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# AMORIM CORK FLOORING





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*Amorim Cork Flooring* is part of *Corticeira Amorim*, the largest cork product company in the world. It is the market leader and contributes towards sustainability and innovation like no other player in the sector.

With origins going back to 1870, the company soon realised the infinite potential of this 100% natural material transforming it into the favored product of an informed society aware of the environmental consequences of its choices.

Born in 1978 and with a presence in more than 80 countries, *Amorim Cork Flooring* combines inspiration in nature's purest values, with cutting-edge technologies. The result is a range of top quality, versatile flooring with undeniable sustainability and comfort credentials.

Our unique coverings use innovative techniques to enhance cork's natural properties and the portfolio integrates various solutions, some of which have revolutionized the traditional concept of cork flooring.

From homes to hotels, restaurants to libraries, museums to offices, our products are suitable for any residential or commercial project looking for exceptional comfort and performance.

The respect for nature and our planet is present in all our actions: more than 60% of our product portfolio is climate positive.

We place nature as the starting point for a better future creating flooring solutions that ensure a higher quality of life while preserving and protecting the environment.

**Every step leaves a mark and ours is climate positive.**









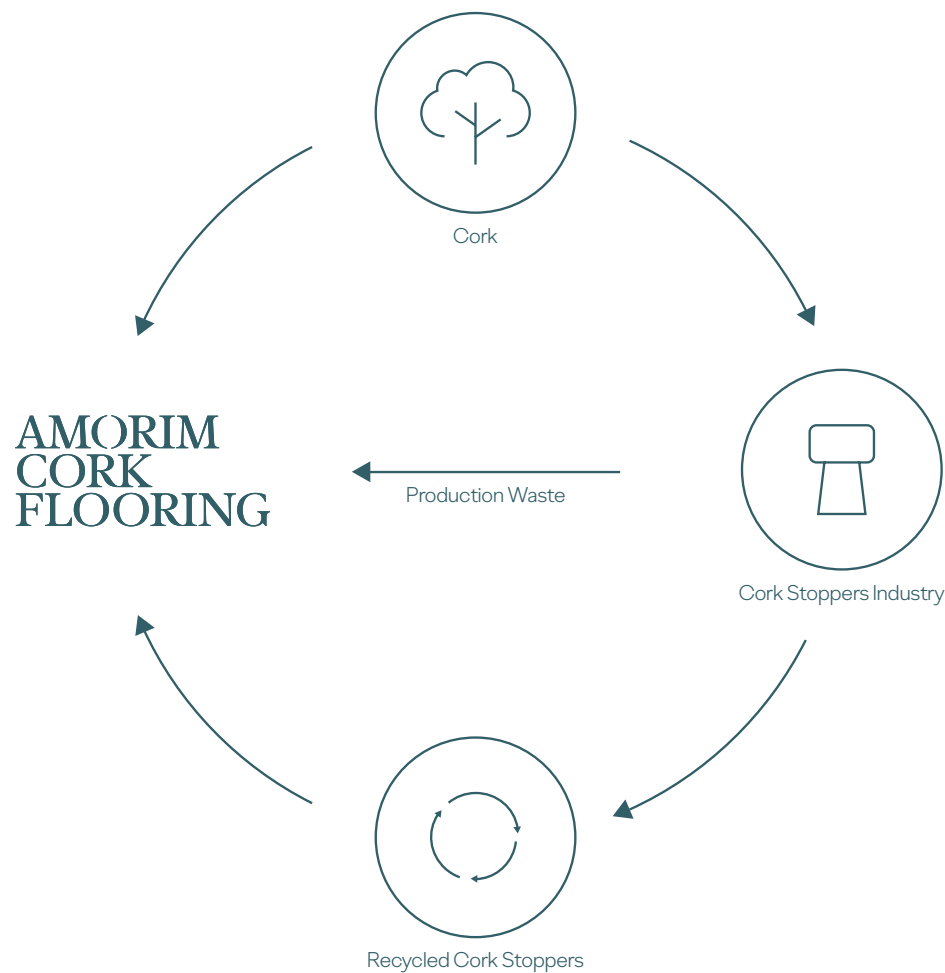






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Cork life cycle	Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree (Quercus suber L.). It's a 100% natural raw material, with unique properties that give it unrivaled character and make it valuable in several industries and multiple applications.	But perhaps cork's most extraordinary property can be found in its biological origins. It is removed every nine years and not a single cork oak tree is cut down or harmed in the process.	<b>25 years</b> The average time when the cork oak tree is going to be harvested for the first time.  <b>9 years</b> The period of time between each cork oak harvesting.  <b>200 years</b> The average life expectancy of a cork oak tree.
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With respect for nature and wellbeing on its core values, Amorim has reached a remarkable negative carbon footprint in its entire processes, helping to reduce the Global Warming Potential.

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1. Sustainable by heart

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2. Green Production Process

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3. Sustainable Products

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Back in 1870 Corticeira Amorim started its activities in the cork stoppers industry. Soon the industry realized that the waste resulting from that production was too valuable and could be used to develop other products, such as flooring.

A vision of sustainable growth and development, focused in a constant search for new products and applications.

Thus Amorim Cork Flooring is the purest outcome of a Circular Economy model that aims to turn waste and used cork stoppers into a valuable and sustainable product.



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# 1. Sustainable by heart

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## Environment

No trees are damaged or cut during harvesting



Regenerates itself  
after each extraction



Retains 5x more CO<sub>2</sub>  
from the atmosphere  
than other trees



Helps reduce global  
warming potential



Biodiversity hotspot

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## Economy

A sustainable economy

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### Rural areas economic engine

The cork oak forest is essential for the economic development of rural areas in the Mediterranean region, by creating jobs and activities related to the harvesting and treatment of cork. WWF estimates that more than 100,000 people are economically dependent of cork-related business activities.

### Highest paid agricultural job

Cork harvesting is an activity that requires experience and high skills, to prevent damaging the tree during the process. Therefore this activity is the highest paid agricultural job in the world.



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# Social Impact

## An invitation to live from the land

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### Crossing Generations

More than a job, harvesting is a handcraft work that requires a deep knowledge of the forest and the technique. It takes several years of training to be able to perform this activity, a know-how that crosses family generations.

### Prevents Rural Desertification

Cork harvesting is a regular and cyclical process, creating a continuous activity that contributes to settle people in areas at risk of desertification.





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## 2. Green Production Process

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### The industrial process Going further in Sustainability

Our commitment with sustainability goes a long way. Using a natural and renewable raw material is only the beginning. Amorim's sustainability also focuses on the production process, making it a green and sustainable one.

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#### Reincorporation of waste

A production where any cork waste and surplus is collected, granulated and reincorporated in the production process, originating a fully integrated process that leads to a lower carbon footprint.

#### Biomass

Because nothing gets lost at Amorim, even the dust from the production lines is vacuumed and conducted to silos, where it is burned to generate energy through biomass. 65% of the energy used in Amorim's factories comes from burnt cork dust, a process that is carbon neutral.



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# Closer distances and clean harvesting

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The bark extraction is a manual process, which doesn't require the use of pollutant machinery. Also, our cork treatment and storage facilities are close to the forest, so we are able to minimize our carbon footprint in this initial step of the process.



## **Manual Harvesting**

Without using pollutant machinery or damaging the tree



## **Location of the factories**

Factories and warehouses are located at close distance





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## 3. Sustainable Products

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### A portfolio of products that aligns design, performance and sustainability

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62% of our products are carbon negative

Our Amorim floors ensure a purer and cleaner air for you and your family. We proud ourselves on having several Indoor Air Quality certificates, certifying that no harmful particles are present in Amorim products living up to our promise to provide well being in every room.



Greenguard North-American certification identifies products that have low chemical emissions, improving the air in which they are used. Our products are awarded with the gold certification. A stricter certification criteria that ensures that a product is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.



TÜV-PROFICERT is a transnational certificate for VOC-emission and air quality, certifying that a product complies with different national regulations such as AgBB (Germany), Belgian VOC regulation, Finnish M1, BREEAM, LEED v4 (outside North America), RAL -UZ 120 and Austrian Eco Label (Guideline UZ 56). In October 2018 Amorim Cork Flooring was the first flooring company to achieve TÜV certification at its highest level - Premium.



French certification, that classifies products according to their level of VOC emissions. Our products have been classified at the highest level (A+).

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# Environmental Performance

Respect for nature is at the core of our existence. Therefore, making sure our processes and products respect the highest standards in environmental protection is embedded in our culture.



EPD Environmental Product Declaration is a third-party independent evaluation that reports environmental data of products based on their life cycle assessment. A product with an EPD guarantees to the consumers that it respects environmental standards.



Blue Angel is a voluntary certification that follows rigorous environmental standards and is renowned as a reference guide for a more sustainable way of living. Blue Angel is synonym of a product (or service) that meets rigorous criteria of environmental performance such as being PVC free.

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# Sustainable Buildings

All of our products contribute with points to LEED and BREEAM certifications - the American and European certifications for sustainable construction and projects.



Materials and Resources;  
Indoor Environmental Quality;  
Innovation & Design



Health and well being;  
Materials





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# Cork comfort benefits from nature, to your special space.

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Cork is not only a sustainable raw material. It also provides amazing comfort features. Its honeycomb structure contains millions of air filled cells that explain its unique insulation properties.

This is why Amorim Cork Flooring products provide a great performance when it comes to silence, walking comfort and thermally insulated spaces that endure through time.



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Cork benefits

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Silence

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Natural Thermal Insulation

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Walking Comfort

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Impact Resistance

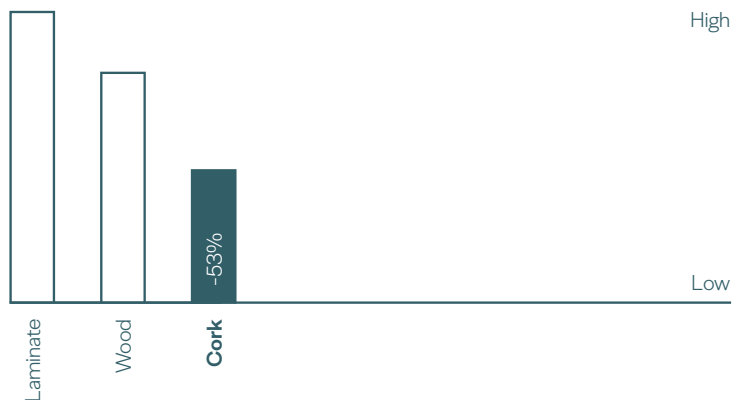
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Indoor Air Quality

# Silence

Cork is an extremely efficient natural sound absorber because its cells work as an acoustic insulator. Amorim Cork Flooring floors can easily cut noise within a room (walking sound), and act as a noise buffer between the floor and the rooms underneath (impact sound), making it exceptionally efficient to use in residential or commercial spaces. Comparing the walking sound between cork and laminate floors, tests confirm that cork floors have an exceptional result reducing the walking sound up to 53%.

Walking Sound



Study run by Entwicklungs- und Prüflabor Holztechnologie gmbH (EPH) in Germany according to IHD-W 431.

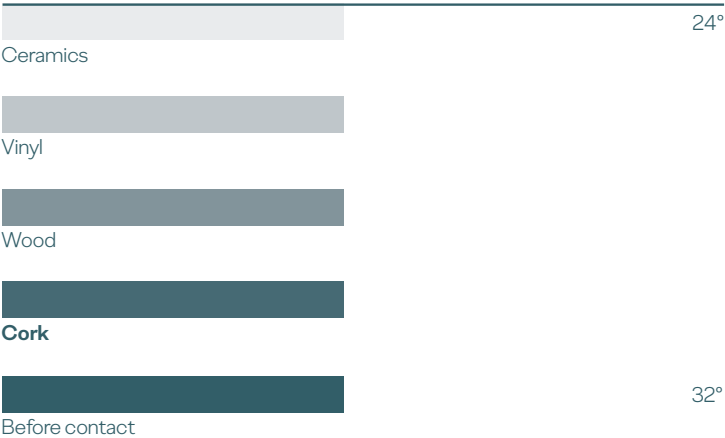


# Natural Thermal Insulation

The natural thermal insulation properties of cork make Amorim Cork Flooring floors very energy efficient providing a pleasant touch, even barefoot, and an optimal floor temperature all year round which contributes to an overall comfort. When testing foot temperature in contact with four different materials, cork floors stand out as being the best solution to retain heat. Better than wood and by far better than vinyl or ceramic when it comes to avoid energy dispersion.

Infrared foot temperature

After 2 min of contact



Study run by IBV biomechanical institute in Valencia, Spain.



# Walking Comfort

Walking on overly hard floors creates energy that moves upward towards our muscles and tendons, causing them to vibrate. This is caused by the impact of our heel with the floor. These vibrations, with time, hurt our feet, legs, lower and upper back, creating an excess of tension. Too soft floors cause fatigue and aren't easy to walk on. This can be better understood when walking for 45 minutes straight on soft sand. Softer than laminate and harder than carpets, Amorim Cork Flooring floors are the perfect mix to reduce heel strike impacts and related body tensions, but stable enough to help the foot impulse and provide the needed stability to reduce effort on walking and decrease body fatigue.



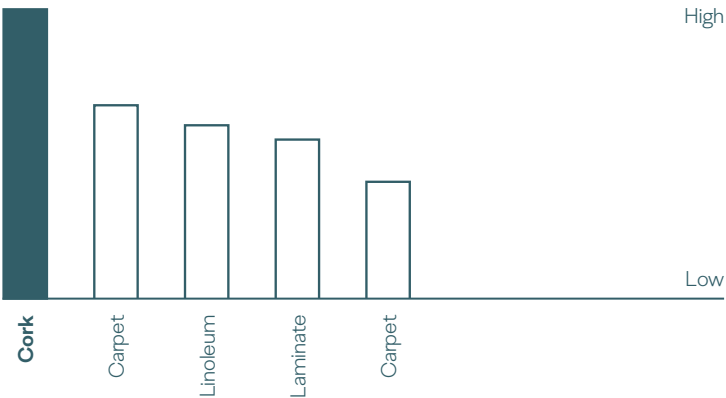
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# Impact Resistance

Cork’s elasticity and compressibility allows it to adapt to pressure. When compressed, it doesn’t lose flexibility, recovering its initial shape and volume without suffering damages. Amorim Cork Flooring floors, due to its resilient qualities have the ability to bounce back from hard impacts. Tests show that Amorim Cork Flooring floors have the highest shock absorbing performance. Amorim Cork Flooring absorb better the impact while maintaining its resistance at the same time. This results in a very robust flooring with a long life span.

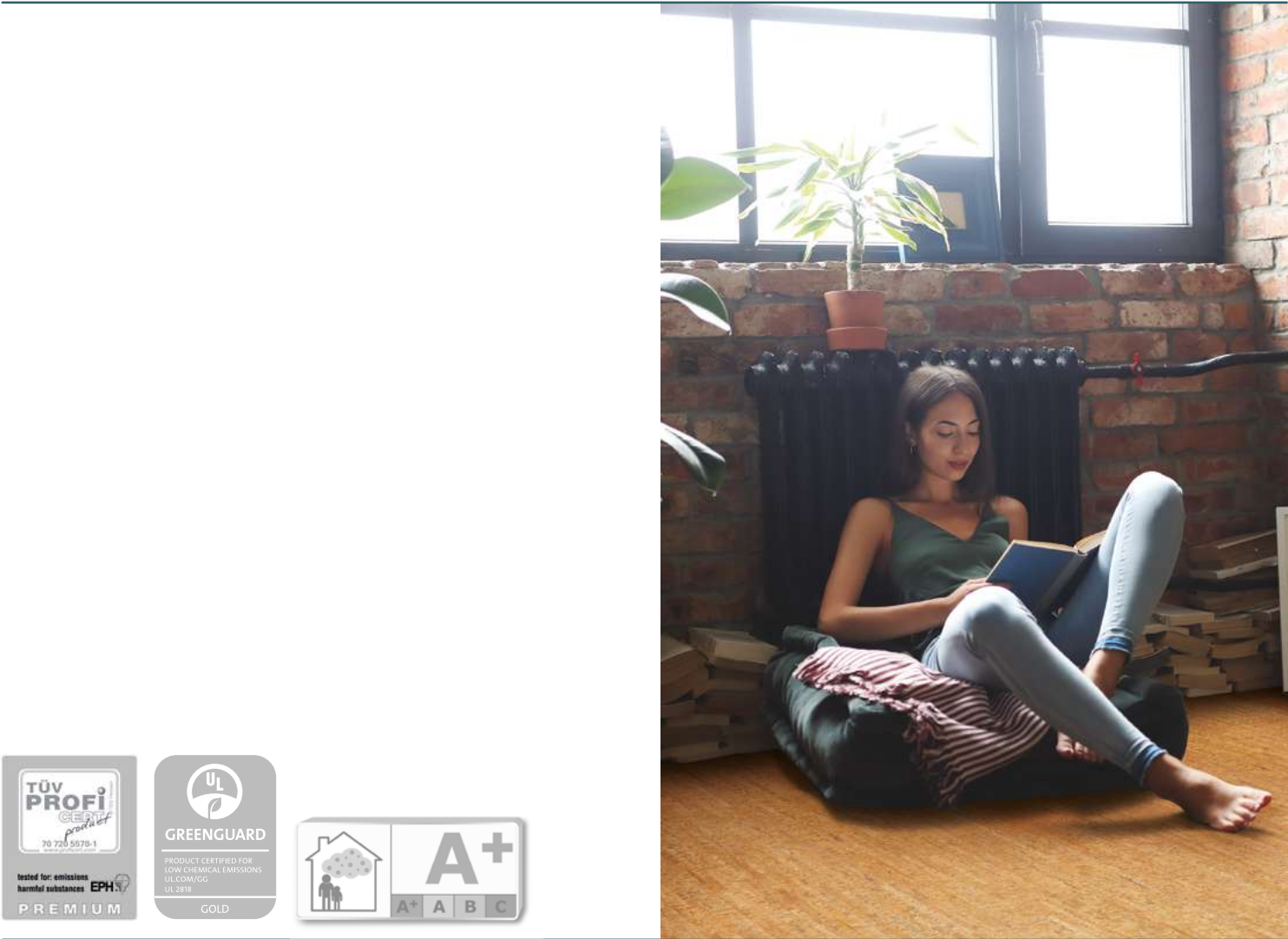
Shock Absorbing



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# Indoor Air Quality

Compliance with the strictest indoor air quality standards after being tested on over 2000 potential chemicals.







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Our brands.



# AMORIM WISE



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Sustainability is much more than protecting and preserving nature. It is, first and foremost, the concept of finding balance between us as human beings and our natural environment. One of the core values of Amorim WISE is the Respect for Nature.

Its portfolio has a remarkable negative carbon footprint, helping to reduce global warming potential and promoting people's well-being. Beyond its remarkable sustainability credentials, Amorim WISE is also a high end product that combines high quality with avant-garde and unique design. Inventiveness, inspiration, expertise and innovation are some of the words that describe Amorim WISE products. Available in 3 different and striking types of visuals such as cork, wood and stone, Amorim WISE is available in 2 technical solutions, Inspire 700 and Pure. Possibilities are endless, especially with the pure signature range offering more than 17000 combinations. Amorim WISE portfolio combines unique properties and sustainability of cork, with innovative design and state of the art technology.

**Smart choice, amazing sensations.**

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## CORK Inspire 700 / Pure / Pure Signature

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## STONE Inspire 700 / Pure

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## WOOD Inspire 700



# WICANDERS




Wicanders has a legacy that goes back to 1868. It is part of Amorim Cork Flooring, the global leading brand in cork-based flooring, present in more than 80 countries worldwide. Its promise is to provide Floors for Living, ready for real life, for our home and office, for our different rhythms, for our family and pets, for all those wonderful and simple, yet sometimes unexpected moments, due to Wicanders durability and performance. Over the years, Wicanders has developed sustainable floor and wall coverings with exclusive properties due to its cork benefits. By combining state of the art technology with the exclusive natural properties of cork, a higher standard of comfort in flooring is achieved. Available with cork, wood and stone looks, its products are able to provide a silent and thermally insulated environment, that endures impacts and is very comfortable to walk and stand on.

**Wicanders means everyday comfort, lifetime performance.**

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CORK						
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WOOD						Engineered Wood
	 	 	 	 	 	

STONE						
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DEKWALL						
					Wall Coverings	

Use area classification System ISO 10874:2009	 Heavy Traffic Residential areas	   Moderate / Medium / Heavy Traffic Commercial areas
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CORKLIFE is the world leading brand in DIY retail of flooring and wall coverings with cork technology. To withstand the needs of everyday life Corklife is robust, durable and easy to maintain. It offers easy installation for a practical and easy living. Its cork multilayered structure absorbs impacts and provides walking comfort while contributing to healthy indoor spaces. CORKLIFE combines all of these qualities like no other flooring. From residential to commercial applications. From glue down tiles to waterproof flooring. Corklife offers all the solutions for your specific needs... All with sustainability and natural comfort that only cork can offer.

**To create. To last. To do it yourself.**  
**Corklife, robust by nature.**

# CORKLIFE

FREESTYLE

STUDIOSTYLE

CORKPARQUET

# DECOLIFE

COMFORT

NATURE

WATERCORK



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