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Flooring that makes the most of a variety of spaces

MERCADO LITTLE SPAIN is a fun and vibrantly designed new gastronomic project in New York City featuring a variety of tiles by **Spanish manufacturer Vives Ceramica**. Spanish chef José Andrés, based in the US, has worked with countrymen and fellow chefs the Adrià brothers to create a collection of eateries in the Hudson Yards design district of the city that offer a fresh take on the traditional Spanish market.

The site offers 3,200 sq m of space that is divided into different restaurants and shopping experiences, all styled to offer a distinct Spanish look. The project, carried out by Capella García Studio, uses more than 50 tile designs.

Mercado Little Spain

New York City

One of the two restaurants, Leña, features the World Woods porcelain tile series, combining the rhombus format with rectangles to create an original ceramic pattern for the central space. By contrast, for the kitchen, the classic 10x20cm Morthier Natural bevelled design and the Nordland ceramic wood-effect range were chosen.

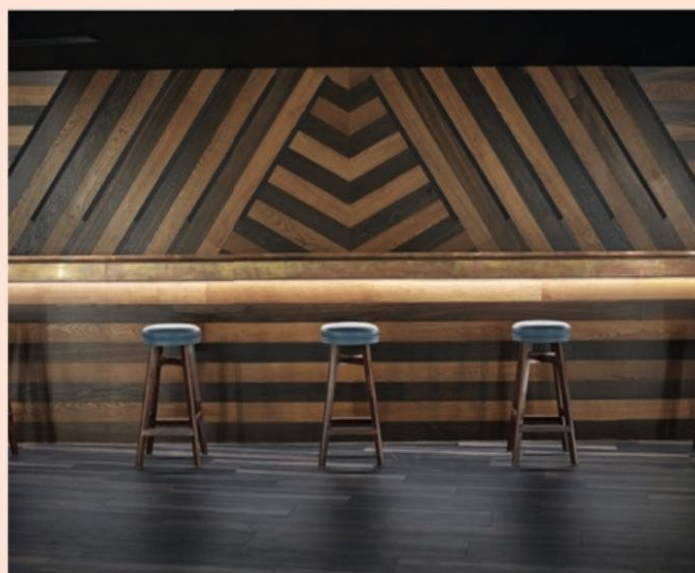
The flower market features cement-effect tiles from Vives Ceramica's World Streets range - tiles that are ideal for flooring as they are available in anti-slip versions. The matt-finish gres porcelain tiles come in a 20x20cm format and in a variety of subtle patterns as well as plains that can be randomly put together or organised in a single design group.



Left The flower market features cement-effect tiles from Vives Ceramica

At the centre of the market is the Spanish Diner. World Streets porcelain floor tiles were used for the floor, which is contrasted dramatically with floral patchwork wall tiles, Patchwork-12, on the main bar. The Bar Celona cocktail bar features an imaginative mix of Vives' wood-effect ceramic tiles, including Gamma Miel on the floor.

The area of the market devoted to deserts - Pastes & Helados - has a distinct look made up of a variety of neutral tiles. On the floor different designs have been used to differentiate areas and include Amalfi Beige, Amalfi Grafito, and Cavour Cemento porcelain tiles. vivesceramica.com/en | capellagarcia.com/en/studio | littlespain.com



Junipers Bar

Maidstone, Kent

JUNIPERS BAR in Maidstone, Kent, is a good example of a successful renovation of a dated building. Using a range of Havwoods products across the walls, floors and cladding, the building's interior has been transformed into a stylish, contemporary space that integrates into its prime town centre location.

The project takes Bronzo and Notte products from the flooring brand's The Italian Collection, a range inspired by the intricate floors of Italy and comprising of chevron, herringbone and plank-style board in a spectrum of shades. Narrower in form and with a thinner composition, their size offers the flexibility to create more complex flooring patterns.

Meanwhile, the Istra Stretched and Darna Stretched boards are taken from the Design From Havwoods collection, which includes both engineered and solid-construction planks, alongside the introduction of a select range of reclaimed wood.

The end result is a new, bustling and stylish, yet timeless, destination that offers a retro 'traditional' 1920s vibe and bright 1970s furniture, but with a modern twist.

Above The bar mixes a retro feel with contemporary design

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