

# Unique floorcoverings for Oyster Box refurbishment

Having undergone a major refurbishment that took over two years to complete, the celebrated Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga now boasts over 400m<sup>2</sup> of Synergy bamboo floor provided by Teragren South Africa, installed with the use of Elastilon Strong self-adhesive underlay.

Formed in 1994, Teragren is a US-based manufacturer of fine bamboo flooring, panels and veneers, and its Synergy strand-woven bamboo flooring with Xcora technology is manufactured in a process that fuses bamboo fibres with an environmentally safe adhesive under extreme pressure to form homogeneous, high-density sheets that are sliced and milled into flooring planks. As a result, Synergy technology is much harder than red oak,



making it perfect for high-traffic areas in both residential and commercial settings. Synergy is also FloorScore-certified, one of the most rigorous air quality standards in the world.

Of the four distinctive blends of bamboo strands available, Chestnut colour was used for this project.

Elastilon Strong underlay is marketed in South Africa by Suntups, and this patented revolutionary peel-and-stick membrane has a permanently elastic cross-linked, closed-cell polyethylene construction with a non-toxic, self-adhesive upper surface that bonds directly with the hardwood, creating a solid, inseparable floor – making it ideal for use with bamboo flooring.

While sealing the underside of the boards, Elastilon allows for natural expansion and contraction inherent in hardwood floors with humidity changes, which helps to eliminate cupping.

This project was completed under the control of y2k Architects in conjunction with Giuricich Bros, the main contractor, and highlights the successful installation of two quality branded products in a 5-Star beachfront hotel environment, where the floor enhances the overall ambience of the décor and caters for the high-traffic requirement. ■

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