

Press release

BAUWERK DONATES A NEW PARQUET FLOOR TO WALDHEIM FOUNDATION

July 2021 — Every Christmas, social institutions and associations can apply for a new wooden floor as part of the Parquet Magic initiative created by the Swiss parquet manufacturer Bauwerk Parkett. The Waldheim Foundation (Stiftung Waldheim), which provides a home to people with mental and physical disabilities, was one of the winners for 2021. As a result, a 180 m² hall at the Bellevue home was equipped with parquet, immediately creating an even cosier and more comfortable mood inside.

The Waldheim Foundation's Bellevue facility is located in the idyllic Appenzell region (Switzerland) and has become a true home for its residents. Since 1943, the Waldheim Foundation has offered people with disabilities a place of residence adapted to their particular needs, with a wide range of options for living, daily activities and recreation.

The home's infrastructure includes a greenhouse and a herb sensory garden where residents can develop green fingers. There is also a llama and goat enclosure on the grounds, offering a diverse range of animal-supported therapy and everyday adventures. The woodworking shop is another special feature of the Bellevue home: its residents chop the wood from their forest into firewood here.

The workshop also creates a close connection with nature, which has become a valuable advantage for the residents who work there. Delivering the firewood to clients is a particular highlight for many. As part of the concept of inclusion, they actively participate in unloading and stacking the firewood. Also, thanks to the work carried out at the workshop, the foundation is very familiar with the wonderful material that is wood. In this way, the new parquet floor enriches the lives of the home's residents, and we are happy to know that these people have a true piece of nature under their feet, fostering the feeling of being at home at the facility.

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Some of the residents provided active assistance in installing the new parquet.

'As you can see, the residents are extremely happy. This hall is the place where countless social activities take place throughout the year: there's music, dancing, painting, building, celebrating, learning; simply put, it's a magnet for life. And the new floor will bring even more fun. So, we'd like to express our enormous thanks to Bauwerk Parkett AG for this wonderful initiative.'

– Christian Petrollini, Communications & Marketing, Waldheim Foundation –

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Product features

The Trendpark-format parquet with the B-Protect® surface treatment in Mandorla colour was installed over a total area of 185 m². Visually, the B-Protect® surface differs only slightly from natural, untreated wood; functionally, it offers all the advantages of a classic lacquer coating. This way, the parquet gets optimum protection, retains its natural radiance and feel, and becomes very durable and easy to care for.

The Trendpark format is based on a high-quality 11-mm thick 2-layer oak plank with a spruce-fir underlayer, whereby all of the wood comes from sustainable forest estates. The planks are 100% healthy for living, made in Switzerland, and meet the strict requirements of the eco-INITIUT label. They also have been awarded the Cradle-to-Cradle™ Bronze certification. This means that Bauwerk goes the extra mile to guarantee maximum intrinsic value, safety and certainty in making a contribution to people's health and to the environment.

Bauwerk Parkett company profile

Bauwerk Parkett is a Swiss company with a long tradition of producing parquet with reliability and precision, satisfying even the most demanding of requirements. Bauwerk is proud of its origins but also focuses on innovation. The parquet manufacturer has undergone many changes in recent years and is now treading a new path. From its origins as a technology and production-oriented enterprise, it has become more market-oriented, working to promote issues, such as healthy living, sustainability and design.

More than 60% of all Bauwerk products are made in St. Margrethen (Switzerland). Bauwerk Parkett AG has two additional factories: in Kietaviskes (Lithuania, operational since 2014) and Đurđevac (Croatia, operational since 2017). Bauwerk's range includes more than 350 products: from 2- and 3-layer to solid wood parquet. In 2020, Bauwerk sold some 4 million square metres of parquet.

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