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## LORDS CRICKET GROUND, LONDON

FLOORING: Sika® ComfortFloor®, Sikafloor®-20 PurCem®

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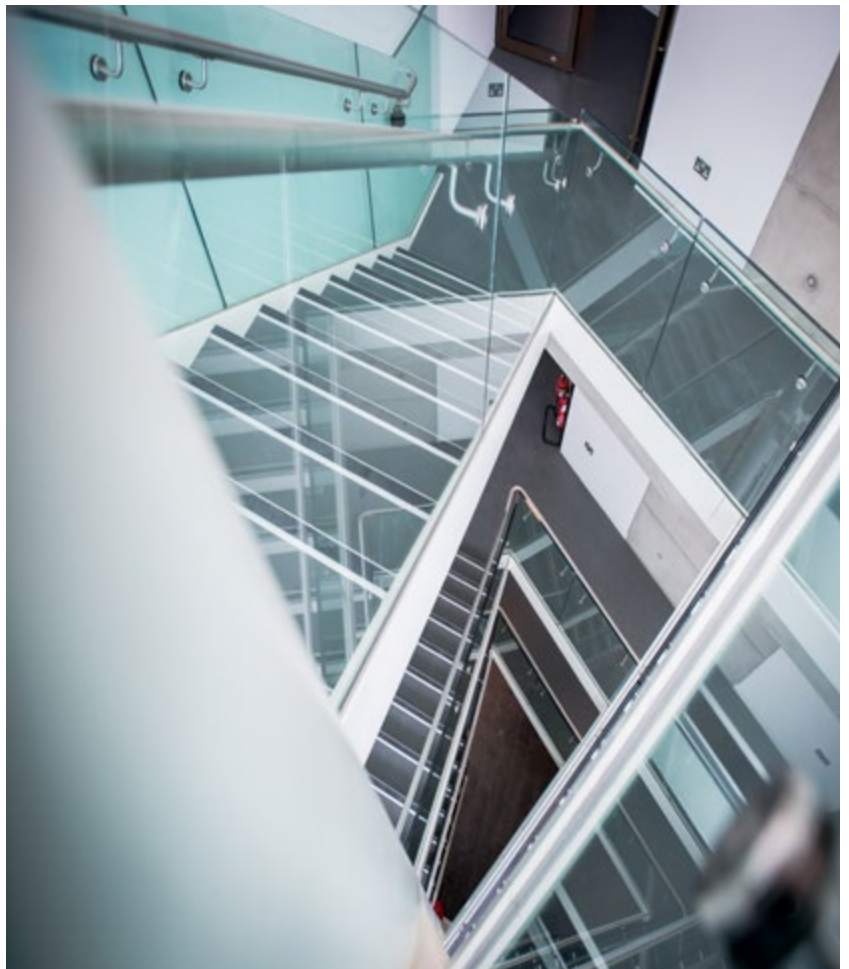
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**SIKA'S FLOORING PROVIDES SOLID FOUNDATION FOR NEW-LOOK 'HOME OF CRICKET'.**

Global building products developer, Sika, provided the total flooring solution for a new stand at the 'home of cricket'. Specified for its durability and simple installation, Sikafloor® will ensure visitors to Lord's enjoy an improved, uninterrupted view of the field of play in safety and comfort.

Lord's Cricket Ground, one of the oldest and grandest sporting venues in the world, has undergone a multimillion pound renovation. The new Warner Stand – located beside the London ground's glorious, grade II-listed red-bricked pavilion – represents a masterplan redevelopment of Lord's Cricket Ground.





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With the original Warner Stand, built in 1958, deemed unfit for purpose, it was demolished. Its modernisation included the reconfiguration of its two-tier seating area to improve sightlines for spectators, as well as an upgrade of its concourse, kitchen, hospitality and officials' areas. Lifts will also be installed to help maintain the ground's status as the world's number one cricket venue.

For a project of this stature, an appropriate simple-to-install, flexible-yet-durable flooring system was required to cover different areas of the stand and add to its 21st aesthetic. Sikafloor® more than met this exacting challenge.

Main contractors, BAM Construction, required a 2,000m<sup>2</sup> flooring system which was quick and simple to install to ensure the readiness for the 2016-2017 season.

For the Warner Stand's concourse, Sika® ComfortFloor® was applied. Ideal for a range of commercial, industrial and domestic applications, Sika® ComfortFloor® is an attractive alternative to traditional vinyl flooring, carpet or timber. An easily-applied, high-performance liquid, this hard-wearing system – particularly suited to areas of heavy footfall – is available in an expansive range of colours to meet a wealth of aesthetic requirements. Sika® ComfortFloor® is the only resin flooring solution on the market to be classified in the BRE Green Guide with an A+ rating, setting a benchmark for sustainability in the industry. Its chemical composition and texture absorb impact, granting it excellent acoustic insulation.

As with all products in Sika's extensive Decorative flooring range, Sika® DecoDur, installed throughout the Warner Stand's VIP hospitality and dining areas, is a low emission, UV-resistant, high-performance, low viscious epoxy resin – a perfect complement to areas requiring stylish and practical flooring.

Events held off the pitch was of importance to a stadium's revenue as matters on it, therefore great emphasis was placed on ensuring the new Warner Stand is capable of hosting an array of all-year-round events such as businesses conferences or celebrity-laden banquets.

Catering will play a vital part in fulfilling this extracurricular role, hence the specification of Sikafloor®-20 PurCem®, a multi-component, resin-rich, cement and aggregate screed in the kitchen area. Suitable for floors subject to heavy loading, abrasion and chemical exposure, Sikafloor®-20 PurCem® has a textured aggregate surface providing medium to heavy profile slip resistance, making it the ideal surface for food processing and chemical plant areas.

Completed in April 2017, the Warner Stand houses 2,656 spectators, with the number of restricted-view seats being reduced by 100. The redevelopment includes a number of sustainable features including solar panelling, living walls and an environmentally-friendly system that collects and recycles water.

Stephen McDaid, Director at McDaid Screeding Services, the project's sub-contractors, commented: "Sikafloor® is a very good product, our operatives love installing it. It's, durable, versatile and a joy to lay. The only challenge we've faced so far during this project is the fierce glare from the members in the neighbouring pavilion – they've been watching us like hawks. But they can rest assured; we're armed with the skills, experience and product to carry out the job to the highest specification."

By providing the total flooring solution for the redeveloped Warner Stand, Sikafloor® is laying the foundation for the sport to flourish at this hallowed venue for centuries to come.

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