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Decades of durability in the most demanding conditions

When it came to equipping the production halls at the headquarters of the Swiss technology company Schleuniger in Thun with a new floor covering in 2001, the decision was made to go with rubber floorings from nora. This is because the floor needed to be not only highly robust and electrostatically dissipative, but at the same time also offer ergonomic advantages and enable easy and fast cleaning. To this day, nora floor coverings meet all these requirements at the highest level.
Object: Schleuniger AG, Thun, Switzerland
Architect: Scheidegger & Moser, Gwatt, Switzerland
Product: norament® 926 lago, 3,600 m²
Application areas: Production hall, logistics areas
Installation: 2001
Photos: © Waldemar Hauke
Following a scientific evaluation, Biotest AG chose nora rubber floorings

When Biotest AG in Dreieich, Germany, was looking for a new floor covering for the company’s Biotest Next Level (BNL) production building, they took a completely new approach. Biotest commissioned the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) to thoroughly test 15 different materials against a list of requirements. In the end, nora rubber floor coverings emerged as the clear winner. They proved well able to meet the high demands placed on cleanroom floors, such as acid resistance, resilience, disinfection tolerance, wetting behaviour and maintenance.

Object: Biotest AG, Dreieich, Germany
Architect: Scherr + Klimke, Ulm, Germany
Product: norament® 926 grano, norament® 928 grano ed, stairtread norament® 926 grano, 17,100 m²
Application areas: Cleanrooms, production, laboratories, office areas, corridors, stairwells
Installation: 2016
Photos: © Dirk Wilhelmy
Sophia Laboratories, Guadalajara, Mexico

Sophia Laboratories puts nora flooring to the test

The Mexican-based Sophia Laboratorios, a leader in the research and production of ophthalmic drugs, has invested heavily in its infrastructure, including a new facility in Jalisco, Mexico. All areas of the facility that come in contact with the products need to meet the strict national and international standards of the pharmaceutical industry. norament 926 grano met the challenge, passing a variety of tests before being installed in the production areas of the new structure.
Object: Sophia Laboratories, Guadalajara, Mexico
Architect: Taller de Arquitectos 2020 and Grupo Alco S.A. de C.V. ARQUITECTOS, Guadalajara, Mexico
Product: norament® 926 grano, noraplan logic, 604 m²
Application areas: Laboratory areas, corridors, offices
Installation: 2007
Photos: © Jack Lever
KISICO production hall with cleanrooms, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany

Floor installation in the cleanroom

Resistant, hygienic, economical. In the new building of the packaging manufacturer KISICO in Germany, norament 926 grano nTx provides the safe subfloor for a demanding process environment. Because of the heavy injection molding machines used in production, the floor needed to be extremely resilient and at the same time meet ISO 8 cleanroom requirements. The rubber tiles were installed directly onto the floor panel in the cleanrooms using the nora nTx fast installation system. The advantages compared to conventional wet bonding are that work steps such as drying and waiting times are eliminated. The floor can be used immediately after installation.
Object: KISICO production hall with cleanrooms, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany
Architect: Freimuth BauConsult, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany
Product: norament® 926 grano nTx, norament® 926 grano, 2,100 m²
Application areas: Cleanrooms, raw material storage, personnel airlock
Installation: 2019
Photos: © Markus Bachmann
Danone Innovation Centre, Utrecht, Netherlands

For a modern ambience

Opened in 2013, this life sciences innovation centre is dedicated to developing new product concepts for Early Life and Medical Nutrition. At the forefront of innovation in life sciences and product technology, it develops formulas with health benefits for vulnerable consumers with special nutritional needs, such as pregnant women, infants, young children, the elderly and patients. The challenge for this installation was to find a durable and sustainable flooring solution for the new research centre that would help achieve four-star BREEAM certification while providing good walking comfort and excellent acoustics in an open work environment.

Object: Danone Innovation Centre, Utrecht, Netherlands
Architect: Architectenbureau cepezed b.v., Delft, und N-Interieurarchitecten, Maastricht, Netherlands
Product: noraplan® signa acoustic, 3,630 m²
Application areas: Corridors
Installation: 2013
Photos: © Studio Beeldwerken
Telecentre e-Cre®, La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, France

Individual working in the French telecentre e-Cre@

Across a total area of 220 square meters, there are three open workrooms for 17 people, three closed offices and one meeting room. There is also a kitchenette and a football table for break times. When looking for a suitable floor covering for the premises, architect Olivier Rossignol opted for rubber floor coverings from nora systems, as these can be customised in many respects, for example by using inlays that make it easy to implement design accents.
Object: Telecentre e-Cré@, La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, France
Architect: Olivier Rossignol Architecte DESA, Pézarches, France
Product: norament® 926 grano, inlays, 160 m²
Application areas: Office areas, corridors
Installation: 2019
Photos: © Vincent Uettwiller
Object: Société Générale, Nantes, France
Product: norament® 926 arago, 1,225 m²
Application areas: Office areas, corridors
Installation: 2018
Photos: © Vincent Uettwiller
Société Générale, Nantes, France

Rubber as an alternative to stone

Headquartered in Paris, Société Générale, is one of France’s most important commercial banks and one of the three oldest commercial banks in the country. Numerous subsidiaries also belong to the Group, including the Investment Department for Financial Securities (called Société Générale Securities Services [SGSS]), which houses a large branch in Nantes, France. Even though no clients visit the building in Nantes, the SGSS still pays great attention to creating an attractive interior design. With this in mind, various renovation works were carried out, most recently in 2017, in the corridors and offices. Much of this work focused on redesigning the flooring, as it needed to meet several technical criteria in addition to aesthetics. After several alternatives were discussed, the choice fell on norament 926 arago, a rubber floor covering that met all the specified criteria.
De Bijenkorf head office, Amsterdam, Netherlands

A sustainable office for staff well-being

The materials and surfaces of the furniture in this office were carefully selected for their social and environmental footprint. For example, the fluted columns above the work areas are lined with recycled felt. Other interior finishes include counters made from leftover marble, reclaimed vintage chairs and bio-based plant baskets. Careful consideration was given to the flooring too, as it needed to fit into the concept both visually and in terms of its characteristics. Here, the choice fell on the beige-coloured noraplan uni, a rubber floor covering with a smooth surface and harmonious appearance.
Object: De Bijenkorf head office, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Architect: Bearandbunny, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Product: noraplan® uni, 8,800 m²
Application areas: Office areas
Installation: 2019
Photos: © Phenster