

**GRADUS**  
contract interior solutions

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a complete product and service solution

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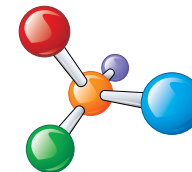
# GRADUS

contract interior solutions

Gradus was founded in 1966 and has evolved from a flooring accessories business, which still remains at the heart of its activities, into a fully fledged contract interior solutions provider.

With over 300 employees serving both the UK and International markets, Gradus offers solutions for floorcoverings, barrier matting, wall protection, soft furnishing and lighting design, in addition to a comprehensive range of stair edging and floor trim profiles.

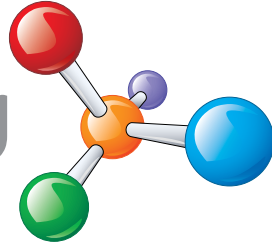
Our culture is built on problem solving, service and customer support, and the Gradus brand values of quality and expertise are implemented throughout all business activities to ensure peace of mind for all our customers.



The Gradus business goal  
is to provide

# peace of mind

for all our customers, through  
quality, performance and service  
that you can rely on



Whether it's offering advice on product selection, guaranteeing product performance, or delivering the right product to the right place at the right time, we are committed to reducing risk for our customers.

At Gradus we strive not just to meet market demands, but to exceed them. Our products are developed in line with legislative, functional and sustainable requirements, and are independently tested to ensure that standards are met. We are proud to lead the way with product and service in the flooring accessories business, and our flexibility in carpet manufacture assists our customers to achieve tight deadlines.

In every aspect of our activities we take responsibility for the environment, and pledge to meet our present business needs without compromising our long term future environment.

**quality** underpins all aspects of the Gradus business, and is fundamental to all the products and services we offer.

We are committed to ensuring that when you choose to use a Gradus product, you know that you will get products that perform and service you can rely on – time and time again.

**knowledge** is the cornerstone of our business, and with over 40 years in the contract interior solutions

business we feel that we have built up the expertise to support our customers in the decision making process. We are committed to understanding all issues that relate to our products, including the impact of standards and legislation, and to sharing that understanding with our customers.

**design** is creating products and solutions that meet the changing needs of our customers. Our product development process

incorporates sustainability, life cycle costs, material developments and legislative requirements to ensure that we provide products that look good, perform and meet all the relevant standards.

**service** is the lifeblood of Gradus and is what our business is built on. We are passionate about providing our customers

with the best service possible, whether that's providing technical and specification advice, creating bespoke products or manufacture and supply to meet our customer deadlines.

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## stair edgings & floor trims

Gradus is the market leader in contract flooring accessories and offers the widest choice in product solutions for stairs and floors. All our products are designed to ensure the correct balance between safety, performance and aesthetics, and are suitable for a wide variety of contract applications.

Recent developments include the innovative XT range of stair edgings and Xtra-grip, a new high performance insert offering increased slip resistance. Supported by the latest research and recommendations by BRE and the guidance in Approved Document M of The Building Regulations, the XT range features an extended insert design, that when combined with Xtra-grip insert, offers the ultimate solution in reducing slips, trips and falls on stairs

In addition we now also offer an extensive selection of specialist profiles and movement joints designed specifically for use with ceramics, providing a fully comprehensive range of profiles to suit all floorcoverings.



lighting

## lighting solutions

Gradus offers a lighting design solutions service for any interior or exterior environment, employing a wide spectrum of lighting solutions to create effects tailored to individual applications. Drawing on a wealth of experience, we can turn concepts into reality, ensuring that projects are designed and delivered to meet both performance and cost expectations.

In addition, our range of low voltage LED safety and decorative lighting systems is used extensively in leisure sector applications such as cinemas, casinos, night clubs and on cruise ships. With over 25 years experience in the design and manufacture of illuminated decorative and safety products, we can provide solutions that are both safe and easy to install.

A full supply and fit service is available for our lighting range, ensuring that a project can be managed through design and manufacture to installation and maintenance.



matting

## barrier matting systems

The Gradus SystemMatic barrier matting system provides an effective barrier against dirt and moisture at entrances, access points and circulation areas in environments such as retail, education, commercial office and healthcare.

Our barrier matting systems are designed to the highest technical specification to achieve highly efficient soil and moisture retention and to give superior long term performance. They not only protect and increase the life cycle of surrounding floorcoverings, but also contribute to the reduction of slip accidents and help keep maintenance costs to a minimum.

With products available in a range of colours and materials to suit virtually any interior design scheme, Gradus offers one of the most comprehensive systems on the market.



wall protection

## wall protection systems

Gradus wall protection systems provide an essential barrier against damage caused to walls, corners and doors by both pedestrian and wheeled traffic.

Helping to minimise the need for ongoing repair and maintenance, our wall protection systems also reduce life cycle costs and improve the long term appearance of interior installations.

The comprehensive package of products offered includes wall guards, corner guards, handrails and protective wall-cladding in a variety of colours and finishes including PVC-u, stainless steel, rubber and timber. These products, colours and materials provide functional and aesthetic solutions for virtually any wall protection requirement.

Gradus wall protection systems are suitable for all contract environments including pharmaceutical, healthcare, education and hospitality.



## floorcoverings

### carpet - tile, broadloom & impervious backed

As one of the premium manufacturers of quality carpet tile, broadloom and impervious backed carpets, Gradus supplies carpets that excel in terms of functionality, aesthetics and ease of maintenance.

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

Our products carry comprehensive warranties covering wear, stain, static and fade resistance, supported by independent test certificates as well as extensive in-house testing.

Gradus carpets will help you to create a smart, comfortable, quiet and safe environment for all users.



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## floorcoverings

### cork & wood flooring

The Wicanders range of cork flooring for contract use in the UK is available exclusively from Gradus and offers a range of hard flooring that absorbs the sound of footsteps, is soft and comfortable underfoot and is made from an ecologically-friendly source.

Wicanders cork flooring, with the integration of Acousticork NRT (Noise Reduction Technology) is made with a core layer of natural cork and finished with a real wood or cork top layer to create a noise-insulating floor.

Available in both floating floor and stick-down options, this modern, elegant and exciting alternative to traditional hard flooring allows us to offer the perfect design solution for those designers and specifiers who want to be a little kinder to the environment. The cork is sourced only from responsibly managed cork oak forests as certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).



## floorcoverings

### luxury vinyl tile

Quick and easy to install, the Toli LL300 range of loose lay vinyl tiles and planks combines good looks with ease of maintenance for a luxury alternative to traditional vinyl flooring.

Available exclusively in the UK from Gradus, the LL300 revolutionises contract interiors providing a vinyl flooring that has a high recycled content and a superb finish to the print quality

With the loose lay concept installation times are dramatically reduced, and the flooring can be quickly and easily lifted and replaced when required.

An array of contemporary granite and marble patterns is available, plus fashionable wood finishes in both tile and plank format, offering even the most demanding designers endless combinations of colour and design to breathe life into their interior design schemes.



soft furnishings

## soft furnishings & upholstery

Gradus supplies quality soft furnishings and upholstery fabrics to healthcare, education, hospitality and leisure markets.

With a wealth of soft furnishings and upholstery collections, as well as a full measure, make and fit service, our fabrics can satisfy a diverse number of interior applications and designs, offering interior designers, specifiers, contractors and end users products that enhance and complement any scheme, from busy hospitals to city centre hotels.

All Gradus fabrics meet the required durability and flammability standards for the relevant markets, with many providing the additional benefits of Teflon protection, plus an anti-bacterial option with the X-Static range.

The standard ranges, combined with bespoke colour and design options, guarantee a look and feel that will last for the lifetime of the product.

# case studies



## UCLan

A unique lighting system was designed and installed to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the state-of-the-art Media Factory at UCLan, and to reflect the modern creative environment.



## Handforth Dean Shopping Centre

Topguard high performance barrier matting was supplied and installed to protect floorcoverings, reduce slips and trips and minimise maintenance costs, whilst ensuring ease of access for pedestrian and wheeled traffic.



## Hethel Engineering Centre

Sq Mile carpet was installed in the conference suite at the Hethel Engineering Centre, a purpose built facility providing a unique environment for early stage growth technology companies within the Norwich region.



## Museum of Natural History, Oxford University

Adventurer carpet was selected for the Museum of Natural History to enhance the ambience and function of this magnificent mid-Victorian gothic building whilst providing protection to the original flagstone floor.



## The Queen's Hospital, Romford

A complete project management service was provided to survey, supply and install wall protection in the largest PFI hospital in the UK. Barrier matting, stair edgings, skirtings and a range of cubicle/curtain fabrics were also supplied to provide a high quality, 'hotel like' environment.



## Lakeside Visitors Centre, Colnbrook

Toli luxury loose lay vinyl tile was chosen for this environmental centre for its aesthetic appeal and high recycled content, thus meeting the standards required for such a project whilst reflecting the external surroundings.



## Northumbria University

Gradius XT stair edgings were installed at the award-winning City Campus East at Northumbria University to reduce the risk of slips, trips and falls, in line with BRE guidelines and Approved Document M (The Building Regulations 2000).



## Ashurst House Care Home, Cambian Group

Soft furnishings and weaves from the Serenity collection were supplied in the form of curtains, bedding and cushions to help create an up-market, hotel-style environment in this private care home.

## quality

underpins all aspects of the Gradus business, and is fundamental to all the products and services we offer. We are committed to ensuring that when you choose to use a Gradus product, you know that you will get products that perform and service you can rely on time and time again – guaranteed.

Many of our products carry manufacturers wear life warranties supported by extensive testing. Life cycle information and warranties are also available, and can be produced for specific projects to provide end users with the information required to make long-term product decisions.

As a company Gradus is both ISO14001 and ISO9001 accredited. We are committed to providing the best possible service and to manufacturing products that are designed and produced to conform to the relevant BS/EN/ISO standards, whilst focusing on minimising waste, preventing pollution, improving operational efficiency and reducing our impact on the environment.

## knowledge

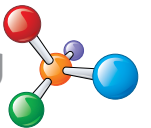
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As a business not only do we endeavour to understand the influences on our business, but are actively involved in shaping standards and legislation that relate to our product offer, contributing to various expert bodies and committees, including the BSI (British Standards Institution).

We are also members of various industry bodies including RIBA CPD Providers Network (offering 5 seminars covering various product areas), NBS Plus (where specifiers can find a comprehensive library of pre-written specifications) and the Contract Flooring Association (CFA).

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**design** is creating products and solutions that meet the changing needs of our customers. Our product development process incorporates sustainability, life cycle costs, material developments and legislative requirements.

All of our products undergo extensive testing, both in-house and at independent facilities, to ensure that we provide products that meet all the relevant standards, and that maintain their performance and appearance throughout their life cycle.

Although a wide selection of standard product exists we are aware that sometimes something different is required, and therefore Gradus offers a bespoke service where our customers can create products and colours to suit exact design requirements, whether it be a specific flooring profile, a special colourway for a fabric, or in the case of floorcoverings, an exclusive design manufactured to customer specifications.

Gradus also offers a design service to help our customers select Gradus products that work together in terms of both functionality and aesthetics, providing total solutions and creating design schemes to suit most interior environments from healthcare through to commercial office.

**service** is the lifeblood of Gradus and is what our business is built on. We are passionate about providing our customers with the best service possible, whether that's providing technical and specification advice, creating bespoke products or delivering to meet our customer deadlines.

The Gradus service commitment encompasses all of our business activities both before and after sale. We operate a national team of over 40 trained specification consultants all of whom are trained to advise on product selection and any legislation or standards relating to our products. Our in-house customer support team provides general product information and facilitates our rapid response sample and literature service, whilst our technical services team is on hand to provide immediate answers to complex queries, in addition to providing advice on installation and cleaning and maintenance.

We can also provide a complete supply and fit service for some of the more specialised products in our range including our wall protection, lighting and barrier matting systems, and our range of soft furnishings. This service includes measuring and templating, detailed quotations, and full project management of the installation, and is designed to reduce risk for our customers and provide a trouble-free installation.

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## the future

At Gradus we know that it is not enough to simply respond to market demands. We believe that through working closely with our customers, continually reviewing our products and services and investing in an ongoing programme of research and development, we can continue to lead the way in contract interior finishes.

Future plans to develop additional strategic partnerships with associated suppliers will mean that an even greater product range will be available on a single supplier basis. This will also enhance our expanding service offer, providing our customers with total solutions from specification through to installation, backed by legislative and industry knowledge.

peace of mind – now and into the future...



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