

Project:

YO! Sushi

Location:

Leicester

Designer:

Innsight Design

Flooring Material:

Surestep Wood, Allura Safety

Design Reference:

Surestep Wood natural seagrass
18552, Allura Safety natural textile
74499





Chopsticks, sushi and Forbo Flooring Systems

Forbo Flooring Systems' design-led luxury vinyl tiles and safety flooring has contributed to the Japanese aesthetic at Leicester's newly refurbished restaurant YO! Sushi, whilst providing the slip resistance required for a busy restaurant.

InnSight Design was tasked to re-design the popular sushi restaurant in order to capitalise on the Japanese theme. As such, the designers created an elaborate city theme, which included the installation of a large digitally printed wall mural of Tokyo at night, alongside Forbo's Surestep Wood safety flooring and Allura Safety luxury vinyl tiles in the natural seagrass and natural textile colourways.

Alison Cooper of InnSight Design commented: "YO! Sushi's original interior design was very dull, as it consisted of grey walls and orange lighting. For the new design, YO! Sushi wanted the theme to be more Japanese orientated. Therefore, we decided to take this Japanese theme to the extreme and make the interior as bright and as in your face as Tokyo itself.

"As this is an environment where a lot of food and drink will be consumed on a daily basis, our first and foremost objective for the flooring was that it needed to protect customers and staff from unnecessary slips and trips. Forbo's Surestep Wood range fitted the bill perfectly as it contains particles that ensure a lifetime slip resistance."

Forbo's Surestep Wood range has clear, sharp visuals, thanks to the innovative Step Crystals embedded within the wearlayer – which also guarantees the lifetime slip resistance. What's more, the entire collection meets with the prevalent UK slip standards; wet Pendulum test >36 and >20 surface roughness, as well as EN1385 for sustainable slip resistance.

Alison continued: "With an extensive design portfolio to choose from, we were able to choose a colourway from the Surestep Wood range that fitted in well with our Japanese theme; Seagrass – a design that resonates with oriental bamboo. We also chose this colourway as the interior design has a dark, evening theme and so we required a floor covering that had a light coloured aesthetic in order to brighten up the space.

"Throughout the restaurant, we have also inlaid Forbo's Allura Safety vinyl tiles into the Surestep floor covering in the natural textile colourway. This has helped us to add more depth to the flooring design and to provide the customers with a walkway around the restaurant – simulating the conveyor belt."

Forbo's high design, yet functional Allura Safety flooring was specified for this project as it provides Health and Safety Executive compliant slip resistance underfoot; R10 (Wet Pendulum ≥ 36 and surface roughness ≥ 20), together in a modular format. There are also 16 inspiring designs that can be specified from the popular textile effect installed at YO! Sushi to earthy natural elements such as concrete, sand and metal scratch designs.

Alison concluded: "Before we won this contract with YO! Sushi, we had recently specified a range of Forbo's products for another client and the quality of the products, combined with the excellent customer service truly impressed us. From experiencing this service, we knew that they would not let us down in any way and that its products would impress YO! Sushi. We've built a quality relationship with Alexandra Gordon, Forbo's Key Account Manager, and she is always on hand to provide us with any advice that we may need.

"Overall this project has been a real success and as such, we are now working on our sixth project for YO! Sushi, which also incorporates Forbo's high quality products."

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