



heating. This product comes with slant edge and is maintenance friendly.

For clients that consciously want to move away from traditional wood colours, for them the brand offers graphite grey, ash arctic, oak warm white, heritage flor-ence, heritage cognac and oak wenge to imbibe hues of grey, white, green, red and black. This compliments a formal office set-up and also breaks clichés.

"While designing flooring, factors such as choosing the right kind of wood varies from the humidity levels from one area to another. Also, one needs to keep in mind the colours. Dark colours in small rooms or in rooms with a lot of furniture would make the

5. There is a growing trend of giving a supremely natural feel to floors.

6. Carpets allow incorporating a city into a hotel by reflecting its traditional motifs and patterns.

room even smaller; medium colour wood goes with most decors - light or dark. Light stained floors, even pure white, are in vogue. Grey stained, dark black with golden veins, all have their takers. As awareness about different products increases, customers want to move away from conventional material like stone, mosaic, ceramic tiles, carpets, etc. to newer more versatile material such as laminate and engineered wood floorings," adds Anil Tyagi, business head for Brand Mikasa at Greenlam Industries Ltd. Bringing out the true character of the wood, Mikasa wooden flooring offers stability in every climatic condition and is carefully treated engineered with locks for proper installations and the right expansion gaps that do not get damaged during weather changes. Modern lacquer ensures that both planks remain clean and undamaged in regular use. A damp mop is all that is needed to keep them going good for years to come. Lastly, the thickness of veneer membrane is what defines its functional performance - flooring with a 0.6mm veneer would last about 10-12 years within in-room environment, but the planks would be short and narrow; while thicker veneers (up to 3mm) are usually drawn from older mature logs and thus show off the grains more prominently. The planks are longer, wider and the added advantage of the thick veneer is that it would last longer and are more durable suited for the wear and tear in public areas.

Brands such as Nitco target hotels looking at tiles for their public area flooring. Customisation to brand design and colours is an obvious promise: they are keen to make known that mosaics are possible with pre-designed formats or brand centric ones. ■