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Welcome to Moboo Bamboo Traders

When considering your choice of bamboo and bamboo suppliers, please consider the following extremely important points:

- Even though bamboo is abundant and fast growing, considerable amount of investment has gone into researching, developing and manufacturing quality bamboo floors. The quality of raw materials, resins, finishing materials and the manufacturing process are imperative to a top quality finished product. Bamboo may all appear the same on the surface; however this is most definitely not the case. Very often, as with most products, you get what you pay for. Cutting initial costs may well cost you more in the long run. Although price is a key factor in choosing a bamboo floor, there are other very important factors that must be taken into consideration.
- Bamboo is a natural product; hence colour variation is to be expected. However, a good quality product is well sorted and graded in order to avoid extreme colour variation, (even within each plank) and to ensure your floor is more consistent in colour tones and texture. Please ask for more than a small sample to be shown to you.
- The quality of the raw bamboo is very important as to the final quality of your floor. If bamboo is cut too early (before 3-5 years), the floor will be streaky in appearance. More importantly immature bamboo is not as hard as mature bamboo (5/6 years); therefore your floor will not be as durable as flooring manufactured from more mature, harder bamboo.
- The Moboo Strand Woven Bamboo Flooring range is installed using the patented Uniclic® technology. No other click system can match its simplicity and efficiency, making it quicker and far more cost effective than standard Tongue & Groove. Not only is it a healthier option (no glue between the planks), but it is easier to replace a plank, should there ever be a need to do so.
- Even though bamboo is extremely hard this is superfluous if the flooring has an inferior finishing sealant. Ensure the products have a quality finish, (ask to see a certificate) with either German manufactured Klumpp or Treffert – to test the quality of the finishing product, use a coin to try and scratch the surface of your sample. If you have to put in serious effort to make a scratch, you know you have a good finish! Please – let no one tell you it is **NORMAL** that bamboo floors scratch in the normal course of use – this is most definitely **NOT** the case.
- Are the supplier and their products carrying the correct certification? ISO Certification, CE and FSC to name but a few. A product and its warranties are only as strong as its weakest link.

On to the good stuff then...

Quality, Price and Value

Moboo Bamboo Flooring is a solid “wood” floor, and is of superior quality compared with far more expensive and unsustainable hardwood timbers. The pricing structure fits neatly in between laminates and exotic timber floors (please note that not all laminates and hard wood floors will fit that description)

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Green the Planet!

Bamboo is THE most eco-friendly, sustainable and renewable flooring solution available on the market, with an almost “zero” carbon footprint. Only one particular species of bamboo is used in the production of architectural bamboo products – Moso Bamboo – it grows up to 30m in height, and approximately 15cm in diameter.

Carbon Dioxide: Moso Bamboo has an exceptionally high carbon conversion rate - it sequesters up to 70% more carbon dioxide, and produces up to 35% more oxygen, than hardwood forests. The rhizome root system also binds soil more effectively preventing erosion.

Regeneration: Moso Bamboo can be harvested without the need to replant, hence there is no deforestation – and the ecological balance remains intact.

Sustainable: A Moso Bamboo forest is of mixed age between 1 to 5 years, and the optimum age to harvest Moso Bamboo is 5 years – therefore in a sustainably harvested forest, only the 5 year growth, or 20% of the forest is cut annually, and therefore 100% of the forest can be harvested sustainably in a 5 year period.

Carbon foot-print: Moso bamboo forests require no pesticides, fertilizers or irrigation, and as it grows naturally, it requires no human resources.

Emissions: All binding agents, adhesives and top coats used in the **Moboo** flooring manufacturing process, are free of urea formaldehyde, and meet European and World Health Organization Emission Standards.

All of these unique factors contribute towards making Moboo Bamboo Flooring the greenest, most eco-friendly, sustainable and renewable flooring solution on the market.

Unique features

Hypoallergenic: **Moboo** Bamboo flooring is non-pollutant and termite resistant, with low dust retention properties, reducing potential allergy problems – a big advantage over carpets.

Extremely hard and durable: **Moboo** Bamboo flooring can be used in almost any interior application, from homes and hotels, to retail outlets and commercial properties. It has greater tensile strength (resistance to being pulled apart) than steel, and it withstands compression better than concrete. **Moboo** floors could be re-sanded, and re-sealed without losing its colour, providing many years of use.

Excellent moisture and water anti-absorption: Because of the climate in which it grows and its inherent natural properties (90% fibre/10% starch), it is less susceptible to absorbing water and moisture – great for those “little” accidents, kids and commercial applications.

Very stable: No warping or cupping due to its low moisture absorption properties.

Pre-finished: **Moboo** Bamboo flooring is a pre-finished product, with up to 7 layers of German-produced UV resistant coatings, reducing long term wear and tear, and saving on overall building and installation costs and time.

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Fantastic insulation: Warm in winter, cool in summer – providing a distinct advantage over tiles.

An individual, custom, flooring solution: Almost any style, finish, shade or colour is available for that tailored, individual result.

Originality: **Moboo** Bamboo flooring gives you a fresh, new look compared with other flooring applications – bamboo provides a unique warm, flowing and natural feel to your home!

Installation, maintenance and other FAQ's

Q: How do you install **Moboo** Bamboo flooring?

A: Premium grade bamboo flooring can be installed by various methods depending on site conditions and the bamboo floor you choose. The boards can be glued directly onto the sub floor, fixed direct to batons or plywood, or free floating on foam underlay. We recommend the floating floor system.

Q: Do you organise the installation?

A: Yes, however we will only introduce you to our approved installer, and with whom you will deal directly, should you accept their quote. We have found it far more cost effective for you to deal directly with the installer.

Q: How long will it take to install my bamboo floor?

A: This is entirely dependant on the size of the job and the difficulty of the layout. Installations are typically quick, clean and easy and usually take about one third the time of laying a solid timber floor. Some homes can be done in a day; others can take up to one week. The only exception to this would be if the untreated moboo flooring option is chosen, then with treatment/finishing, the floor may take at least double the time it would take to install a prefinished floor.

Q: Will there be any dust or bad fumes? Will we have to leave the home during installation?

A: Pre-finished: There is no need for you to move out. All the boards are pre-finished which means there is no sanding and polishing in the home. If glued down, or together, then there may be a faint smell on the first day or two, but since we only supply Moboo Bamboo using the Uniclic technology, you will not have this to consider.

A: Sanded/polished/treated/finished in house: The laying of the boards is quick and clean. The glue used to bond the boards to the sub floor, or together in case of T&G, can give off a faint smell on the first day or two. Once the glue dries there is no release of smell. The sanding and polishing process will be a little dusty, but no more than any other untreated floors.

Q: Can I install bamboo flooring over existing tiles?

A: Yes. It is not uncommon to install bamboo flooring over tiles. The tiling surface should be thoroughly checked by the installer, prior to installation.

Q: Can I install bamboo floor over existing timber floors?

A: Yes. Existing timber floors are no different to other types of sub floor and as long as they are level, and moisture free. Again, careful inspection must be carried out by the installer.

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Q: How do I care for my moboo flooring?

A: Quick guide to maintain your floor's beauty:

1. Install protector felt on furniture
2. Use area rugs on high traffic pathways
3. Place mats at exterior doors to trap sand and grit from incoming traffic
4. Remove spills promptly
5. Vacuum or sweep floor regularly with a soft broom to remove sand and grit
6. We recommend using Micro fibre cleaning mops

Q: What happens if I damage my bamboo floor?

A: It is inevitable that your floor will become damaged at some point. This is no different to solid timber, laminate or any other wooden flooring. The type of damage will dictate the best course of action. One of the great advantages of pre-finished **Moboo** Bamboo flooring is that damaged boards can be easily rectified. In most cases a great result is achieved by simply removing and replacing the damaged boards returning your floor to its original condition. The process is a little more complicated for sanded and polished floors as you may require an additional coat of polish or a re-sand over the entire floor once a board has been replaced.

Q: What happens if my floor gets flooded?

A: It really depends on the severity of the flooding, and is dependant on the volume of water spilt on the floor and how long it remains on the floor before it dries or is drained away. In minor flooding scenarios often there is no change to the floor's appearance, however instances of major flooding can result in the floor having to be repaired by replacing boards in the damaged area or by sanding and polishing. **Moboo** Bamboo boards are engineered in such a way that help them to be more resistant to moisture than a solid timber floor and are therefore can often withstand these situations with more resilience. It is also understood that the bamboo fibre is regarded to be more water resistant than most timber fibres.

And finally, something for fun....

An Ode to Bamboo

A man can sit in a bamboo house under a bamboo roof, on a bamboo chair at a bamboo table, with a bamboo hat on his head and bamboo sandals on his feet. He can at the same time hold in one hand, a bamboo bowl, in the other hand bamboo chopsticks and eat bamboo sprouts. When through with his meal, which has been cooked over a bamboo fire, the table may be washed with a bamboo cloth, and he can fan himself with a bamboo fan, take a siesta on a bamboo bed, lying on a bamboo mat with his head resting on a bamboo pillow. His child might be lying in a bamboo cradle, playing with a bamboo toy. On rising, he would smoke a bamboo pipe and taking a bamboo pen, write on bamboo paper, or carry his articles in bamboo baskets suspended from a bamboo pole, with a bamboo umbrella over his head. He might then take a walk over a bamboo suspension bridge, drink water from a bamboo ladle, and scrape himself with a bamboo scraper (handkerchief) ~ Anon.

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