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## Swansea success for Gradus carpet range.

Swansea Council has transformed the support it delivers to pupils either outside or at risk of leaving mainstream education by building a brand new £9.64M school. When 'scoping-out' the project Swansea Council in conjunction with the contractor, would specify over 2000m<sup>2</sup> of Gradus carpet tiles for the flooring element of the project. They would ultimately opt for the 'Streetwise Design and Stratus designs for the school's classrooms, corridors and communal areas.

Cockett (Pupil Referral Unit) PRU school now provides staff and pupils with attractive and functional facilities all on one site, replacing several previously outdated accommodation units. The development was funded by Swansea Council and the Welsh Government under the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme and was built by Kier Construction.

Gradus Carpets is a brand of the Gerflor Group, manufacturing premium quality carpet tiles and planks, broadloom, and impervious backed carpets.

Utilising a range of high-performance yarns, Gradus' extensive range of carpets are suitable for a wide variety of contract applications including commercial office, healthcare, and education environments.

The installation of the new Gradus flooring would need to meet the exacting standards set by Keir Construction and Swansea Council with the 'laying' of the carpet tiles being the responsibility of a well-established and respected Welsh flooring contractor.

Floor Furnishings Limited are a Cardiff-based flooring contractor who have been conducting flooring contracts throughout the UK for a wide range of clients since 1961. It is an enviable track record of commitment in supplying and fitting quality flooring.

Nathan Jefferies, Managing Director, Floor Furnishings commented, "the initial enquiry came from Kier Construction, who we do a lot of work for. The actual specification of the Gradus carpet tiles came from the architect and Swansea Council."

On specification and design Nathan Jeffries went on to add, "the specification of Gradus carpet tiles was linked to their striking patterns and overall design. They simply look great." On installation Nathan Jefferies further added, "The carpets were incredibly easy to lay and are performing exceptionally well for the school.

Streetwise Design from Gradus is an attractive textured loop pile carpet tile which is designed to be installed randomly. Available in a range of complementary colours. Streetwise Design comprises Originals and Brights and can be combined with Stratus Jet Stream and the Emphasis carpet tile range to create interesting and contemporary floor schemes. Streetwise Design is suitable for a wide range of environments including commercial offices and education.

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Stratus from Gradus is a tufted loop pile carpet tile produced with ECONYL regenerated solution dyed nylon yarn. The range is available in 12 colours and offers a durable and practical solution for commercial office and education environments.

Tony Thorne, Sales & Specification Manager, Gerflor for South Wales said, "The project at Cockett PRU School provided us with an opportunity to not only supply a high-quality solution with our Gradus carpet range but also enabled us to showcase some stunning designs and colours. We were really pleased that the client was delighted with the final look and outcome of the installation."

Nathan Jefferies also commented, "we have used Gradus products for many years, and recommend their products when we can."

Nathan Jefferies ended by saying, "we would definitely specify Gradus flooring again. They manufacture a fantastic range of products and working alongside Tony Thorne who is the Gerflor Sales and Specification Manager for South Wales is always an extremely professional experience."

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