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Gradus New Lunar carpet tiles are a big hit for Manchester office re-furb

Corner Block is a high quality and prominent multi-let office asset located in the bustling centre of Manchester. When the design studio, appointed by the developer APAM, required the highest quality flooring for the workspaces within the office areas, they turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to assist with the much-needed refurbishment. Gradus new Lunar Carpet tile collection in the 'Moretus' design was specified, with over 300m² installed suiting the complex and its users perfectly.

Chris Taylor, Director at APAM, commented: "We were delighted to acquire Corner Block as part of the continued expansion of Britannia's UK regional office portfolio, which now exceeds £470M. Corner Block provides an opportunity to build on our recent success in the city, utilising our local presence and our asset management expertise."

As part of the overall project picture, the Penketh Group were recently selected as furniture consultancy and procurement partner by APAM to support Manchester architecture and interior design studio, AXI. The project brief was to transform the space at Corner Block into an attractive and functional space for modern tenants. The Penketh Group team joined the AXI Studio Team to fulfil a furniture and fit out portfolio that met the design specification and budget requirements. When it came to the finishing phase of this prestigious office project, the look of the flooring would play a pivotal role in the overall aesthetics and performance of the office areas used by the tenants.

Manchester-based AXI Studio was started by three friends working in their respective fields in the design industry, coming together to offer clients a full design solution with the ability to manage a project from conception to completion. At AXI Studio they believe in producing work with purpose, projects with impact and exceeding the expectations of our clients.

Sarah de Freitas, Creative Director, AXI Studio commented, "We were appointed by APAM for the Corner Block project as we had already successfully completed another CAT B office refit for them on another re-development." On specification Sarah de Freitas went on to further comment, "We chose Gradus Lunar carpet tiles from Gerflor because the style was just right, the colour was a perfect fit, and the product was priced competitively and within budget."

Sarah de Freitas also said, "The Gradus Lunar carpet tiles are easily meeting the clients' expectations and we are extremely delighted with the final look of the flooring in situation."

Chris Taylor also commented, "Corner Block has been refurbished to an extremely high specification, and with further improvements to the tenant amenity offer which we have identified and will implement, we are confident that the building will continue to attract tenants and build on the leasing success of recent years."

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Lewis Leadeatt, Specification Manager, Gerflor North-West said, "The Gradus Lunar carpet tile had recently been launched and I met with AXI studio to introduce the new collection. The aesthetics of the tile was something that they wanted to incorporate into their next scheme. Lunar in 'Moretus' was specified for Corner Block as it's a light to mid grey and perfect match for the intended communal areas it was to be in laid in."

Lewis Leadeatt further added, "Corner Block is a newly refurbished Grade A workspace in the heart of Manchester city centre adjacent to Deansgate. The Lunar range is an attractive textured loop pile carpet tile. Inspired by the Lunar landscape, the random design is available in a choice of eight colours, four chalky neutrals and four moody greys which can be combined with Gerflor Luxury Vinyl Tiles to help create a contemporary and modern environment."

Inspired by the natural landscape of the moon, the Lunar carpet collection has a distinguished design and is available in celestial decors that will help to create an extremely stylish and modern interior. Lunar is a tufted loop pile carpet tile which can be randomly laid, it is available in eight eye-catching colourways and is on trend.

Lunar is perfect fit for commercial offices, a host of education applications and many other contract environments. Lunar is available in 500mm x 500mm format, it has 100% solution dyed, nylon, tufted, loop pile surface yarn and provides outstanding levels of performance and comfort. The Lunar Carpet collection is also available with a 12-year wear warranty and a 10-year anti-static warranty, as standard, a true commitment to its life longevity and quality. In addition to this, Lunar is stocked and readily available in the UK.

Gradus Carpets is a brand of the Gerflor Group, manufacturing premium quality carpet tiles and planks, broadloom, and impervious backed carpets. Utilising a range of high-performance yarns, Gradus' extensive range of carpets are suitable for a wide variety of contract applications including commercial office, education, and healthcare environments. It's an extensive portfolio of products ideal for a vast array of office applications whether for new build or refurbishment.

Lewis Leadeatt ended by saying, "This was a fabulous project to be involved in. The right choice was made by the client AXI when specifying the new Gradus Lunar carpet tiles collection, it is a perfect fit for the Corner Block environment. The Lunar carpet tiles look absolutely superb and I'm confident that the product installed will deliver longevity, many years of great service despite the busy footfall."

Sarah de Freitas concluded, "We would certainly specify Gradus Carpets again for future projects."

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