







New kitchen floor for the exclusive "Häcker's Grand Hotel" in Bad Ems, Germany

It is the rule, not the exception, that hotel kitchens have to be operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This makes replacing kitchen floors quite a challenge. The exclusive "Häcker's Grand Hotel" in Bad Ems was no different. Nevertheless, the project was a success and a new floor was fitted overnight using the rapid reactive resin systems from Silikal.

A hotel with history - floor coating with hygiene

Installed overnight and ready for use again in time for breakfast: at "Häcker's Grand Hotel", floor coatings from Silikal which cure in just one hour ensured that the ongoing kitchen service could continue uninterrupted by the renovation work.

Within just a few days the installation company was able to complete the renovation work. Only two working steps were necessary: after restoration of the whole cooking area measuring around 220 square metres, all the adjoining storage and refrigeration rooms, covering an area of around 170 square metres, were also coated in a later second step. This amounted to a total area of around 390 square metres.

There was no need to remove the existing, decades-old tiled floor. It was simply sanded with a diamond grinder and an intermediate layer of the flexible synthetic resin system Silikal RV 368 was applied.

Slope corrections were required too, as well as the shaping of pedestals for work appliances. Both were done using the tried-and-tested extremely fast-curing reactive resin mortar Silikal R17, which was also used in the installation of new floor drains.

The final MMA (methyl methacrylate) coating using the Silikal R61/R62 system with interspersed coloured quartz in light grey and blue not only gave the finished floor a highly non-slip surface (antislip "R11" to "R12"), but also an attractive and inviting appearance.









Unaffected by the daily challenges of a hotel kitchen

Seamless, low-maintenance and resistant to most acids, alkalis and fats, this flooring can withstand the many daily challenges of a hotel kitchen – and remains unaffected by the dragging of crates, the rolling of trolleys or the concentrated load in certain areas.

Another important point for the hotel and catering trade: the reactive resin coatings from Silikal are HACCP-certified for food processing businesses. The successful testing according to international guidelines is a quality seal for safety standards such as hygiene and occupational safety and is regularly confirmed by the manufacturer at two-year intervals.







At one time a place to sleep for Goethe and the family of the Russian Tsar ...

"Häcker's Grand Hotel" in Bad Ems is an imposing sight. The former spa is built in the style of a Baroque castle with a central section, two side wings and a commemorative courtyard.

The Kaiser Wilhelm I. and the family of the Russian Tsar, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Richard Wagner, Alfred Krupp and Jacques Offenbach all stayed here during the time when Bad Ems was on the way to becoming one of the most famous spa resorts in Europe. Warm thermal springs were the reason for this long spa tradition, which had already started in the 14th century with the building of the first bathhouses.

Today's motto "Welcome to another world" underlines the continuing high standards of the modern-day Grand Hotel. What also remains is an emphasis on the concept of wellness, with a range of services from the ice grotto to the cabin sauna and from the herbal steam bath to the "Caribbean shell dream".

The historic spa hotel has been in the hands of the Häcker family since 1999, the same family which has also owned and operated the five star spa hotel "Fürstenhof" in Bad Bertrich, Germany for the last 25 years.





Bad Ems – the historic "Ems Dispatch"

For more than 700 years, Bad Ems has been well-known as an important spa resort. Situated between the forests of Taunus and Westerwald on one of the most beautiful sections of the Lahn River, the city achieved international renown as a "health spa for catarrh and asthma" and also gave its name to products such as "Emser Pastilles" and "Emser Salts".

But it was the "Ems Dispatch" that ensured the town a place in the history books. This dates back to the meeting of the Prussian King Wilhelm I. with the French ambassador Benedetti right in front of what is today "Häcker's Grand Hotel", and which led to the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war (1870-1871).











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