

Ottery Hypermarket *chooses* Italian class!

"Budget price is always an issue; forgivingly based on the quantum we required, we were able to afford an excellent quality Italian floor tile from Kenzan Tiles. It was essential that the tile would withstand the high-traffic volumes which this Hypermarket enjoys." - Sean Hayden of KMH Architects



These are the words of Sean Hayden of KMH Architects. This celebrated practice formed in Cape Town in 1912 is currently handling the refurbishment of the Ottery Hypermarket, where the new mall tiles have already been installed and are looking great, but there are still more aesthetic changes to come.

The flooring component of the project was a challenge for the architects. Nothing about the building at the Ottery Mall was conventional. A typical example is the shop fronts, which are void of any consistency and are neither aligned nor matching in height.

In order to accommodate the variation at the shop face, a perimeter border tile was introduced which in turn featured a piano-key pattern in the middle.

Sean Hayden said, "We are familiar with who has what type of flooring products on the market, we were specifically looking for a Grade One tile, which was calibrated and rectified (same size and thickness) to ensure that it would survive the foot traffic of a busy centre."

"Kenzan were professional, there were no hiccups and they were always at our beck and call, which we valued

throughout the project," says Sean.

Nathalie Glenn from Kenzan provided further detail on the project. "It was a very technical project, with a number of challenges," she says. "But our Italian factory gave us the backup and outstanding service that we needed. They have extensive knowledge and experience, excellent products, are flexible, and honour all their promises."

"It is nice to know that the new flooring can confidently take the Ottery Mall into its next 20 years," she concludes. ■

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