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BOEN'S TRICK: FOLDED TOP LAYERS FOR SEAMLESS STAIR NOSINGS

Supported by its new folding technology, the parquet specialist BOEN will make stair nosings with a seamless edge. As part of this treatment, called Origami-Tech, the top layer of the parquet is folded at an angle of 45 degrees twice without breaking. This creates a 90-degree edge with a half-bevel that gently rounds off the stair edge. The stability of the edges is greatly improved as a result, and the surface protection against dirt, dust and humidity remains unchanged.

Inspired by the Japanese art of origami, BOEN revolutionises the production of stair nosings: their weakness has always been the front edge, where the tread and the riser meet. Even with highly precise mitre cuts and modern joining technology, the joint at this point remains sensitive. Also, being a natural product, wooden stairs have their own unique grain. Even with careful selection of cover layers, the edge breaks its continuity. "With our new production process, the top layer is flexibly bent throughout the entire stair nosing. Each stair is, quite literally, cast in one piece. The surface protection – for example, our 'Live Pure' lacquering – remains completely unchanged at the same time", BOEN Product Manager Andreas Tippel notes. "The new design gives the stair stability as well as a top-quality look, and it simply feels good to touch: something that our clients notice first when they walk around the house barefoot or in socks."

The stair nosings therefore match perfectly BOEN's hardwood floors range, making stairs a connecting element between storeys in terms of their visual design. However, this is not the only way in which BOEN offers continuous design. **Skirtings, with the same colour and surface texture as the floor, provide for unified design possibilities.** "Skirtings that are in harmony with the floor make the room more balanced and optically enlarge the floor surface. Aesthetically, the room becomes one, so to speak. It is these details that make a home perfect", Mr Tippel says.

BOEN offers skirtings that match all BOEN floors in colour, with the option of a veneer or parquet top layer. The range is extended with classic white skirtings in two variants.

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About BOEN

The success story of BOEN began in 1641, as two sawmills were founded in southern Norway. Authenticity, impeccable craftsmanship, long-lasting products and attractive design are the features of their brand, which over the last 350 years has become an enterprise operating on an international level. Its portfolio currently includes a full set of parquet floors: Classic floors, numerous plank formats and exclusive premium planks for three-layer parquet floors, strip parquet and plank formats as two-layer parquet floor, as well as sports parquet floors are some of the entries in the range of a total of 300 different floors. In all of its product groups, BOEN focuses on refining oak surfaces.

Through its sales centres in Norway (Kristiansand), Lithuania (Kietaviskés) and Germany (Möln), BOEN distributes its products to over 50 countries on 4 continents.

BOEN is part of the Bauwerk BOEN Group that was created as a result of the merger of Bauwerk Parkett AG and BOEN AS on the 22nd May 2013, becoming a leading European developer, manufacturer and supplier of premium parquet floors, and the second largest supplier of hardwood floors in the market. In 2016, the group generated a turnover of CHF 279.4 million, and employed some 1900 people. The head administrative office of the group is located in St. Margrethen, Switzerland.