



No interruptions during refurbishment

The boutique QT hotel on Queensland's Gold Coast has undergone a major refurbishment, including the laying of more than 3000 m² of timber flooring, transforming it into a fresh and modern travel destination.

Billed as 'nostalgic surfer chic meets Miami

catwalk cool', the hotel received new timber floors throughout the reception, lift areas and entrance ways.

The work had to be carried out while the hotel was in operation, with around 300 m² completed every 24 hours including the lift areas on every floor.

The fast pace required for the project was met with the help of an efficient sealing and bonding solution from Sika, requiring minimal surface preparation.

Adhering to the existing concrete, tile and ply subfloors, American oak floor boards were fixed utilising SikaBond - T55(J).

Facilitating the speedy application, the easy flowing one-part polyurethane adhesive is designed for direct elastic bonding of timber floors. The adhesive is of low viscosity and cures on exposure to atmospheric moisture.

Sika Market Field Manager, Sealing and Bonding, Denis Gray worked closely with the contractor, Timber Flooring Unlimited throughout the process.

"Timber Flooring Unlimited tested different surface preparation methods and found a light grind was all that was needed to provide strong adhesion," said Gray. "Sika Primer MB was used to provide protection from sub-floor moisture. The products proved invaluable in helping us to meet the brief, ensuring work caused minimal disruption to hotel guests while still delivering a high quality finish." ■

Kitchen floor nourished by Livos

The Agrarian Kitchen is a sustainable farm-based cooking school situated in a 19th century schoolhouse at Lachlan, 45 minutes from Hobart in Tasmania's Derwent Valley, Australia. It was established by Rodney Dunn and his wife Séverine, who moved from Sydney to Tasmania in July 2007 to transform the schoolhouse into Tasmania's first hands-on, farm-based cooking school. Cooking classes commenced in January 2009.

With the large number of students through the doors since its opening, the floor needed rejuvenation. It looked slightly dry and had some oil stains as one would expect in a commercial kitchen. However, it was still in a relatively good condition.

Due to the extreme wear and tear of this floor, and to remove the oil stains, Livos

Australia decided on using a 120 grit screen back over the surface rather than a maroon pad (light abrasive) as would normally be used.

Since the floor was to be re-oiled, the oil stains did not need complete removal. After a gentle buff with the screen back, the floor was saturated with oil again, left on for 20 minutes, then wiped off.

Livos oils have been very successfully used on the Agrarian Kitchen in Tasmania, providing a real life, practical confirmation of how hard wearing and easy to maintain natural, healthy oils are under the harsher conditions of public or commercial buildings.

The oil used was from the Livos Kunos range, which is ideal for hardwood timbers such as the Agrarian Kitchen's Tasmanian oak floor. With a high rate of waxes and resin it

gives a glowing sheen with a natural warmth and feel when finished.

The Kunos oils are certified food safe so can be used with confidence on kitchen bench tops and chopping boards etc that come in direct contact with food. While a clear oil was used in the kitchen, this product is also available in a range of stains to suit timbers and personal preferences.

Livos oils are all based on natural, plant based ingredients, which are biologically degradable, sustainable and are harmless, even in direct contact with humans, animals and plants. They are a practical alternative to conventional chemical based products without bringing dangerous and unnecessary toxins into the home or workplace.

Livos prides itself on full transparency with all



products offering a full 100% ingredient listing so that the client can make a fully informed choice that suits their needs.

Overall, Livos Australia is committed to making homes, workplaces and the environment healthier and safer for everyone and minimising people's exposure to harmful toxins found in traditional synthetic paints and finishes without compromising quality or durability. ■