

Kährs®

QUALITY IN WOOD SINCE 1857



WOOD FLOORING

NATURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND TIMELESS

DESIGN WITH A CONSCIENCE

Kährs floors are brilliant examples of modern ideas, reflecting old wisdom. Our innovative approach to tradition sets us apart from other wood floor manufacturers. During our more than 150 years in the business, we have aimed to capture the beauty and expression of wood. We have learned to combine this beauty with different types of leading floor technology in order to produce high quality wood floors, which are durable, stable and easy to install.

Even though trends come and go, we believe that quality and style never go out of fashion. Therefore, we are equally dedicated to creating designs that have a potential to be cherished by present and future generations. We are constantly adding to our collections of wood floors, which today include a great variety of species and styles, creating endless possibilities.

Being style and eco-conscious has never been easy – until now. We applaud the designers who have made green glamorous. Regardless of species and design, all of our floors fulfill the demands that a modern wood floor should meet, both aesthetically and environmentally.



"The main impression you get from a room is made up from what you choose to put on your walls and floors. The interplay between these two is extremely important for the feel of the room. A wood floor with a lot of structure, for example, must be allowed to fill the room, without competing with the expression of the walls.

But the most important thing is to listen to the room and its surroundings to find a floor that will achieve harmony. As there are endless types of rooms and contexts, we supply a great variety of wood floors. Despite the different looks of our floors, they all have some things in common – they are derived from nature, they age beautifully, they have a history and they bring warmth to a home.

Trees are the source of life. This is not only true for us as a wood floor manufacturer, but for us all as individuals – as well as for our whole planet. Perhaps that is why we feel so passionately about the wood floors we design and produce".

Stina Andersson
Designer, Kährs



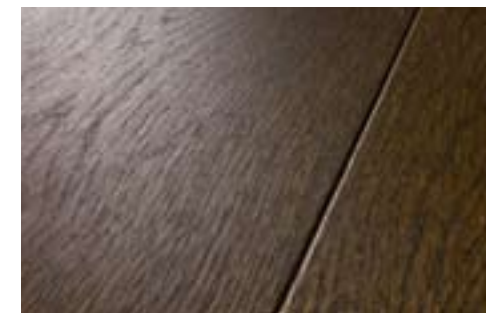
FLOORING DESIGN

A dark, wire-brushed floor combined with traditional furniture and traditional fabrics. A light, silk matte floor in a modern setting. Or vice versa. We provide the flooring designs that will allow you to set your own decorating agenda.



ONLY NATURE'S MATERIAL

Since 1857, Kährs has focused solely on wood and it continues to be our passion. Wood is sustainable and strong. Wood is renewable. Wood is part of our cultural heritage. Wood stands for quality.



STAINED FLOORS

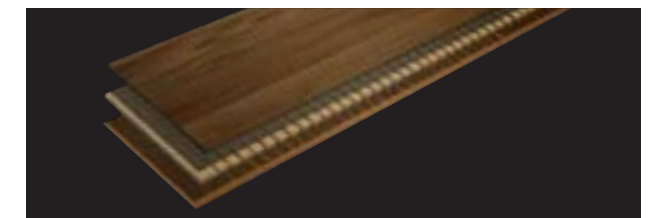
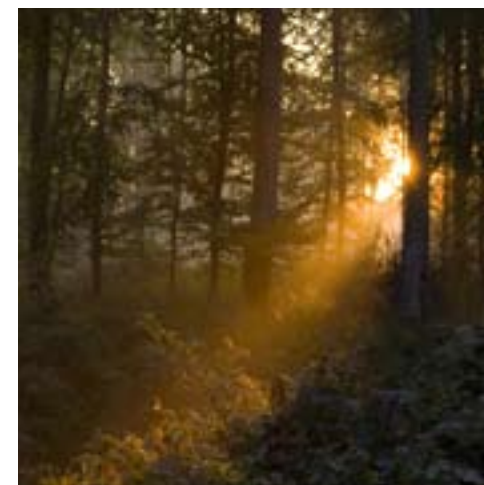
Stains can be used to further enhance natural color tones – from palest white and whisper grays, to rich mocha and charcoal shades.

SURFACES

Brushed, beveled, distressed, matte or glossy. We add modern flare to traditional flooring, using techniques that add dimension and unique character. We also offer floors that are stylishly understated; they are created from a discreet and regular timber grade with small variations in tone and pattern and with a smooth, glossy surface.

WOOD SPECIES

Our floors are available in a wide range of eco-friendly wood species, from light Birch to warm Oak, rich Cherry and the darkest of Walnuts. We have however, stopped importing threatened wood species, and have replaced them with stained floors that create the same visual effect.



PLANK DESIGN

Kährs floors come in three varieties – 1-strip, 2-strip and 3-strip. Some see 1-strip floors as well suited for larger rooms, while 3-strip floors are perfect for smaller spaces. It all comes down to the impression you want to create. You can also choose between different lengths, widths and patterns.

BEAUTY WITH A CONSCIENCE

All man-made products influence our environment. To counteract these effects, we have adopted an ecological approach that characterizes everything we do. This approach earned Kährs ISO 14001 environmental management certification over a decade ago. We did not stop there. Environmental concerns define all of our new development projects. If you believe in a sustainable society you have to prove it. This is how we do it:



QUALITY WITH NATURE IN MIND

Our commitment to quality and the environment runs throughout our entire production chain. It begins with the selection of the best raw material. This is achieved with the support of our 3,000+ timber suppliers who share our commitments. All of our production facilities are ISO 14001 certified.



LEED

Many Kährs products provide LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points on construction projects. Please contact your local Kährs representative for the latest LEED information or visit www.kahrs.com

FAST-GROWING AND RECYCLED WOOD CORE – FOR THE BEST USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Multilayer floors are more environmentally friendly than solid wood floors since the core material is crafted from fast-growing or recycled wood. This means that there is less of a drain on natural resources.



CLEAN PRODUCTION

Over the years, Kährs has introduced a number of innovations aimed at lowering emissions to air, such as using water-based finishes and installing the most advanced air filter system in Scandinavia. Clean production is not only good for the environment – it also benefits the people working in our factories.



SOURCING LOCALLY

More than 88% of the raw material we use grows less than 180 miles from our factory.

ONLY CONTROLLED SUPPLIERS

Suppliers to Kährs are chosen from companies that hold FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) or PEFC (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification) certificates or equivalent documentation. We also require all of our suppliers to sign our code of conduct that follows the UN Supplier Code of Conduct and International Labor Conventions (ILO).



REFORESTATION

Kährs works with local, national and global organizations to ensure a sustainable forest stock for coming generations. In Sweden, the forest volume is 60% larger today than in the 1920s. However, the global community and Kährs face challenges in many forests around the world due to illegal logging and loss of forests to energy production, farming and palm oil tree plantations. Kährs works with leading global programs, reforestation programs and environmental groups such as the FSC, EU, UN, WWF, Greenpeace and EIA to support responsible global forestry.



HEALTHY FLOORS

In 1984, Kährs was the first wood flooring manufacturer to utilize a water-based finish system to reduce emissions. Kährs meets European E1, Eo and California Air Resources Board - Airborne Toxic Control Measure (CARB-ATCM) Phase 1 and 2 standards. More information is available at www.kahrs.com

NOTHING IS WASTED

At our production plant in Nybro, nothing goes to waste. The portion of the logs that we are unable to use for floors becomes biofuel. Some of this fuel is used to heat our own facilities. The rest is provided to a local energy company. About 45,000 people in our neighborhood enjoy the warmth of our recycled wood.



EFFICIENT SHIPPING & LEED WAREHOUSE

Logs shipped to our factory in Sweden are pre-cut to fit our production. This makes for efficient packing and shipping. Even our product packaging uses recycled paper for eco-efficiency. In 2010 we constructed a 21,000 m² warehouse at our factory site. It is the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) warehouse constructed in Scandinavia, and it is LEED Gold certified. This new facility eliminates 1,800 truck trips to our old warehouse, reduces CO₂ emissions by over 450 tons and provides many other eco-efficiencies.

MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Kährs flooring from Sweden uses wood, a renewable, natural resource. The primary input in production is sunlight. Continued production removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and supports biodiversity, and the end product is biodegradable or can be salvaged for reuse at the end of its intended life. We proudly meet the following environmental standards:



INNOVATION IS OUR TRADITION

Over the years, our fresh ideas and product innovations have changed the face of wood flooring from simple bare planks to pre-finished floors that are easy to install. We have not stopped there. Improved production techniques have allowed us to use color and texture combined with simple maintenance to ensure that we have a range that suits the ever-changing face of interior design.



QUALITY IN WOOD SINCE 1857

Kährs is situated in Nybro, in the heart of the forests of Småland in Sweden, on the same site where everything began more than 150 years ago. In 1857, Johan Kähr started a small turning shop and began producing wooden articles for the local farmers.

Today, the Kährs group is Europe's biggest wood flooring manufacturer, and one of the world's most innovative companies involved in wood processing.

The combination of long tradition, craftsmanship and a passionate interest in design and new technology has kept us at the forefront of modern wood flooring development.



1941 THE INVENTION BEHIND OUR SUCCESS

During the 1930s, Gustaf Kähr, grandson of the founder, started working with wood lamination to develop a door that would not warp. Door construction is very demanding because there are different climates inside and outside. After several years' work, a door was introduced on the market that went on to become a great success. The process of using layers of wood was soon carried over to wooden floors. The end product was a floor constructed in three layers. Today, over 65 years later, this is still the standard construction for the majority of wood floor manufacturers.



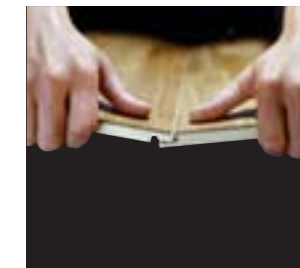
1958 THE FIRST FACTORY-FINISHED FLOOR

The production of a factory-finished floor required a high degree of precision to ensure that the surface of the floor was smooth and consistent in use. Kährs was able to introduce an accuracy in production that was unparalleled in wood processing, and the process of installing wooden flooring was accelerated.



2000 WOODLOC® LAUNCHED

The unique glueless floor joint is launched. Woodloc® makes it even easier to lay the floor, but above all it means that gaps never appear between the boards despite climatic changes in the home.



2004 ACTIVITY FLOOR – THE NEW SPORTS FLOOR

A sprung sports floor is developed and launched. It can be laid more quickly and over larger areas. The floor is approved for the global standard for sports floors, DIN, and is used at major sporting events.

1995 LINNEA – THE NEW GENERATION OF WOOD FLOORS IS INTRODUCED

Kährs developed a floor with amazing qualities. Hard and durable, with a thin top layer, it is both economical and extremely easy to install.

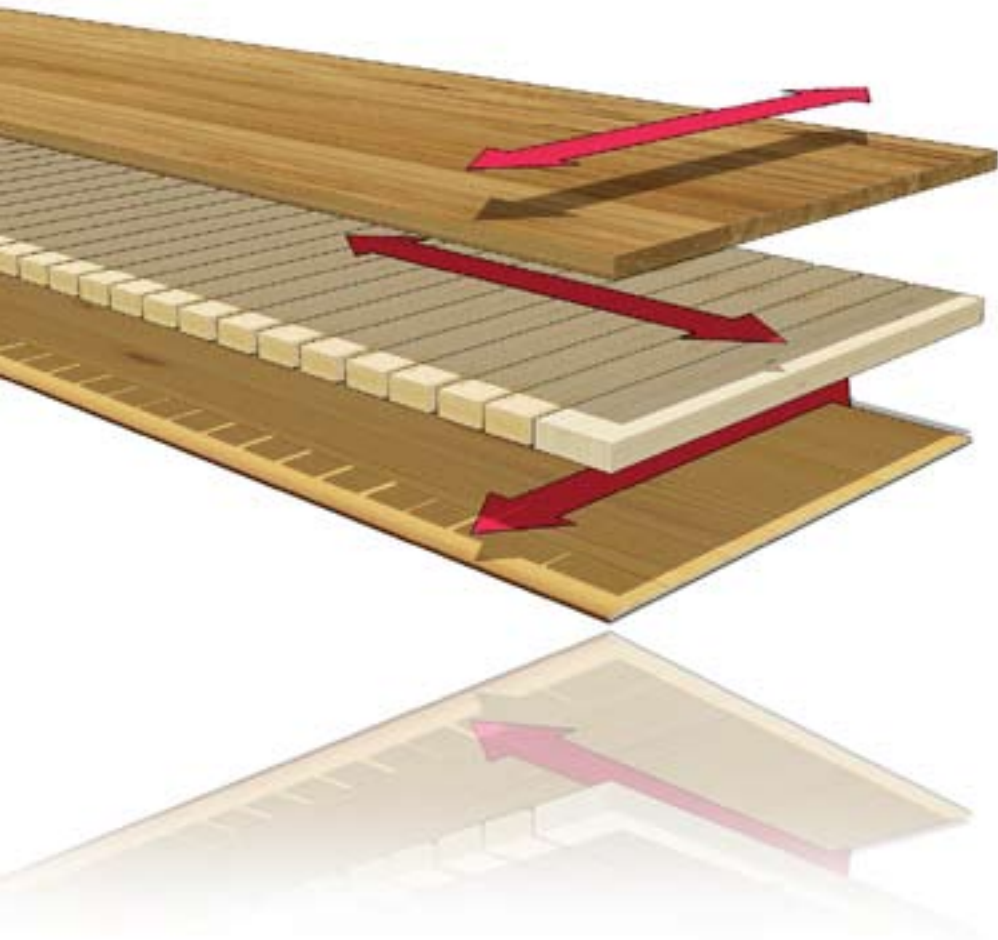


2010 WOODLOC® 5S LAUNCHED

Woodloc® 5S – the next level of Woodloc®. The new system makes installation even faster and easier – while producing an even stronger floor.

QUALITY WITH A LIFESPAN

Quality is an attitude – a whole way of thinking. Because we have been located in the middle of the same village in Sweden for over 150 years, our employees take great pride in what they do. Knowledge, craftsmanship and a passion for wood have been passed down from generation to generation. Quality characterizes the whole process, from design to delivery. Our floors will last for generations.



MULTILAYER CONSTRUCTION – FOR STABILITY IN ALL CLIMATES

In 1941, Kährs was granted a patent for a multilayer wood flooring construction. This was the world's first engineered wood floor. This method of construction made the floor more stable and allowed the raw material to be utilized in a more environmentally friendly way. Compared to a solid wood floor, Kährs construction is 75% more stable; it resists warping, buckling and cracking even as temperature and humidity change throughout the seasons.



WATER-BASED FINISH

Kährs introduced the first water-based finish in 1984 – long before it became general practice in the industry.



SURFACE LAYER – CAN BE SANDED, JUST LIKE A SOLID

Solid floors and multilayer floors are based on two different construction methods. However, just like most solid wood floors, the surface layer of a Kährs Original wood floor can be professionally sanded and refinished at least twice during its lifetime. In each case, the limitation is the distance from the surface to the locking joint.

WOODLOC® 5S – THE NEW SUPER JOINT FOR FASTER INSTALLATION AND A STRONGER FLOOR

Kährs was the first wood floor manufacturer to introduce a mechanical glue-less joint system. In 1999 we launched the ingenious Woodloc® system, revolutionizing the wood flooring market. The Woodloc® joint system meant that the boards, for the first time, could be locked together mechanically without using glue. In addition to producing a perfect, flat floor, it also made installations quick and simple. Thanks to the glueless installation, the boards can also be lifted at a later date and installed elsewhere. The perfect, tight fit is important for the durability of the floor.

Now we are introducing the next level of the Woodloc® joint system – Woodloc® 5s. These new joints make installation even faster and more flexible, while producing a stronger floor.



FASTER, STRONGER, MORE STABLE

FASTER – the short ends of the boards are connected vertically, instead of at an angle, which makes installation faster.

STRONGER – Woodloc® is already the strongest mechanical joint system on the market – and Woodloc® 5s is even stronger; approximately 25 percent stronger. Woodloc® 5s enables faster installations and on larger surface areas than previously offered.

FLEXIBLE – Kährs with Woodloc® 5s makes a glue-down installation just as easy as a floating installation.

Wood is a natural material and therefore affected by humidity changes over the year. The Woodloc® joint has proved superior to traditional joints when it comes to withstanding environmental changes.



RADIANT HEATING

Kährs floors and radiant heating go hand-in-hand. However, certain points should be considered: The surface temperature of the finished floor must never exceed 81°F, in any area. Another point is that certain wood species, such as Beech and Hard Maple, are not suitable to combine with underfloor heating.

Find out more at www.kahrs.com

KÄHRS SUPREME

ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

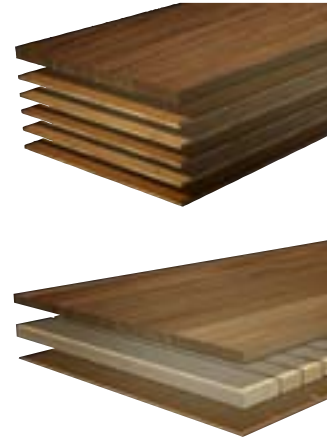
Kährs Supreme



Grande Collection

The Grande Collection is ideal for those searching for a traditional looking "plank" floor in dimensions previously not available in a modern multilayered format. The range includes a variety of styles and color variations for the most ambitious interior designs.

Striking in terms of both natural beauty and scale, the floors measure over nine feet long by ten inches wide, and are three-fourths of an inch thick.

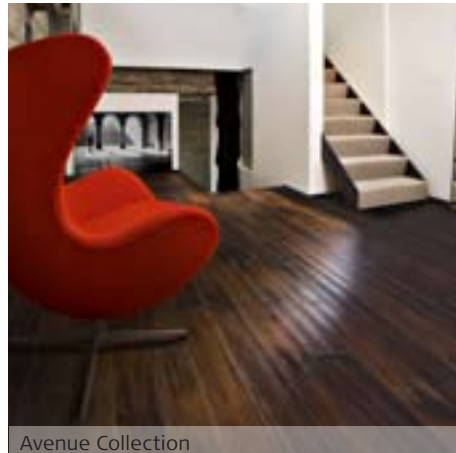


KÄHRS SUPREME GRANDE COLLECTION

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 3/4"
Surface layer thickness: 1/4"
Core material: Spruce/Pine
Joint system: Tongue and groove
Sandable: 2 times

KÄHRS' SUPREME ELEGANCE AND AVENUE COLLECTION

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 5/8"
Surface layer thickness: 1/8"
Core material: Spruce/Pine
Joint system: Woodloc®
Sandable: 2 times



Avenue Collection

The Avenue Collection, from the Kährs Supreme range, has been designed and developed with stylish city living in mind. These sophisticated and elegant floors would suit any interior style, be it modern or traditional.



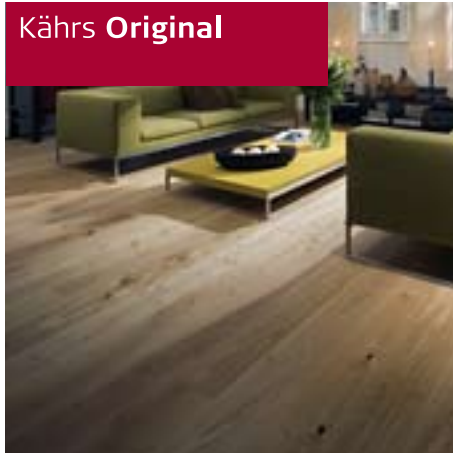
Elegance Collection

The Elegance Collection includes two different styles - Tapis and Croix; both feature intricate patterns characterized by a mixture of traditional charm and modern styling. A perfect blend of old and new that lends itself beautifully to any location.

KÄHRS ORIGINAL

SETTING THE STANDARD IN WOOD FLOORING

Kährs Original



Kährs Original, our widest range, is world famous for its high quality and versatility - from light to dark species and in matte, silk matte, gloss, or natural oil finishes and in 1, 2 or 3 strip designs. Kährs Original is recommended for both residential and commercial applications, with varying levels of traffic and where maximum longevity is key. For example, retail, offices, hotels and public spaces.



KÄHRS ORIGINAL

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 5/8"
Surface layer thickness: 1/8"
Core material: Spruce/Pine, ECO Core, Plywood
Joint system: Woodloc®
Sandable: 2 times

KÄHRS SPIRIT

THE EVOLUTION OF THE HARDWOOD FLOOR

Kährs Spirit



Our newest addition to our wide range of wood flooring. Using the latest technologies and ideas, Spirit has been developed specifically with the environment in mind. In this range of 1-strips you will find stunning new looks perfectly suited to unique designs and modern ways of living. The finish keeps its brilliance, beauty and durability for many years, reflecting the true spirit of Kährs.

Kährs Spirit is recommended for both residential and contract areas, with low to high levels of traffic. Examples include retail and office space, hotel rooms and other areas.



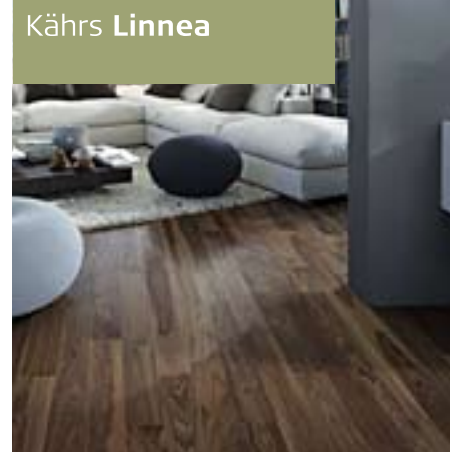
KÄHRS SPIRIT

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 3/8"
Surface layer thickness: 1/16"
Core material: ECO Core
Joint system: Woodloc®
Sandable: 1 time

KÄHRS LINNEA

THE NEW GENERATION HARDWOOD FLOOR

Kährs Linnea



The Kährs Linnea range provides real wood flooring options to compliment all interior styles. Pleasing to the eye and to the touch, Linnea combines the aesthetic with the practical. With a thickness of only one quarter inch, the floor is simple and easy to install, incredibly durable and easy to maintain.

Linnea is recommended for residential areas, with modest levels of traffic.



KÄHRS LINNEA

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 1/4"
Surface layer thickness: 1/64"
Core material: HDF (High Density Fiberboard)
Joint system: Woodloc®
Sandable: No

KÄHRS ACTIVITY FLOOR

A HEALTHY FLOOR FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Kährs Activity Floor



Kährs Activity floor is a FSC Mixed Sources wood floor specially designed for indoor sports activities. It combines exceptional energy-absorbing qualities with durability and good looks. Several layers of polyether, of increasing rigidity, give optimal energy-absorption relative to loading. At the same time, Kährs' patented construction promotes quick and simple installation - 50% faster than traditional sports floors.

Kährs Activity floor is recommended for indoor sports facilities, including dance studios, aerobics studios, gymnasiums and sports halls.

For more detailed information on Kährs' product ranges, please visit www.kahrs.com



KÄHRS ACTIVITY FLOOR

TECHNICAL DATA
Board thickness: 1 3/16"
Surface layer thickness: 1/8"
Core material: Spruce/Pine & HDF
Energy-absorbing layer: 2-layer Polyether
Joint system: Woodloc®
Sandable: 2 times

RETAIL



Today's customers expect an inviting, unique and exciting shopping environment. Our floors help you create environments that strengthen both the brand and the retail experience, creating memorable impressions in customers' minds. Strong interiors simply help retailers get their business noticed.



OTHER KÄHRS RETAIL PROJECTS

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| Bechstein Showroom | New York, NY |
| Bosa Design Center | San Diego, CA |
| Burberry | Multiple sites |
| DKNY | Denver, CO |
| Great Mall of Milpitas | Milpitas, CA |
| Robb & Stucky Showrooms | FL, Las Vegas, Dallas |
| SieMatic | Boston, Seattle, Ft. Lauderdale |
| Vino Volo | Detroit, MI |
| Filson | Denver, CO |

HOSPITALITY



As living has become more hectic, people have begun to view eating and drinking as a one-stop form of both nourishment and entertainment. With so much interest and money being spent on food and drink, it is extremely important for restaurateurs to develop trends that positively impact customers – including an interior design that appeals to potential customers. Wood floors add both warmth and a sense of hospitality to restaurants, bars and cafés.



OTHER KÄHRS HOSPITALITY PROJECTS

BJ's Restaurants
Gold's Gym
Hotel Hearthstone
Marriot Corporate Offices
Clarion Hotel Sign
Gleneagles Hotel, The Spa
Grand Hotel Central
Lindos Blu Hotel
Sheraton Hotel
Zingerman's Bar & Grill
Air France, VIP Lounge

Multiples sites, USA
Seattle, WA
Stratton Mountain, VT
Irvine, CA
Stockholm, Sweden
Perthshire, UK
Barcelona, Spain
Rhodes, Greece
Stockholm, Sweden
Stirling, Scotland
Montreal, Canada

OFFICE



Studies show that a well-designed office is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to retain workers and make them more productive. If the office is not only well-designed but also good looking with a beautiful wood floor, employees and customers will be happy to spend their time there, promoting business as well as pleasure.



OTHER KÄHRS OFFICE PROJECTS

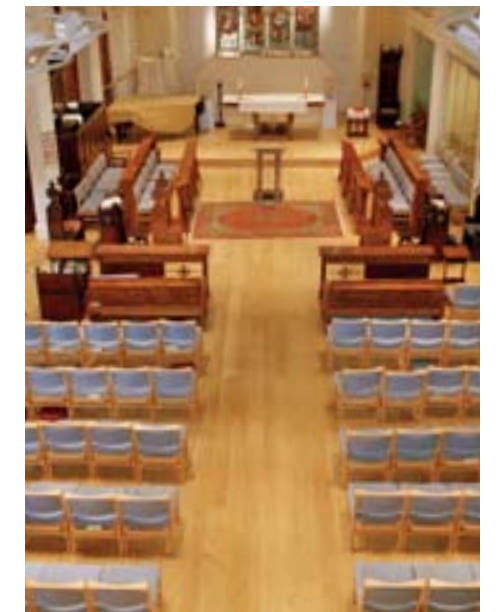
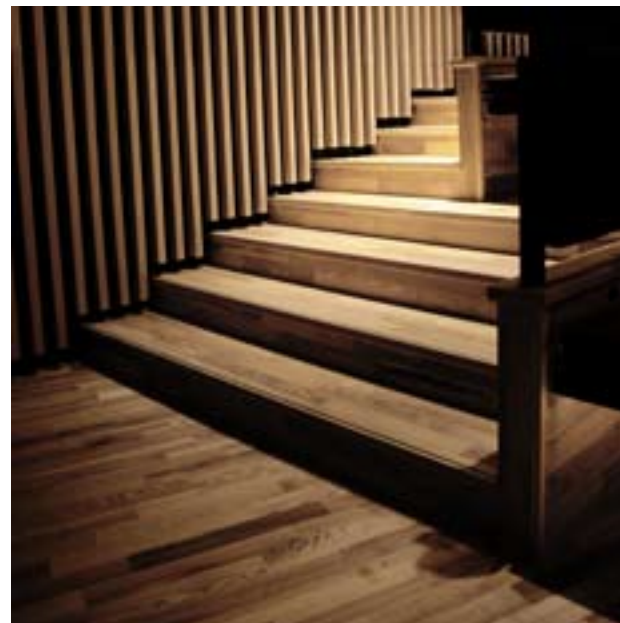
Bangor Naval Sub Base
 Fort Lewis Army Base
 1180 Peachtree (King & Spalding)
 Haworth Castelli Creative Centre
 Wallenstam
 Emmar MGF Corporate Office
 Statoil
 Rymdbolaget
 Nordic Capital
 Swedish Parliament House

Bangor, ME
 Washington
 Atlanta, GA
 Rome, Italy
 Stockholm, Sweden
 Gurgaon, India
 Oslo, Norway
 Solna, Sweden
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PUBLIC SPACE



Great public spaces are the living room of the city - the place where people come together to enjoy the city and each other. Public spaces make high quality life in the city possible - they form the stage and backdrop to the drama of life. Wood floors add a sense of warmth to public spaces, ranging from libraries to theaters and operas.



OTHER KÄHRS PUBLIC SPACE PROJECTS

IDEON at Neocon exhibition
 Orlando Museum of Art
 Concert Hall Aarhus
 Swedish Consulate
 University Library of Pavia
 Volkswagen
 Czech Republic Embassy
 University of Calgary
 Parliament of India Library
 Swedish Parliament House
 Malmö Arena
 Performing Arts Centre, School

Chicago, IL
 Orlando, FL
 Aarhus, Denmark
 Los Angeles, CA
 Pavia, Italy
 Wolfsburg, Germany
 Vienna, Austria
 Calgary, AL, Canada
 Delhi, India
 Stockholm, Sweden
 Malmö, Sweden
 Winchester, UK

RESIDENTIAL



Wood floors have a proven ability to add value to residential projects. Partly logical, partly magical, a good house is inviting. A tangible sign of quality like a wood floor helps prove it.



OTHER KÄHRS RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

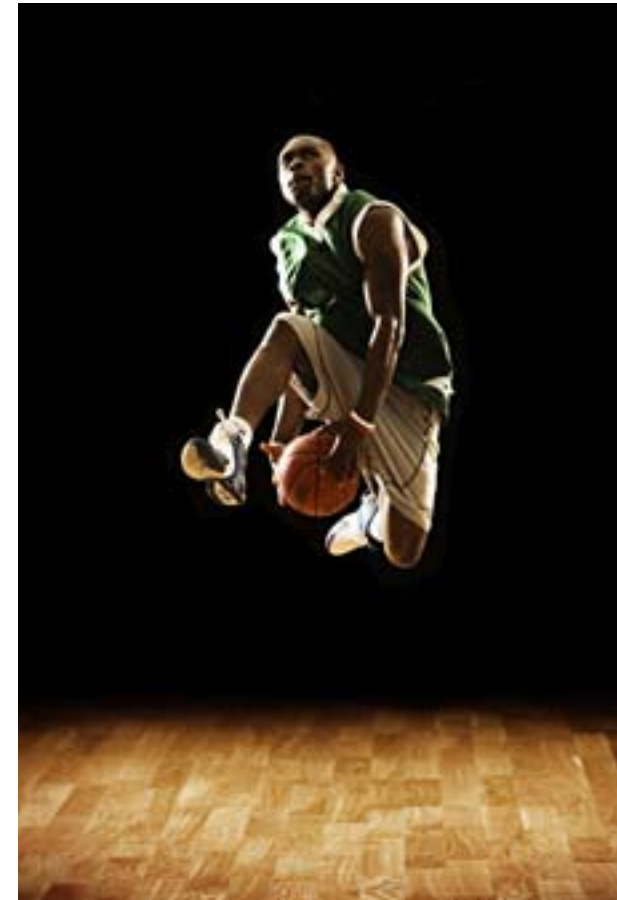
Redpath Condos
Arriva Condominiums, phase 1
Ritz-Carlton Residences
The Bravern
Riverwalk
The Glass Factory
Naval Square
Park East Condominiums
The Carlyle
The Colombian
The Aqua
100 West 18th
Union Lofts
Pinnacle Lofts

Montreal, QC, Canada
Calgary, AL, Canada
Toronto, ON, Canada
Seattle, WA
Roosevelt Island, NYC
Cambridge, MA
Philadelphia, PA
St. Louis, MO
Minneapolis, MN
Chicago, IL
Chicago, IL
New York, NY, USA
Los Angeles, CA, USA
Denver, CO, USA

SPORTS FACILITIES



When preparing for the International Basketball Championships between Sweden and Yugoslavia, the owner of the Östersund basketball court needed a wood floor to meet quality requirements, as well as specific demands for resilience and shock absorbency. The innovative construction of Oak Activity Floor ensured that all expectations were met, and enabled the new floor to be installed in less than a week.



ALL-IN-ONE

Kährs Activity Floor features a unique "all-in-one" construction. Unlike other wood floors designed for sports and activities, the absorption material and reinforcement are already fitted to the back of the board. This means that the floor – again, unlike other sports floors – can be laid directly onto the subfloor without the time-consuming construction of floor battens or special fittings.

WOODLOC® 5S

The new super joint for faster installation and an even stronger floor.

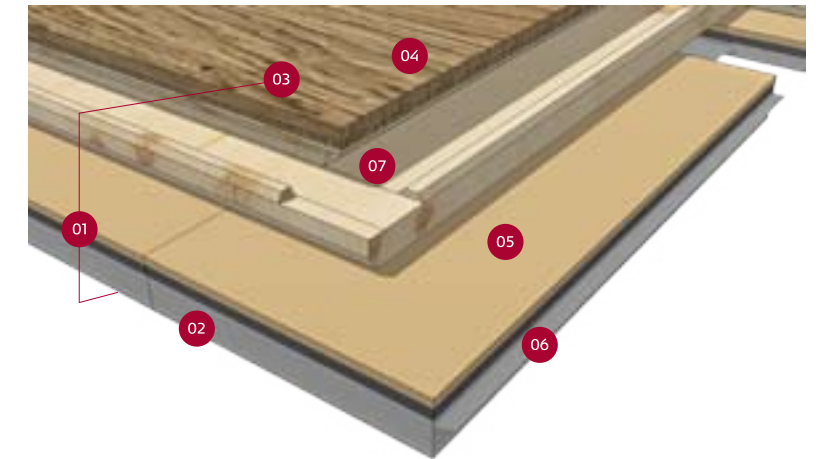
MORE THAN JUST APPROVED IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Tests carried out in accordance with NS-EN 14904 – Type 4 testing, by the Norwegian Building Research Institute, show that Kährs Activity Floor excels in all categories - such as energy absorption, deformation, ball bounce, rolling load and friction. Kährs Activity Floor has been installed in dance studios, aerobic studios, gymnasiums and sports halls. It was also chosen for the 2004 European Aerobics Championships in Rotterdam, and was highly praised by athletes. Triple world champion Helena Nahafahik-Cardoso, who tested Kährs Activity Floor during the Aerobic World Championships, commented that it provided, "An ideal surface that has everything a good floor needs for competition and training."

KÄHRS ACTIVITY FLOOR – A FLOOR THAT IS KIND TO YOUR JOINTS

Running, bouncing, spinning, twisting and turning are generally good news for your body. However, they can also result in sprains and torn ligaments. Shoes play an important role in reducing strain on knees, ankles and backs. Equally important is choosing the right floor – a floor with the right kind of resilience, that yields and resists when it should.

Kährs Activity Floor is a wood floor specifically designed for this. A result of long-term research, it combines excellent energy-absorbing qualities with durability and good looks. Kährs Activity Floor creates an optimal surface for all types of sports and the patented construction promotes fast, simple installation.



- 01** Total thickness 1 3/16" gives very low construction height.
- 02** Laid without floor battens directly onto a stable and even subfloor.
- 03** Wear layer 1/8"; can be sanded two times.
- 04** Available in Oak, Beech, Maple and Oak Mocha.
- 05** Overlapping pressure distribution with HDF board across joints on long sides and ends.
- 06** Resilient expanded foam for energy absorption and springing.
- 07** Woodloc® 5S joint locks the boards together without glue and gives perfect results.

OTHER KÄHRS SPORTS FACILITY PROJECTS

24-7 Dance Studio
YMCA
Colorado School of Dance
Fitness One
Gotta Dance Studio
Riverfront Athletic Club
Sheree Reed Reverance Academy of Dance
Sony Corporation
The Art of Dance
Ursuline Academy

Frederick, MD
Duluth, MN
Parker, CO
Cheyenne, WY
Granda Hills, CA
Denver CO
Lafayette, CO
New York, NY
Chester, NJ
Dallas, TX

KÄHRS SUPPORT

At www.kahrs.com you will find more information – and inspiration – about our floors, our company and the environment. We hope the website will be a helpful professional tool. If you need more information or advice, please contact your local Kährs representative; contact information is included on the back page of this brochure.

KEY FEATURES OF OUR WEBSITE INCLUDE:



ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

We have gathered a substantial amount of information related to our products, our environmental policies and the latest environmental reports.



SAMPLE ORDERING

When you have identified a product for a specific installation, just complete the sample order form and it will be sent to you. For final evaluation, nothing compares to a real floor sample.



TECHNICAL DOWNLOADS

Within the Download Library you will find a wide variety of documents covering Technical Specifications, Installation and Maintenance Guides, Environmental Certificates, etc.



REFERENCE CASE STUDIES

The reference area within the site is continuously updated with images and facts. This will provide you with further inspiration.



TRY OUT IDEAS ONLINE

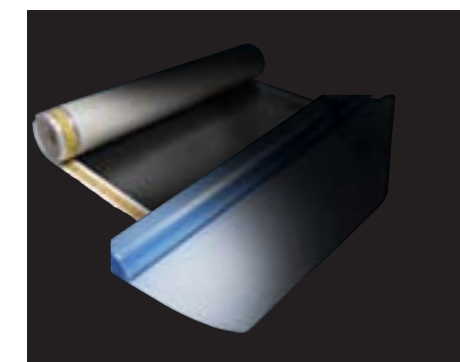
On our new website, use the Virtual Showroom to try out different flooring ideas.

THE FLOORING SYSTEM



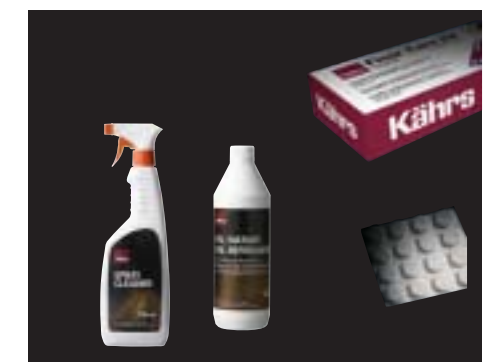
MOLDINGS

It is in the detail that you can recognize the level of skill and craftsmanship in a Kährs floor. You can choose from a wide range of moldings and accessories, each designed to add the perfect finishing touch.



INSTALLATION TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Kährs offers a wide range of tools and materials to make installation easy and help achieve a perfect end result. The range includes a variety of underlayments, which offer moisture protection and acoustic benefits, as well as installation tools.



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Kährs Care and Maintenance Range includes a variety of products, specially designed to care for Kährs individual surface treatments. The range also includes repair and refurbishment products. Detailed maintenance instructions are available in the online Installation Guide and Maintenance Repair Guide.

KÄHRS FLOORING GUIDE

SURFACE TREATMENT



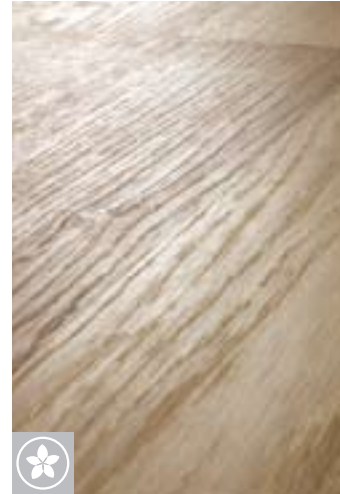
SILK MATTE

Our silk matte finish complements the wood's character by emphasizing its natural structure. It also makes the floor more durable and easier to clean. At the same time, the finish is one of the thinnest available, so it doesn't conceal the wood's natural luster.



MATTE

Our matte finish creates the impression that the floor is made from untreated bare wood, or has a natural oiled finish. The soft-to-touch natural surface is incredibly tactile and pleasing underfoot. Matte finish is as durable and easy to maintain as our silk matte finish.



NATURE OIL

Kährs Nature Oil gives your floor a wonderfully natural and beautiful feel. The oil brings out the wood's texture and graining, and enhances its tone.



GLOSS

The gloss finish gives your floor a shiny, polished look which enhances the beauty of the wood species you have chosen. This protective quality ensures that it will stay beautiful despite every day wear and tear.



BRUSHED

Brushing the surface highlights the natural structure of the grain and creates additional texture. Brushing is usually accompanied by other surface treatments, such as a beveled edge or a colored stain.



STAINED

Stains can be used to further enhance natural color tones – from palest white and whisper greys, to rich mocha and charcoal shades.



BEVELED EDGE

Beveling the edges of a 1-strip floor board accentuates its plank shape. From a micro-bevel (a slight accentuation of the edge using sandpaper) to a more dramatic, stronger bevel on all edges, this design feature gives the floor a more rustic and distinct look.



HANDSCRAPED

The rich character surface that provides a truly rustic feel is created by hand, using different wood scraping and sanding tools. It creates a wood floor with the look and feel of an old floor worn by time with rich character markings.

GRADING



CITY SELECTION

These floors are stylishly understated; they are created from a uniform and regular timber grade with small variations in grain and tone. They can be light or dark, depending on the wood species, but the tone and overall effect is uniform. If you like a calm, minimalistic impression, look for a floor in the City selection.



TOWN SELECTION

Dark or light, these floors are characterized by subtle variations in tone and pattern, with occasional knots. They form a classic backdrop, allowing the rest of the decoration to take 'center stage'. If you're looking for a floor with minimal variations, take a look at our Town selection.



COUNTRY SELECTION

If you're looking for a more rustic floor, you will probably like our Country selection. Here, you will find dramatic graining, gnarls, knots and greater color variation. This creates a bold and unmistakably natural look.

COLOR CHANGE

UNEXPOSED

EXPOSED



BIRCH



OAK



ASH



CHERRY



HARD MAPLE



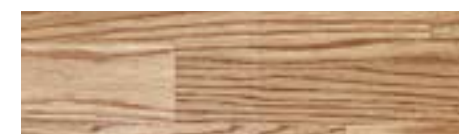
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BEECH

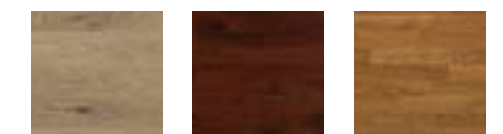


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RED OAK

STAINED FLOORS



WOOD'S NATURAL COLOR CHANGE

Wood exposed to sunlight is subject to color changes. As with all natural products made from wood, these changes are expected and add to the beauty and distinctiveness of wood floors. If you move or rearrange rugs and furniture periodically, you avoid distinct lines between the exposed and unexposed areas of the floor. The swatches above, show the shades that different wood species will turn after exposure to natural sunlight.

THE RIGHT FLOOR FOR THE RIGHT AREAS

Different wood species naturally have different degrees of hardness. For areas exposed to a great deal of wear and tear, it is best to choose one of the harder wood species. The table compares the hardness of different wood species.



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BROCHURE IS TO SHARE IT WITH A COLLEAGUE.



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