

KINSALE HOTEL & SPA



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Sector	Hospitality & Leisure
Product Range	Luxury Vinyl Tiles
Collection	Studio Moods
Design	Moduleo 55 Country Oak, Verdon Oak and Jura Stone in Hexagon, Herringbone and Diamond patterns
Surface	456 m ²
Client	Kinsale Hotel & Spa
Location	County Cork, Ireland
Date	2018
Interior Designer	Julia Bialas Global Design Concepts



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Studio Moods, has transformed the Rockpool Bar & Restaurant of the Kinsale Hotel & Spa, with nature-inspired floor finishes in powerful layout combinations of hexagon, herringbone and diamond.

Studio Moods provided designer, Julia Bialas, Global Design Concepts, with a floor that could provide the performance and design needed for the project:

“As the hotel’s Rockpool Bar and Restaurant is a high-trafficked area with the potential for plenty of spills, we set out looking for a product that was durable, easy to maintain and design focused,” explains Julia Bialas. “Reviewing the creative opportunity of Studio Moods, we knew it would achieve the design and functionality needed.”

Moduleo 55 LVT is a commercial-ready, high-performance LVT suitable for demanding hospitality spaces. Protected by Protectonite® PUR for a surface that’s easier to clean and keep looking good, Moduleo 55’s 0.55mm wear layer is best for busy commercial spaces.

Opting for the authenticity of the register-in-emboss (where texture mirrors pattern) of Moduleo 55 Impressive, Global Design

Concepts chose the Country Oak décor in a herringbone layout across the main bar and restaurant areas.

Julia continues: **“Moduleo 55 Impressive Country Oak was a firm favourite among our design team. The realistic pattern and texture give the resemblance of real wood, with the characteristics of a hard-wearing and durable floorcovering.”**

The herringbone of Impressive Country Oak is joined by Jura Stone from Moduleo 55 Tiles, used in a hexagon format to zone the self-service breakfast area, while a combination of both Country Oak and Verdon Oak mark the bar’s standing area with a layout in a diamond format.

The original specification involved a mix of LVT and ceramic tiles, causing height issues and meaning the use of transitions between floor coverings, but by using IVC’s Moduleo 55 specification throughout, Global Design Concepts created a unique layout with universal performance and no transitions between types.

“The bar and restaurant is a large, open area of the hotel and has a mixture of natural and artificial lighting and we wanted the floor to create a natural,

comfortable ambience,” says Julia.

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Nestled in 90 acres of wooded parkland on the southern Irish coastline, Kinsale Hotel & Spa is one of County Cork’s most popular hotels, with 70-bedrooms, a health club and the capacity for functions of up to 240 guests.

With a tight schedule imposed because of an impending wedding party booking, the hotel management team were delighted with the refurbishment:

“The client was over the moon with the final finish and despite the tight schedule, thanks to the pre-cut format of Studio Moods, we were able to get the floor fitted on-time and the design and finish met every expectation of the hotel’s management,” concludes Julia Bialas.