



Altro scores with Arsenal FC

Altro Stronghold, Whiterock & Mondo Sportflex

Premier league football club Arsenal have completed their move to the brand new multi-million pound Emirates Stadium. The new stadium replaces the club's former ground Highbury, home to the Club since 1913. To compliment the team's slick, match winning performances on the pitch, Arsenal wanted to achieve a modern, stylish look behind the scenes at their new fortress. Specifiers on the project turned to interior surfaces specialist Altro to help out.

Altro's safety flooring 'Stronghold' and popular wall cladding system 'Whiterock' has been installed in the stadium's main kitchen. The home changing room boasts Altro Mondo Sportflex on the floor.

Main contractor Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd was responsible for building the stadium, while HOK Sport Architecture specified Altro flooring and walling products.

In the kitchen, Altro's Stronghold in Monsoon has been laid on the floor. A light grey colour with dark flecks, the covering provides underfoot safety in wet or greasy areas where frequent spillages are likely. It is resilient, durable and easy to clean, as well as including bacteriostat for enhanced hygiene.

Altro Whiterock is a grout-free, hygienic alternative to tiles. With a choice of attractive single colour finishes, Whiterock is a semi-rigid PVCu wall cladding that provides a hardwearing surface that will stand up to the wear and tear of a busy kitchen environment.

It is resistant to impact, spills and splashes without staining and is easy to clean. Welded joints give an almost seamless, hygienic finish that doesn't allow dirt or moisture to build up in joints, so bacterial growth is prevented. The Altro flooring chosen for the home changing room is Mondo Sportflex Seal Skin. In a mid-grey colour, this covering is a tough sports floor with excellent bounce and underfoot comfort, including slip resistance.

"On a high profile project like the new Arsenal stadium, it was so important that we chose the right products for the job. We knew that by using Altro products, we wouldn't let the side down. Altro's products are an ideal fit for Emirates Stadium, as not only does the flooring look great but it has a good slip resistance - particularly important when players bring mud into the changing rooms. In the kitchen, also, slip resistance is important where spills are likely to occur regularly. Altro's Whiterock is a really tough surface that doesn't allow bacteria to breed within it and can withstand the heat generated within a kitchen. Furthermore, it's easy to keep clean so it's an ideal solution for a busy environment."

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