surface. The planks come in a range of thicknesses for different applications.

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Applications Technology, Laying Equipment, Cleaning and Maintenance

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Complete grinding machine for wooden floors (0080)

The keynote presentation from HTC Sweden is a multipurpose machine with the designation HTC 420 that can now also be used for grinding wooden floors. This is claimed to represent a new field for the company, which has hitherto specialized in the grinding and polishing of natural stone, terrazzo and concrete. The machine performs a range of tasks from grinding and fine polishing to oiling, in addition to reducing the need for time-consuming edge grinding. The exhibitors enthuse that whereas ordinary abrasive belt grinders leave a significant edge, their machine practically grinds the entire floor, yielding a superior finish. The elimination of cuts and unevenness is also stressed thanks to the horizontal manner of working and the planetary operating system. Moreover, unlike other systems, the machine is reportedly insensitive to changes of direction and speed. (Photos available)

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Maintenance concept for beautifying flooring (0013)

With its Nolabliss range, the brush and floor cleaning tool manufacturers PDC Brush will be introducing visitors to what they dub the first maintenance concept in the flooring industry. The Belgian company divides its innovation into three product groups that have been specially developed for specific deployment purposes. Whereas the Wood group of products has been developed for hardwood application, the Vinylam spectrum is used to beautify vinyl, laminate and linoleum. A third product segment called Terra is applied to natural stone and ceramic tiles. (Photos available)

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Skirting boards designed with technical material (0048)

The Italian company Profilpas has developed a new range of skirting boards realized using innovative technical materials such as stainless steel and anodized aluminum. The series reportedly includes articles that lend a touch of modernity to private houses or contribute a design profile coupled with easy hygienic maintenance to public places. The models come in designs from linear to rounded, range in height from 60 to 100 mm, and can serve to hide hi-fi, telephone or computer cables. The manufacturers add that the special elements required for internal and external corners, junctions and end caps are available for the skirting boards. (Photos available)

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Cut order machines with efficient automation (0075)

One of the systems featured by ETF is a cut order machine concept for carpet, vinyl, and needle-felt that integrates demands for higher speeds, output and flexibility. The M 5630 series can be equipped with options such as a supply and discharge table, an on-line wrapping unit, tube dispensers, an ultra-sonic sealing unit to finish cut order rolls, and sorting-out systems. Specific merits are seen in the modern control technology and user-friendly operation, the possible link to customer mainframes, and the direct sorting of cut orders into pre-selected bin or shelf positions. These automation features are said to reduce paperwork, decrease errors, and enhance production data availability. Production averages of more than 70 cuts/hour are reportedly feasible. The smaller M 5632 series with the same characteristics is suitable for processes up to 300 cut orders per eight-hour shift. (Photos available)

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Latest editions to color reference system (0082)

Chromatone describes its eponymous color reference system as the leading international codification method for matching carpet and rug colors and for pom selection. The unique six-figure coding system facilitates efficient communication and provides a comprehensive color bank for range development. The full system of 1,979 individual colors will be exhibited at the show, including the latest edition called Evergreen. As the developers report, this is a collection of 24 poms inspired by colors seen in forest glades around the world. The digital version of the system enables existing carpet designs to be recolored using Chromatone references. The company also specializes in the development and production of customized tuft cases to house the specific pom collections of customers. Examples of these will also be on display. (Photos available)

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Various display equipment for rugs and carpets (0072)

The Turkish company Akdeniz manufactures and exports display facilities and shop furnishing systems for all types of carpets and rugs. The carpet exhibition equipment comes in the form of rail, book and panel systems. The rail version, for instance, comprises a metal carrier construction that can be arranged in various sizes. Carpets, rugs and runners can be hung in the functional display system and pulled out for viewing. Alternatively, samples can be shown using eye-catching panel displays. These are mounted alone on walls and partitions or integrated in other presentation stands. The equipment also includes a frame construction that allows differently sized carpets and rugs to be perused like a book. The various systems can be arranged in different sizes and are available in a choice of colors with electrostatic powder coating for enhanced durability. (Photos available)

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