



# GREAT DESIGN FLOORING

**W**hether you are building a new home, upgrading or renovating your existing space, including hardwood floors in your design plans is a must!

When renovating there is no greater pleasure than ripping out those old dingy carpets and replacing them with clean, durable flooring materials. Did you know that if you suffer from dust or pollen allergies or are simply looking to refresh the air in your home, installing hardwood floors may be a better option. This is because, unlike carpet, hardwood floors have a sealed surface that

is quick and easy to clean. This means that little if any air born allergens, such as dust or pollen, are trapped on these surfaces and you can breathe easy.

Now that hardwood floors are becoming more popular it can get confusing to determine what species to go with, what colour and style to choose and, most importantly, what floor you will want to live with for the next 10 to 15 years.

Many of the hardwood influences are coming over from Europe where the style is much more contemporary, natural and minimal. The trends that we are seeing in-

creasingly more often is the distressed surfaces and the brushed and oiled floors with a rustic, organic look – showing an aged and raw finish. It is all about the rich texture and the natural character of the wood species. One company to look at that offers a vast array of styles and finishes is Kentwood. Their most recent collection – “The Milltown Collection” – appeals to a wide variety of style preferences and regardless of where these stunning floors end up, they will stand the test of time in terms of aesthetics and durability alike. What I love about Milltown is that that their weathered surface ages particularly well over time,

helping to hide the natural wear and tear that daily life brings. This line of hardwood floors gives the popular raw, rustic look a refined new edge, which is achieved through the thoughtful application of saw marks to the surface of each hardwood oak plank.

The stunning weathered, barn-board-style collection is offered in a palette of contemporary colours that range from soft greys to bold browns. The distressed, weather style of flooring is a wonderful enhancement in any room, and lends itself beautifully to many different design aesthetics whether urban, luxury or relaxed country-chic

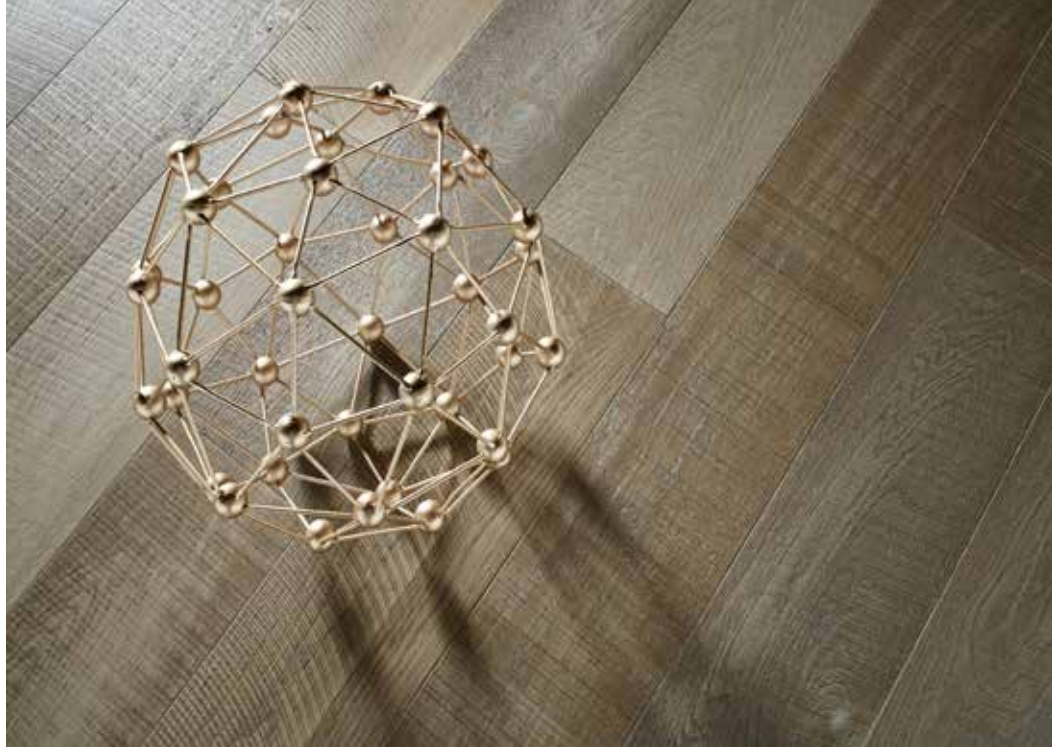
The current popular colours in hardwood floors today continue to be in the warm earth tones, natural colours and have also moved towards the pewter and ash tones which include the charcoal grays and even some of the softer grays. .

### HERE ARE A FEW TIPS WHEN LOOKING TO PURCHASE FLOORING FOR YOUR NEXT RENOVATION:

1 Make sure to consider companies that offer a solid warranty for their flooring products such as Kentwood.

2 Enlist the expertise of a reputable flooring specialist who can help you identify the best selections for your home. Check out the various Carpet One Floor & Home locations with quality, satisfaction guarantees.

3 Become knowledgeable with products available today, the finishes, how they behave, their durability, cleaning requirements etc to determine the most appropriate selections for your day to day life-style needs.



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