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Fine wooden floors at DFB campus

For the DFB campus in Frankfurt am Main, the architect firm kadawittfeldarchitektur chooses floors by Bauwerk Parkett, made using wood from controlled sources in Europe.



A new, over 300 metres-long building for the German Football Association (DFB) campus now stands in a place that used to be a 9-hole golf course encircled by a horserace track. Functional spaces adjoin the building in all directions, and the lawn surrounding it offers a green view from the inside, stretching far through the sports facility and the city centre, and into Frankfurt's city forest in the south and the west. The architect firm from Aachen, kadawittfeldarchitektur, is responsible for designing and implementing the project for the entire building and its interiors. Its particular emphasis placed on sustainability and the use of recyclable products led to the firm choosing Bauwerk Parkett's healthy-living and Cradle to Cradle®-certified authentic wooden floors.

Combining all aspects of football in a single building is a new experience for the German Football Association, and kadawittfeldarchitektur followed the 'the sport makes the building' principle in its design. A glass 'indoor boulevard' stretches through the entire building, serving as a navigation axis that its different functional areas group around, like in a little city. The northern part of the building has the sports section, with academy and fitness areas, athlete house, and sports and multipurpose rooms, as well as the market square with the central entrance for the staff. In the south, there is the main entrance area, the management building, the press area, and the meeting rooms.

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Connecting elements: roof and boulevard

Just like the indoor boulevard, the shared and sculpturally folded roof serves the function of an integrating piece, acting as more than just a 'discrete architectural element'. The roof and the uninterrupted floors define the levels intended for different uses. The individual zones are designed to correspond to their respective functions. Slanted walls and widened areas work to structure the sequences of rooms. The roof highlights the strategic points of the main street, such as the market square and the open lobby. As an element that connects everything, it further strengthens the overall pattern of the space.

How can different functions be incorporated into a balanced whole? Ideally, through rooms that are pleasant to spend time in. Rooms that encourage people to meet and exchange with each other. kadawittfeldarchitektur handling the design of the interiors serves as an advantage here: warm colours and high-quality materials characterise the look of the management areas and blend well with the colour accents and the dynamic surfaces of the athletic spaces.

Oak parquet for a good atmosphere

The architect firm made a deliberate decision to use wooden floors by the Swiss company Bauwerk Parkett: "The critical factor here was having access to a very diverse range of healthy-living natural wooden floors," explained Nikola Müller-Langguth from kadawittfeldarchitektur. The fine parquet was primarily used in the places "where high requirements for aesthetics, functionality, and longevity played a role".

The warm-coloured smoked version of Cleverpark 1250 oak parquet was selected for the management area and the presidential level. In the workshop and conference rooms, the Monopark Oak strip format was laid in a shipdeck pattern to create a visual division of spaces without sacrificing the natural character and aesthetics of the wood.

Integrated sustainability approach

In its many projects, the DFB campus being no exception, kadawittfeldarchitektur confidently prefers solutions with Cradle to Cradle® certification. The Cradle to Cradle® design concept is an all-encompassing approach to sustainability aimed at reusing raw materials as completely as possible. The certification involves assessments in such areas as the healthiness of the material and its lifecycle, as well as the aspects of energy, water and social responsibility, covering the entire history of individual construction products, from their origin to their reuse. Bauwerk Parkett stands out as not only the first manufacturer of wooden floors to obtain Cradle to Cradle® certification, but also the first company in the world whose entire production facility has received it. All of its products made in Switzerland are Cradle to Cradle® Bronze-certified, and all of Bauwerk's Silente products even have a Cradle to Cradle® Gold certificate. Cleverpark 1250 is also

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available in a Silente version. In the event of a parquet upgrade, its ageing-resistant footfall and room noise insulation layer also functions as a separating layer, making the upgrade quicker and producing less waste. Without the Silente technology and with the B-Protect® surface treatment, such as the one used at the DFB campus, Cleverpark 1250 complies with the requirements of Cradle to Cradle® Silver certification.

Both the parquet solutions used at the campus, Cleverpark 1250 and Monopark, have also received the eco-Institut label. eco-Institut is an organisation that tests and assesses low-emissions products with low amounts of harmful substances in them. The testing criteria go far beyond the current legal requirements.

Details and facts

Property owner: Deutscher Fussballbund e.V.

Cost: 150 million euros

Design: kadawittfeldarchitektur GmbH

Gross floor area: 56,850 m²

Parquet: 670 m² Cleverpark 1250 Oak Smoked Crema B-Protect® 14 and 1,136 m²

Monopark Oak natural-oiled 15, by Bauwerk Parkett

Floor installer: Holger Wolf, Straehuber

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1 With properly selected tones, the green, grey and white colours of the furniture and walls at the DBF campus match well with the elegant wooden floor. The parquet solutions manufactured by Bauwerk Parkett at its Swiss facility are Cradle to Cradle®-certified — an important aspect for the sustainable approach to new buildings in designs by kadawittfeldarchitektur. Photo: Eduardo Perez

2 Over 300 metres long, the new DFB campus occupies the site of a former horserace track, with a view of Frankfurt's skyline, and adjoining the city forest. Photo: Eduardo Perez

3 In the management areas, the smoked Cleverpark 1250 Oak parquet by Bauwerk Parkett sets warm accents and creates an atmosphere where cosiness and a modern professional world combine in a perfect way. Photo: Eduardo Perez

4 For the DFB campus' workshop and conference rooms, the designers chose the strip Monopark Oak parquet, in a warm honey colour. Photo: Bauwerk Parkett

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5 On the management and presidential level of the DFB campus, the Crema-coloured smoked Cleverpark 1250 Oak parquet exudes a warm and refined mood. Photo: Bauwerk Parkett

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