



A young man called Nils-Erik Eklund had the foresight and business acumen to see a great opportunity in the piles of textile waste being produced at a neighbouring factory. From this waste, rag rugs were produced and three generations and countless exciting twists and turns later, Bolon is a flooring solution that meets the exacting demands of retail businesses the world over.



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Bolon is an internationally acclaimed manufacturer of superior quality woven vinyl flooring. We draw our influences from the world of fashion, designing and producing unique woven floors for creative and inspiring environments. Our clients include international brands and we collaborate with world-famous designers and architects. Whilst this gives us immense satisfaction, we are equally proud to offer a

product that represents a pragmatic, functional and environmentally considerate choice for commercial premises of every type and size.

So welcome to our world - a world where innovation, borderless creativity and focused practicality combine to offer you flooring that is truly one of a kind.



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## BOLON FLOORINGS AND HOTEL INTERIORS -A PERFECT MATCH

Our flooring collections combine aesthetic beauty with a woven tactile feeling. Together, a warm ambience is created that lifts the feeling of quality in corridors, rooms, public spaces or restaurants. From a practical perspective, features such as high fire resistance, ease of cleaning and effective noise absorption contribute to our flooring's superior performance wherever it is used in the hotel.

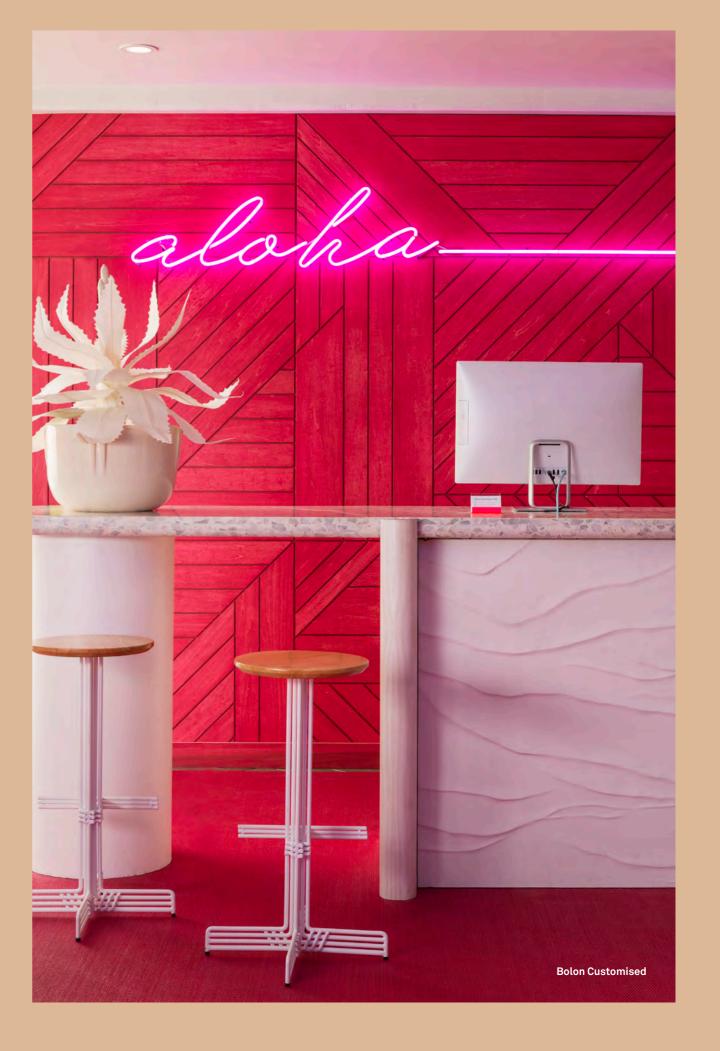
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### WHY BOLON IS A BETTER CHOICE

CHARACTERISTIC	BOLON	CARPET	RESILIENT VINYL, LINO, RUBBER	HARD WOOD	CONCRETE, STONE, CERAMIC
Return on Investment <sup>1</sup>	•	•	•	•	•
Appearance retention over time <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•	•	•
Textile appearance	•	•	•	_	_
Comfort under foot	•	•	•	_	_
Impact sound reduction <sup>3</sup>	•	•	•	•	•
Able to be disinfected	•	•	•	•	•
Slip resistance	•	•	•	•	•
Impervious material	•	-	•	_	•
Antistatic properties	•	•	•	•	•
Hypoallergenic properties	•	-	•	•	•
Ease of rolling loads	•	•	•	•	•
Resistance to microbial growth	•	•	•	_	•
Minimal chemical maintenance 4	•	•	•	•	•

● HIGH ● LOW — NOT APPLICABLE

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Competitive durability properties, superior quality, and easy cleaning and maintenance allow for a high return of your initial investment. See page 24

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Unlike textile, carpet or hardwood, our flooring retains its appearance without flattening. See page 24

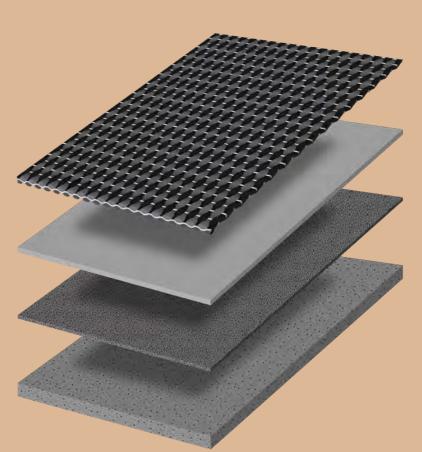
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Our acoustic flooring improves the decibel value from 11 dB to 17 dB. See page 26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Cleaning can be accomplished with a vacuum cleaner, water, or a minimal dose of cleaning agent. <u>See page 18</u>



### A CLOSER LOOK OF OUR PRODUCT

Bolon floorings are composed of four layers, one weave and three backing, giving the product its unique qualities. The weave layer is formed by vinyl warp and weft threads tightly woven together. The variations of the warp and weft yarn together with the different weaving techniques gives Bolon flooring its vast design alternatives.



#### 1. WEAVE

The weave layer consists of vinyl warp and weft yarns tightly woven together.

#### 2. UPPER LAYER

The upper backing layer gives the flooring its fire-protective properties.

### 3. GLASS FIBRE

The middle backing layer consists of glass fibre giving the flooring dimension and stability.

### 4. SOLID BASE

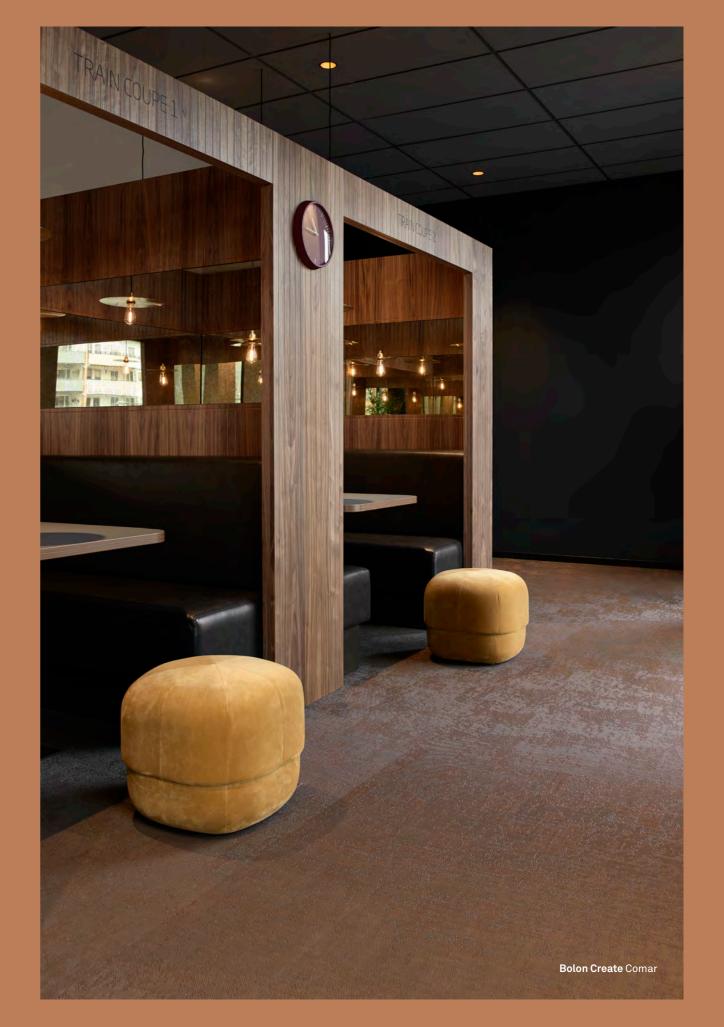
The bottom backing layer contains recycled material and is changeable for specific needs such as acoustics.

### **DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**

- > Original collections all our collections are designed to last
- > Tile design tool -visually combine tiles with designs in our online tool.
- > Bolon by You create a unique and personalized flooring design
- > Collaborative collections we team up with some of the world's
- > Customised floorings we're more than happy to help you

### **A UNIQUE** VISUAL EXPERIENCE

- > HIGH-END DESIGN every collection is a visual, sensual
- > LIVING DESIGN the reflective qualities of our flooring
- > FLEXIBILITY Bolon floorings can be designed in many
- **> WOVEN STRUCTURE** the unique vinyl weave provides





### CUSTOMISATION FOR YOUR PROJECT

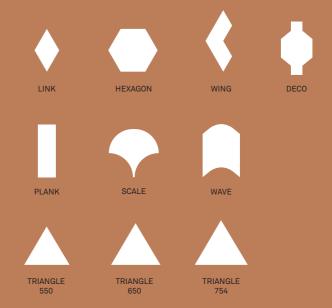
Sometimes, an interior project demands unique design to deliver that final touch making all the difference. We're more than happy to help you create that project specific flooring. Feel free to contact us with your idea and let us become a part of your creative process. The design possibilities are pearly engless.

For more information, please contact



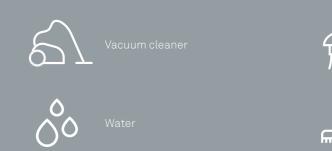
# BOLON STUDIO™ CREATIVITY ON YOUR TERMS

Room, corridors, public areas or restaurants - any part of a hotel environment can be transformed by creative and inspiring interiors. Our Bolon Studio™ concept makes it easier than ever to achieve this. With Bolon Studio™, you can explore different sizes and shapes to let creativity truly express itself. Consider colour choice, room characteristics and how the light falls – and discover how Bolon flooring adds unique ambience and character to your interior



### RIGHT FLOORING FOR THE RIGHT PLACE

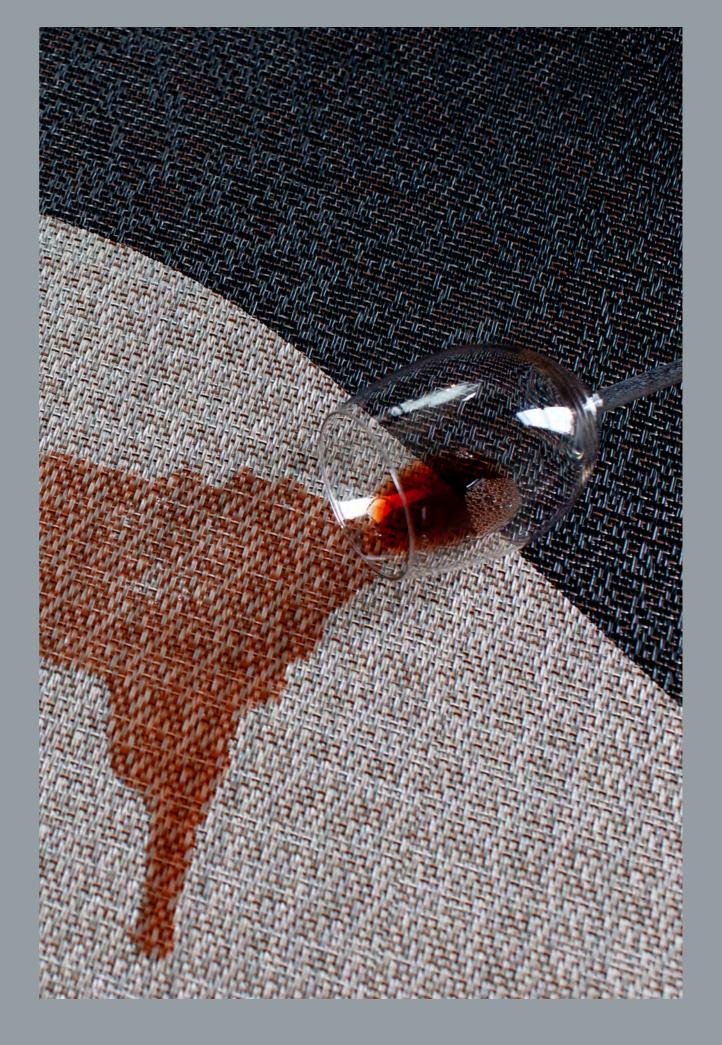
### **EASYTO CLEAN** EASY TO USE













## STAIN REMOVAL

STAIN	CLEAN WITH
Chocolate, fat, juice, cream, coffee, beer, wine*	Hot water + strong cleaner
Asphalt, oil, shoecream, chalk, ink	Chemically pure petrol
Blood	Cold water – ammonia if needed
Rust	Light acidic (pH3-4) cleaner
Water-based glue	Hot water
Solvent-baset glue	Chemically pure petrol
Marks from shoes*	Rub dry with cloth
Chewing gum*	Hot steam or freeze spray

<sup>\*</sup>Click here to see our instructional films about cleaning.

## PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES

- > EASY TO CLEAN the vast majority of cleaning tasks can be accomplished with a vacuum cleaner, water, scrubbing brush and a minimal dose of cleaning agent.
- > HYGIENIC Our floorings are impervious to any spill or mess which makes them easy to clean and maintain.
- > BETTER INDOOR AIR QUALITY Bolon has VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) emissions well below recommended levels.



MARIE EKLUND

Owner and CEO of Bolon

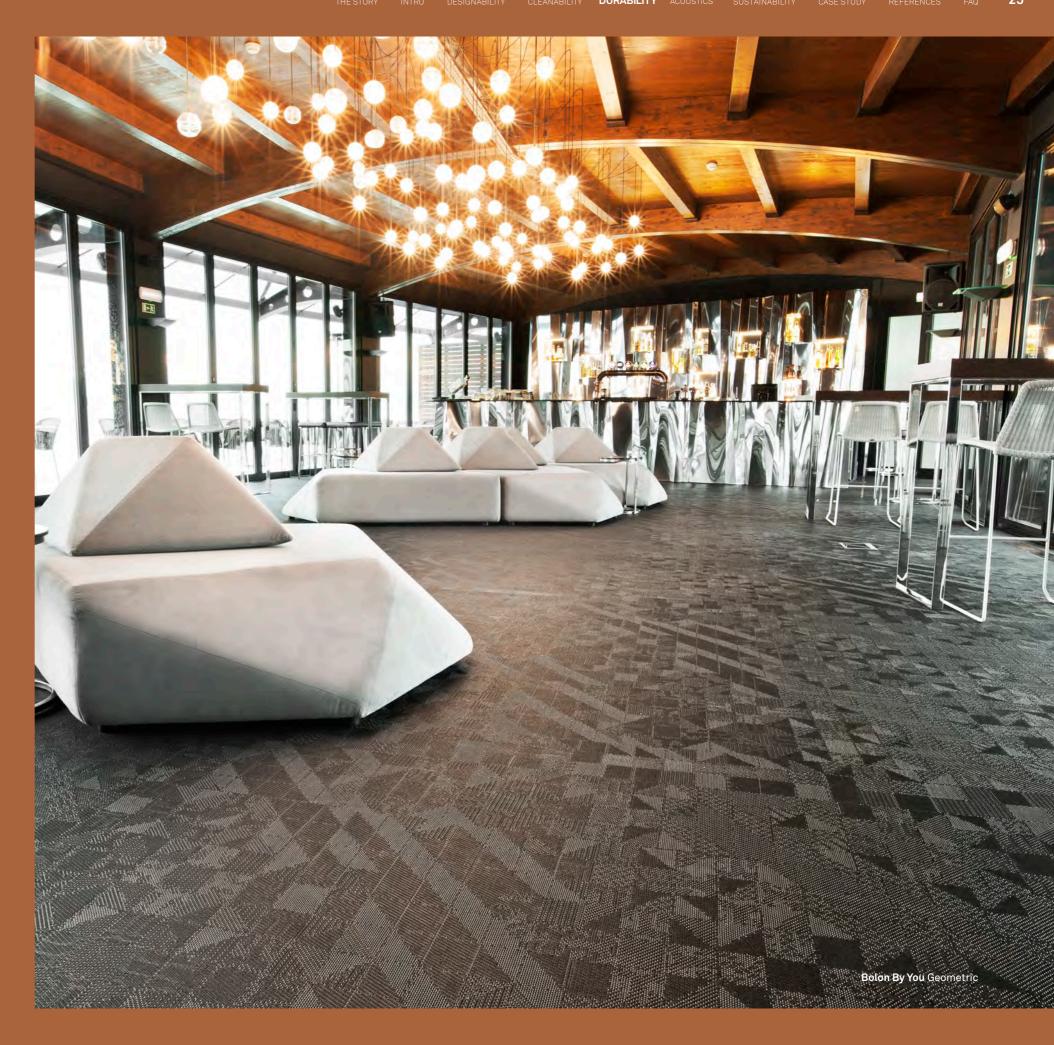


### A SMARTER INVESTMENT

Bolon flooring has a long product lifetime during which we offer warranties up to 15 years. And with its competitive durability properties, superior quality, and easy cleaning and maintenance routines it ensures for a high return of your initial investment.

### LONG TERM BENEFITS

- > DURABILITY -all our collections have ISO 10874 durability class 32 or 33 which ensures for a long product life
- > WARRANTY all our flooring collections comes with 10 or 15- years warranty
- > APPEARANCE RETENTION unlike textile, carpet or hardwood, our flooring retains its appearance without flattening
- > KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE— our unique background and product together with our position as a world leader in woven design flooring make Bolon flooring a safe and sound investment.

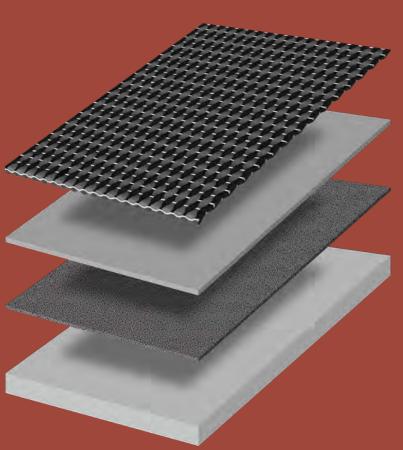


### **DESIGNING WITH** ACOUSTIC FLOORINGS

Fortunately, all Bolon floorings are available with Impact 17 dB. This flooring enhancement is a perfect choice for

### SILENCE WITHOUT COMPROMISE

- > DECIBEL VALUE reduced sound level to the adjacent floor is 17 dB.
- GREAT PERFORMANCE the sound insulation layer doesn't affect the floorings performative qualities such as fire rating, durability or warranty.
- > THICKER FLOORING the insulation layer makes the flooring thicker 5 mm matching other flooring types.
- > SOFTER another great benefit of acoustic Bolon flooring is that it makes it softer and more comfortable to walk on.



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### 4. IMPACT SOUND INSULATION

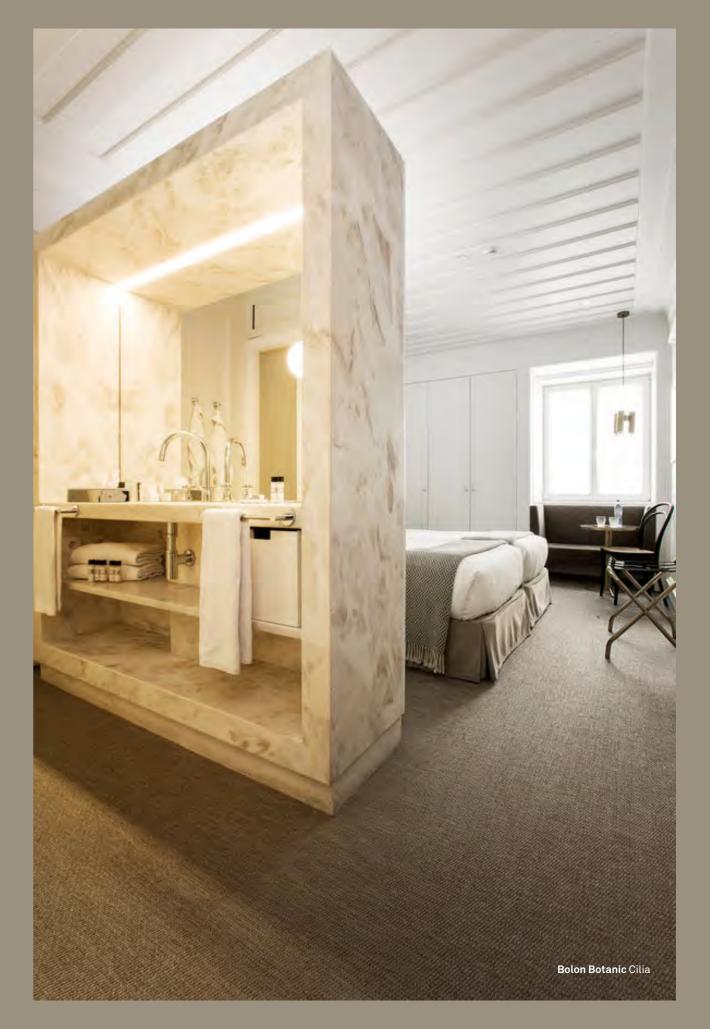
The bottom backing layer consists of a thick solid base which offers unique characteristics such as sound insulation.



### **SUSTAINABILITY AS STANDARD**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE** OF BOLON FLOORINGS

- > RECYCLED WASTE All collections contain recycled material
- > RENEWABLE ENERGY We use 100% renewable energy in
- **> BEST PRACTICE PVC -** We only use best practice PVC and
- > PHTHALATE FREE All our products are 100% phthalate free.
- > INTEGRATED RECYCLING Our recycling plant is integrated
- > CLEAN MAINTENANCE Cleaning can in, most cases,
- **> GREEN TRANSPORT -** We primarily work with local suppliers





# THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED NATURE HAVEN

Located in Saariselkä, 260 km north of the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland, Javri Lodge claims to be the northernmost hotel in the world. It's a wooden chalet-style boutique hotel that attracts visitors who are seeking an escape from a hectic life, often craving an opportunity to experience an intimate connection with nature – while simultaneously staying in a hotel that reflects their ecological and sustainable values.

### **CHALLENGE** Traditional and Contemporary

The locals z are the founders and owners of Javri Lodge. They wanted to create a contemporary hotel experience without compromising with the nature or heritage of the north. "Since we took over the hotel three years ago, it has become clear that respect for nature, guests' appreciation of purity and other general ecological and ethical values are the most important aspects of our hotel philosophy. So those were the most important values when we started to develop the building", says the Mehtajarvi couple.

#### **VISION** The Sum of Impressions

The most important aspect in the choice of flooring was not to choose a design element that would be a competitor to the walls but rather highlight the wooden feeling of the lodge.

"We wanted those kinds of old-style elements in the wooden building. The flooring we fell for is very much like these old-style linen cloths, used in saunas as a seat cover in Finnish "laudeliina". The pattern is exactly like that... The kind we used in the 60's and 70's – which happens to be the same time those log-walls were built", says Juha.

#### **SOLUTION** Customised and durable

Javri Lodge is partly made of Kelohirsi – a wooden material characteristic of its strong nature-inspired aesthetics. Javri's wooden frame structure along with the customised Bolon flooring with a Silence pattern contributes to a high indoor air quality and good acoustics while simultaneously providing a durable approach to design.



" We can see that the design element that has raised the most interest among our visitors is by far the flooring. "

-JUHA MEHTAJAVRI
Co-founder of Javri Lodge















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### PROOF OF PERFORMANCE

Our products and processes have been awarded stringent environmental certifications for buildings including GreenTag, BREEAM and Floorscore, which contribute to a higher LEED rating. These third-party verified certifications are one way of demonstrating and communicating our environmental quality. Our declarations provide transparency and availability for everyone. Because Bolon operates in many different markets, we have many different certificates and declarations.

Click here to read more about our certificates.

































### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### **XX TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE**

#### IS THE FLOORING ACOUSTIC?

Our flooring's impact sound insulation varies for different products from 11dB to 17dB. Make sure to read the designated product specification.

#### WHAT IS THE FIRE RATING OF YOUR FLOORING?

Bolon flooring complies with the requirements in the European, standard En 13501-1, fire classification of construction products, and has achieved the rating just below non-combustible material. This classification is called BflS1 and includes both fire and smoke production. Bolon flooring is approved for emergency exit routes in Sweden.

#### WHAT IS THE FLOORING'S SLIP RESISTANCE ASSESSMENT?

CE certification for the floor includes a slip resistance assessment. The lowest value for materials used in public areas is 0.3. Bolon's collections have a slip resistance value of >0.5

#### IS BOLON FLOORING ANTI-STATIC?

Bolon flooring does not generate a static charge but it cannot be classified as an electrostatic dissipating floor. Bolon flooring has been tested and fulfill the requirements of the European Directive EN 1815.

### Q₽ INSTALLATION

#### CAN BOLON FLOORING BE INSTALLED ON CHIPBOARD. PLYWOOD AND CONCRETE, PORCELAIN AND CERAMIC FLOORING?

Yes. It is important with a leveled subfloor for a good result. Make sure that the adhesive used is compatible with vinyl and the subfloor.

#### CAN I USE BOLON FLOORING ON RAISED FLOORS?

Yes. Especially our tiles work excellent for raised floors. For more information contact your local partner.

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

#### IS BOLON FLOORING HEALTHY AND SAFE?

Yes. Our floors are free from additives such as phthalates or heavy metals. The PVC used comes from environmentally certified factories that have low emissions and efficient energy use. Moreover, our floors have low emission values of VOC and are featured in various hospitals and healthcare practices around the world. All collections are recommended by The Norwegian Asthma and Allergy Association (NAAF).



### SUSTAINABILITY

#### DO YOU CALCULATE THE FLOORING'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ACROSS THE WHOLE LIFE-CYCLE?

Yes, we have performed so-called EPD's, life cycle analyses, on all our collections. The analyses made it clear that the biggest climate impact comes from the production of the vinyl raw material. We will reduce this climate impact in the coming years.

#### WHICH PRODUCTS CONTAIN RECYCLED MATERIAL?

All of our collections contain recycled materials. The proportion of recycled material varies between 10-30% of the total material used.

#### IS PLASTIC A GOOD MATERIAL FOR FLOORING?

Plastic can be a beneficial material for flooring in particular. This depends on the type of plastic used and how it is handled. The plastic we use is hardwearing with a 10- or 15- year guarantee. Our raw material, PVC, can be recycled up to seven times and it is completely free of additives such as phthalates or heavy metals. Our floors have low emission values and are, therefore, approved for hospital environments. The floors are also easy to clean, usually, plain water is all that's needed to clean them. Based on these facts, a plastic floor from Bolon is many times a good environmental option compared to other flooring.



For more information, please reach out to

