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THE EDITOR

CFJ editor David Strydom has written and reported across several areas of expertise during a comprehensive journalistic career spanning over 25 years. After successfully editing trade magazine titles including automation and robotics, food manufacturing and facilities management over several years, David started editing CFJ in February 2016.

THE PUBLICATION

Published monthly, Contract Flooring Journal is widely recognised as the leading magazine in the flooring industry, strengthened by having the sector's highest requested readership, including subscriptions. CFJ has a circulation that is meticulously targeted and constantly updated to ensure that it is sent only to the people who want to receive it and read it.

CFJ covers all types of flooring with authority, including essential business information in addition to insider comment, advice, expert analysis and lively debate.

THE PUBLISHER

Kick-Start Publishing has become a major specialist publisher in the construction and interiors market. Since its establishment in 1999, Kick-Start has become well-respected and influential. It's titles, CFJ and TSJ (Tile and Stone Journal), are market leaders in their respective sectors. Highly regarded by their readers, CFJ and TSJ are the official magazines of the CFA (Contract Flooring Association) and the TTA (The Tile Association) respectively.



INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT

In our view, CFJ remains the leading magazine of the flooring industry.

The mixture of sector news, technical updates, training information, informative independent articles and other regular features in CFJ all help give it that dominant market position. I also particularly like the regular supplements (many of course driven by the CFA) that I feel add another dimension to the value readers and advertisers receive. For the CFA, CFJ remains a core way we speak to members and, importantly, the wider industry.

Contract Flooring Association





DPM membrane ects as a moisture ba Scan me Wilsons Underlays Underlay that

soft as marshmallows Re-engineered backing-improves strengthing and positioning underlay into place

Innovative underlays that ignite a passion for flooring

makes carpet as

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LION Floor 'proves size really does matter'

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

Spa awarded sustainability certification for its clean floor renewal









CIRCULATION

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CFJ	issue	October	2024:	
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units per sector

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Architects/Specifiers155
Associations20
Builders Merchant9
Cleaning Contractors18
Colleges/Training Centres41
Consultants48
xhibition Organisers5
acilities Managers70
Flooring Contractors4135
Government/Local Authorities10
lire Centres5
nterior Designers22
Manufacturer725
Media8
)ther12
PR/Ad Agencies66
Property Developers30
Recycling27
Research2
Retailers1470
Vholesaler/Distributors295

TOTAL7195

A SNAPSHOT OF CFJ

CFJ is the place to go for all the news, opinions, columns and information in the contract flooring industry, with extensive coverage of the latest developments and innovations from around the sector. It's a celebration of the UK's most renowned flooring brands and a must-read for every contractor who wants to know what's really happening in the sector. www.contractflooringjournal.co.uk

ADVICE & INFORMATION

This section includes advice from regular contributors as well as guest columnists. Most months see our most popular writers featured, including technical experts from adhesive manufacturers F Ball and Co and Bostik, and Richard Renouf, independent consultant, among many others.

The type of advice and information included ranges from technical hints, marketing tips, employment law, anecdotes from the world of flooring, legal advice and evaluations of various flooring methods.

CONTRACTOR PROFILE

The contractor profile is one of our most popular regular features, focusing as it does on UK contractors and their businesses. We discuss their backgrounds, successes and the challenges they've faced on the way up.

POINTS-OF-VIEW

Each month, CFJ receives several letters from flooring industry experts. These usually contain a strong point-of-view from the industry, ranging from sustainability to payment and contractual issues in the sector (covered by Barry Ashmore of StreetwiseSubbie.com).

CASE REPORTS

A feature in CFJ is the case study which entails collaboration among, potentially, a manufacturer, flooring contractor, facilities manager and end-user. Our editor will visit the end-user site to interview those involved and write-up an article entailing all aspects of the job. Specific to this will be the flooring contractor, whom we'll profile, and of course the end-user. There's no restriction on the case study location, it can be anywhere in the UK and involve any sector, be it corporate offices, hospital, nursing home, leisure centre, food factory, restaurant, school, or university.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

After holding the biggest survey in its history, we got to the core of what our readers want. One thing was more independent comment from leading figures in the flooring industry. That has led to the introduction of a new monthly Thought Leadership section at the front of CFJ which includes interviews with contractors and manufacturers, addressing the important issues in industry such as raw materials supply and labour shortages.

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

In our survey, conducted between May and June last year, readers expressed a strong desire to read more about sustainability and green issues affecting industry. As a result, we've introduced a new monthly section of 'green' issues such as industry opinions, new products and innovations and more from schemes such as Recofloor and UKSFA.

PRODUCT FILES

New product releases are a constant feature of the flooring industry and range from adhesives to profiles, trims and accessories as well as tools, workwear, entrance matting, floor finishes, sealants and varnishes, among many others. If your company has a new product or range of products and you want the flooring world to know about it, send it in.

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AWARDS COVERAGE

The CFJ Awards has grown year-on-year and is now the biggest, most illustrious celebration in the flooring industry. With awards spanning companies, individuals, and installations throughout industry, and with a headliner guest to top it all off, the awards is the industry's opportunity to show what it's made of, and to prove that contract floorlaying is as crucial as it ever was in an installation.

NEWS

CFJ publishes all the news you need to know. It's crucial flooring contractors keep abreast of the latest news in the industry, whether it's regarding research, surveys, acquisitions, mergers, new online tools from various manufacturers or skills, training and the latest awards results.

APPOINTMENTS

Everybody likes to know what's happening in their industry, which is why each month we have a specially reserved page for appointments and promotions. If there's a new appointment or promotion in your company, send us the details, along with a hi-res jpeg image of the person, and we'll publish it in our News section.

TRAINING

Skills and training are important in every industry and the flooring sector is no exception. Our monthly training sector provides all the news, guidance and information you need to make informed choices regarding your own (or your employees') betterment.

Regular columns from Shaun Wadsworth, training manager of CFA, give you the best advice the industry has to offer.

INSTALLATION OF THE MONTH

Some installations stand head-and-shoulders above the others. Each month we feature the best installation sent to us over the course of the month.

SECTOR FOCUS

Each month we have three or four sector focuses, covering every conceivable subject in the flooring industry. We encourage manufacturers to send in any copy specifically pertaining to the feature such as new products or case studies. In addition, we welcome technical advice from those who contribute to these features.

CFA SECTION

As the official magazine of the Contract Flooring Association, CFJ ensures it represents the voice of the flooring industry. Each month ceo Richard Catt contributes a column that covers the benefits of being a CFA member, his views on the industry and even technical advice with respect to some of the issues in the industry.

CFA TRAINING GUIDE

The CFA Training Guide aims to be the definitive resource for the latest information about training opportunities in the UK floor laying industry including apprenticeships, qualifications, training courses, funding and recruitment signposting. The handy A5 format is available in two digital formats: page turner and pdf through the CFJ and CFA websites. The industry and CFA have seen a huge increase in training and as such there is ever increasing reasons for engagement with the guide throughout the year.

CFA MEMBERS HANDBOOK

The CFA handbook provides a comprehensive list for a quality supply chain of CFA members. All CFA members are vetted, which in a relatively unregulated industry makes the CFA directory a valuable starting point for any manufacturer, specifier or end client seeking a flooring partner. In a handy A5 format it is also provided as pdf and page-turners on the CFA and CFJ websites that both add to its appeal, accessibility and reach. Enhanced entries are available that help individual companies stand out from the crowd and explain their offering.

CFA GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY

In digital only format, the CFA Guide to Sustainability is the leading publication for the contract flooring sector and reflects the CFA's aim to ensure the industry drives innovation and good practice ahead of legislation. As sustainability continues to become ever more important to clients and specifiers, this annual guide is a must-read for its target audience of end users, architects, designers, and contractors who want to develop their sustainability profile. With thought leadership pieces, contribution from leading manufacturers, case studies, and a glossary that explains key terms, the CFA guide will be a reference document that readers will regularly return to.

ISSUE	FEATURES	ISSUE	FEATURES
JANUARY	 Flooring & tiling adhesives Safety flooring Underfloor heating Point-of-sale Domotex Preview Surface Design Show 	JULY	 Tools & workwear Stone & ceramics Flooring in education Naturals Alternative flooring: Aluminium, Glass & Leather
FEBRUARY	 Top 100 most read articles of 2024 Smoothing underlayments Flooring in education Carpet tiles Floor art 	AUGUST	 Flooring & tiling adhesives Underlay & acoustic flooring Nursing homes Flooring in transport
MARCH	 Refurbishment Vinyl flooring Loyalty programmes Profiles, trims & movement joints Sensory flooring for neurodiversity 	SEPTEMBER	Black, White, Purple, Black & White Refurbishment Includes Harrogate Supplement Vinyl flooring
APRIL	 Subfloors & screeds Flooring in hospitality & leisure Flooring in healthcare Floor finishes, sealants & varnishes Social media 	OCTOBER	 Floor finishes, sealants & varnishes Contract carpets Flooring in shopping centres & retail locations
MAY	 2026 - ON THE MAP Flooring in kitchens & food production Sports flooring Office flooring Entrance matting Clerkenwell Design Show Preview 	NOVEMBER	 Resin flooring Cleaning & maintenance Flooring in offices Rubber flooring & linoleum Social housing Social media Sustainable projects & products
JUNE	 Surface preparation Bespoke logos & designs Housing Developments Visitor Attractions Artificial Grass ONLINE RELEASE: CFA Guide to Sustainability Includes Wood, Laminate and Cork Supplement	DECEMBER	 Wood & laminate flooring Flooring in healthcare Software & apps 2027 - YEAR PLANNER

ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	ADVERT DEADLINE	PUBLISHED
JANUARY	Friday 7 November 2025	Monday 8 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
FEBRUARY	Friday 5 December 2025	Monday 12 January 2026	Friday 6 February 2026
MARCH	Monday 5 January 2026	Tuesday 10 February 2026	Friday 6 March 2026
APRIL	Friday 6 February 2026	Monday 16 March 2026	Friday 10 April 2026
MAY	Friday 6 March 2026	Tuesday 7 April 2026	Friday 1 May 2026
JUNE	Tuesday 7 April 2026	Tuesday 12 May 2026	Friday 5 June 2026
JULY	Friday 8 May 2026	Tuesday 9 June 2026	Friday 3 July 2026
AUGUST	Friday 5 June 2026	Tuesday 14 July 2026	Friday 7 August 2026
SEPTEMBER	Monday 6 July 2026	Tuesday 11 Aug 2026	Friday 4 September 2026
OCTOBER	Friday 7 August 2026	Tuesday 8 September 2026	Friday 2 October 2026
NOVEMBER	Monday 7 September 2026	Tuesday 13 October 2026	Friday 6 November 2026
DECEMBER	Monday 5 October 2026	Tuesday 10 November 2026	Friday 4 December 2026

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7,923

followers

DIGITAL ONLINE MARKETING AND ADVERTISING SOLUTIONS

Contractors, architects, retailers, designers, developers and end users can view an online version of the magazine which includes an unrivalled wealth of industry information. Search our flooring directory for products or brand/range names, browse previously published articles, back issues and much, much more. The CFJ website is a portal to the flooring industry.

Are you planning a spectacular promotion and need lots of people industry-wide to hear about it? Use CFJ Eblasts to do just that.

We have an email database of over 4,500 readers of CFJ we can contact. Plus we also have a larger list of 12,000 email addresses, including CFJ readers, architects, specifiers, designers, developers and end users that you can target who all specify flooring.

The Web Portal is a new section on the CFJ website where companies in the flooring industry can upload images, brochures, case studies, or anything about their company they'd like to promote, for an annual fee.

CFJ articles will automatically be linked to the relevant company page; there'll also be opportunities for companies to link their YouTube videos, case studies, any articles regarding their company, social media handles, websites, and brochures will also be linked to YouTube videos if the company wishes to promote videos on their page.

Each company will have its own page on the portal, from which a gallery of their images will be hosted. Companies which participate will be searchable by clicking on the 'search by company' button on the CFJ homepage. Over the course of the year, articles from companies in the portal will be pushed on social media via LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and, exclusively, Instagram. If you wish to join the portal, contact Stuart Bourne at stuart.bourne@kick-startpublishing.co.uk

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WEB BANNER SPECS/RATES

BANNER TYPE	SIZE (in pixels, width x height)	PRICE
Leaderboard banner	728 x 90	On application
Large side banner	800 x 660	On application

EBLAST RATES

MEDIA TYPE	PRICE
EBLAST	£1,000 per mailing + vat

CFJ YEAR PLANNER (BELOW)

Equally popular, the CFJ Year Planner is a huge A1 size ($60cm \times 80cm$) full colour wall chart and is sent out FREE with our December issue. It Includes details of CFJ publication dates, major sporting events and all of the major global trade shows from around the world. Sold as either single or double box ads:

Single: 45mm × 45mm is £395 + VAT Double: 45mm × 90mm is £695 +VAT Watermark logo: £1500 +VAT



CFJ ON THE MAP (BELOW)

Our hugely in-demand CFJ Map gains more popularity each year. At a massive size of A0 ($120cm \times 84cm$) – it dominates thousands of office walls and features a detailed UK road network and geographical map reference for UK business locations. Sent out FREE with the March issue. Sold as single or double box ads:

Single: $45mm \times 45mm$ is £395 + VAT Double: $45mm \times 90mm$ is £695 + VAT



THE FLOORING DIRECTORY

CFJ magazine includes our unique directory

"The Flooring Directory": a guide to the best flooring websites. An ideal way to direct potential customers to your own website, the directory is split into generic product headings with a very cost effective form of advertising in this unique section:

 40mm × 90mm box is £695 + VAT per year

RECRUITMENT ADS

Reach out to a wide readership on a monthly basis. Booked adverts are then also featured on the CFJ website free of charge. Recruitment adverts are charged monthly:

- Minimum box size of 50mm x 90mm
- Add box depth at the rate of £80 + VAT per 10mm high x 2 columns wide

PROMOTIONAL PICTURE CHARGES

Press releases sent to CFJ are welcome, but those accompanied by an image and designed to promote the company concerned, are subject to written acceptance of our promotional picture charges.

Standard editorial: 200 to 400 words plus an image: £165

Full page editorial: 400 to 600 words plus 1 to 3 images, social media and entry in the enewsletter: £375

Range review pages in the LVT, Wood and Digital Supplements: £375

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/PRICES

SIZE (IN MM, HEIGHT × WIDTH)	TRIM	BLEED	RATE (EXCLUSIVE OF VAT)
Front cover	198 × 210	198 x 216	£3,000
Full page	297 × 210	303 × 216	£1,700
Double page spread (DPS)	297 × 420	303 × 426	£2,950
Half page vertical	265 × 86	n/a	£1050
Half page horizontal	130 × 180	n/a	£1050
Quarter page vertical	130 × 86	n/a	£750
Quarter page strip	66 × 184	n/a	£750
Recruitment Advert	50 × 90	n/a	£400 + £80 each additional 10mm x 90mm
Caught in the web (single box)	40 × 90	n/a	£695 per year
On the map (single box)	45 × 45	n/a	£395
On the map (double box)	45 × 90	n/a	£695
CFJ year planner (single box)	45 × 45	n/a	£395
CFJ year planner (double box)	45 × 90	n/a	£695

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TESTIMONIALS

CFJ is an excellent magazine very informative and helps to keep me in touch with what is happening in our trade. It's very well laid out and the contributions from your regular writers are always worth a read.

CFJ also helps me in my teaching as I use some of your articles as examples when I am explaining different issues and situations my students may

come across in the future. I encourage my students to read your magazine and those who do generally give me positive feedback.

I am very happy to receive your magazine and always look forward to reading it.

Kevin McLean, Construction Skills Centre

As a retailer the CFJ is probably an unusual choice as a good read but I find it the ideal mixture of news and information. I always use Sid's 'problem page' as part of staff training of common sense and I enjoy most of the articles although I must admit some do go over my retailers head!

CFJ gets my vote on all of the trade magazines I receive and I personally think a lot more retailer could learn from it.

Arthur, carpets4less.com

Always a good read and also a way of keeping updated in our industry. Keep up the good work.

Matt Goodchild, MG Flooring

I look forward to the monthly arrival of my copy of CFJ. It's always useful to hear of new products, and to see the work of my competitors in the industry.

However, the sections I'm most interested to read are the advice sections and case studies. We use these to inform future projects and improve our own processes and help identify training requirements for the fitting teams.

Jeeven Bedi, Buswell Flooring

We find CFJ a valuable resource each month. It keeps us up-to-date with latest trends in the industry and new products being released which in turn helps us when specifying and advising our customers.

The technical sections each month also ensure we're using the best and most suitable products for varying situations, again helping ensure we're meeting our customers expectations.

Dan Sheehan, Dan Sheehan Floor Coverings

Although I am semi-retired, I do find CFJ interesting on keeping up-to-date particularly with the advice and information articles.

The advertisements also give a good spread of manufacturers that I was previously unaware of since general product and architectural magazines only seem to cover the well known names.

Michael Randall, FRIBA

CFJ is the go-to source of information for the commercial flooring sector. The coverage of technical advice and information about the myriad products and services offered by the flooring industry is unique.

Likewise the commercial input stimulates ideas about refurbishment and new build opportunities for architects and designers. If you're in the commercial supply chain you need to be in CFJ.

Laurance Bird, CRUK



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