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Café Momentum

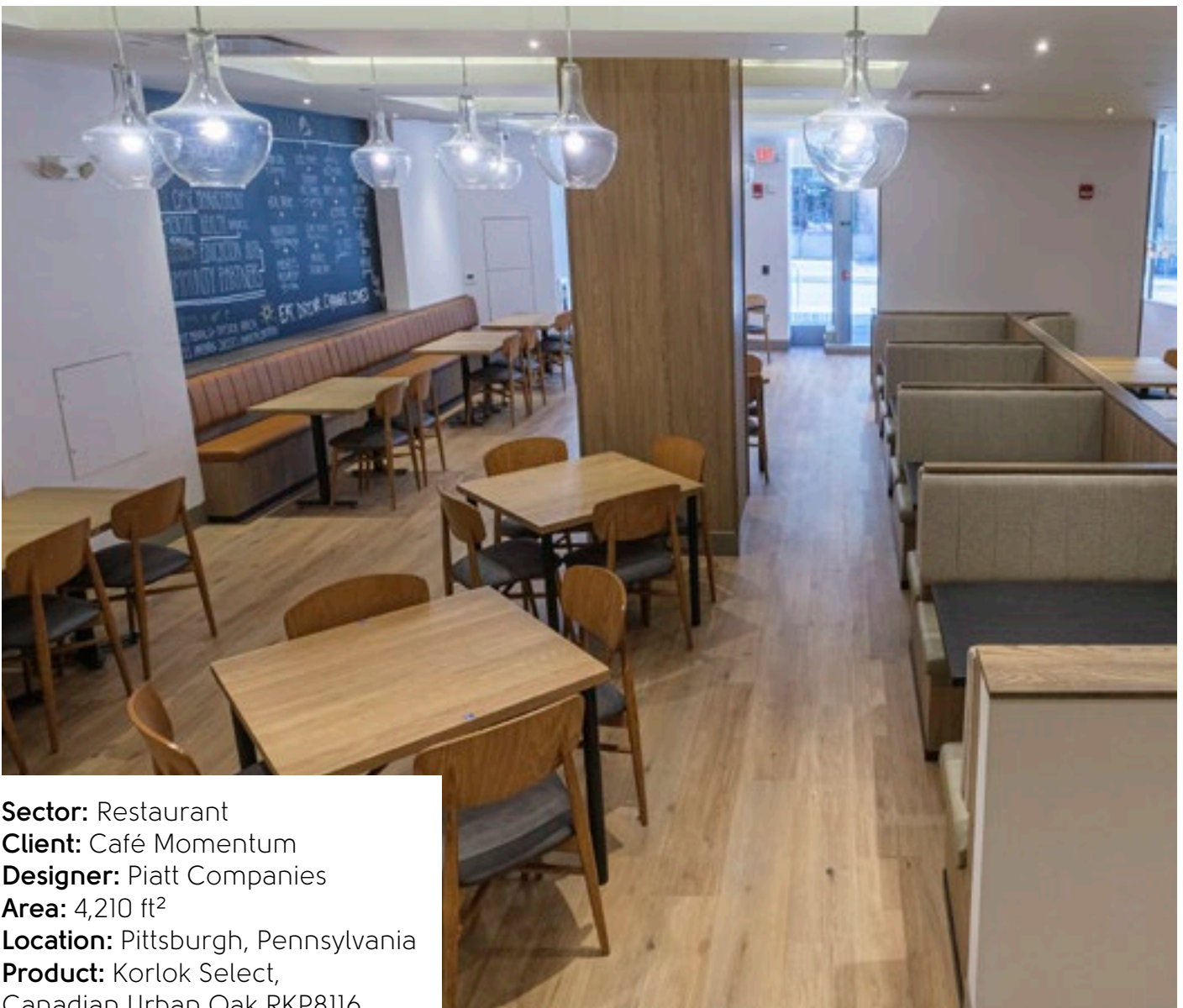
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The Challenge

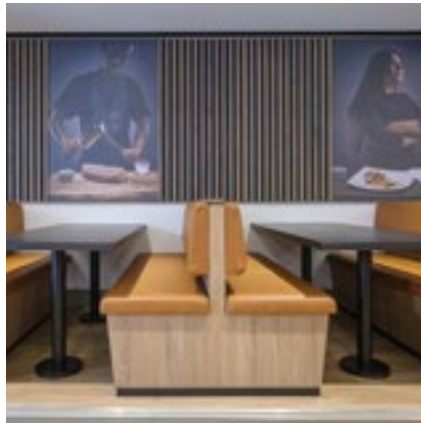
Equal parts dining room and classroom, Café Momentum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, doubles as an award-winning restaurant and culinary-training space, providing paid internships for young people exiting juvenile facilities. The interns gain experience in all aspects of a fine-dining establishment, including cooking, serving and management. Ultimately, though, what they learn are life skills for achieving their full potential.

"It's going to be a big deal," says Café Momentum Executive Director Gene Walker, describing a long-term vision to open 30 locations in the next 10 years. The Pittsburgh restaurant is just the second location, so it will serve as a template for places like Nashville, Atlanta, Denver, Baltimore and Houston.

"We wanted something we can do fairly consistently in different cities, so that's where the flooring design came in here," Walker says. "We wanted something that's clean, something that looks good."



Sector: Restaurant
Client: Café Momentum
Designer: Piatt Companies
Area: 4,210 ft²
Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Product: Korlok Select,
Canadian Urban Oak RKP8116



The Solution

While Café Momentum doesn't operate like a standard fine-dining establishment, it does have standard restaurant-flooring needs. Karndean Designflooring's Korlok Select checks all the boxes: Distinctive style. Exceptional durability. Easy to install – and easy to clean.

With hints of deep blonde, Canadian Urban Oak RKP8116 is lightly brushed to enhance its natural wood look – a perfect complement for Café Momentum's farm-to-table aesthetic.

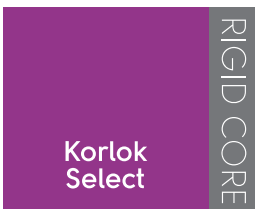
From a performance standpoint, Korlok Select is the industry's premier rigid core offering, with proprietary K-Core® technology for stability and design that easily clicks and locks planks in place over most hard floors, without the odor of adhesives. Engineered with a 20mil wear layer and K-Guard+® surface protection, Korlok Select is backed by a 15-year commercial warranty.

The Results

Café Momentum’s unique mission is reflected throughout the 4,210-square-foot space, says Dreyphen Hepfer, interior designer for real estate development firm Piatt Companies.

“The restaurant was kept pretty neutral, with high contrasts of black and white to draw guests’ attention to the areas of importance, including portraits at the booths and chalkboard wall murals,” Hepfer says. “Natural elements are strewn throughout the space, and the natural and realistic appearance of Karndean’s Canadian Urban Oak helped us achieve this look. The attention to detail and ability to replicate wood grain made our decision easy.”

“There are no visible seams, which is cool,” Walker says. “I know we’ve already spilled wine on it, and it wiped up nice and easy. I think it’s a beautiful floor. It fits the mood, environment and aesthetic of the restaurant.”



	Standard	Result
Size	ASTM F2421	55.91" x 8.86"
Thickness	ASTM F386	6.5 mm
Wear layer	ASTM F410	20 mil (0.50 mm)
Warranty*	Commercial Residential	15 years Lifetime
Beveled edge		Micro
Slip resistance**	ASTM D2047	Pass (Dry > 0.8)
Acoustic impact noise reduction	ASTM E2179-09 ASTM E492-09	Δ IIC = 22dB IIC= 68 dB (6"slab w/drop ceiling) IIC= 72 dB (6"slab w/drop ceiling+QuietChoice)

*Subject to terms

**Slip resistance is measured on ex-factory product. Slip resistance can be affected by surface contamination, use and how the product is maintained

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