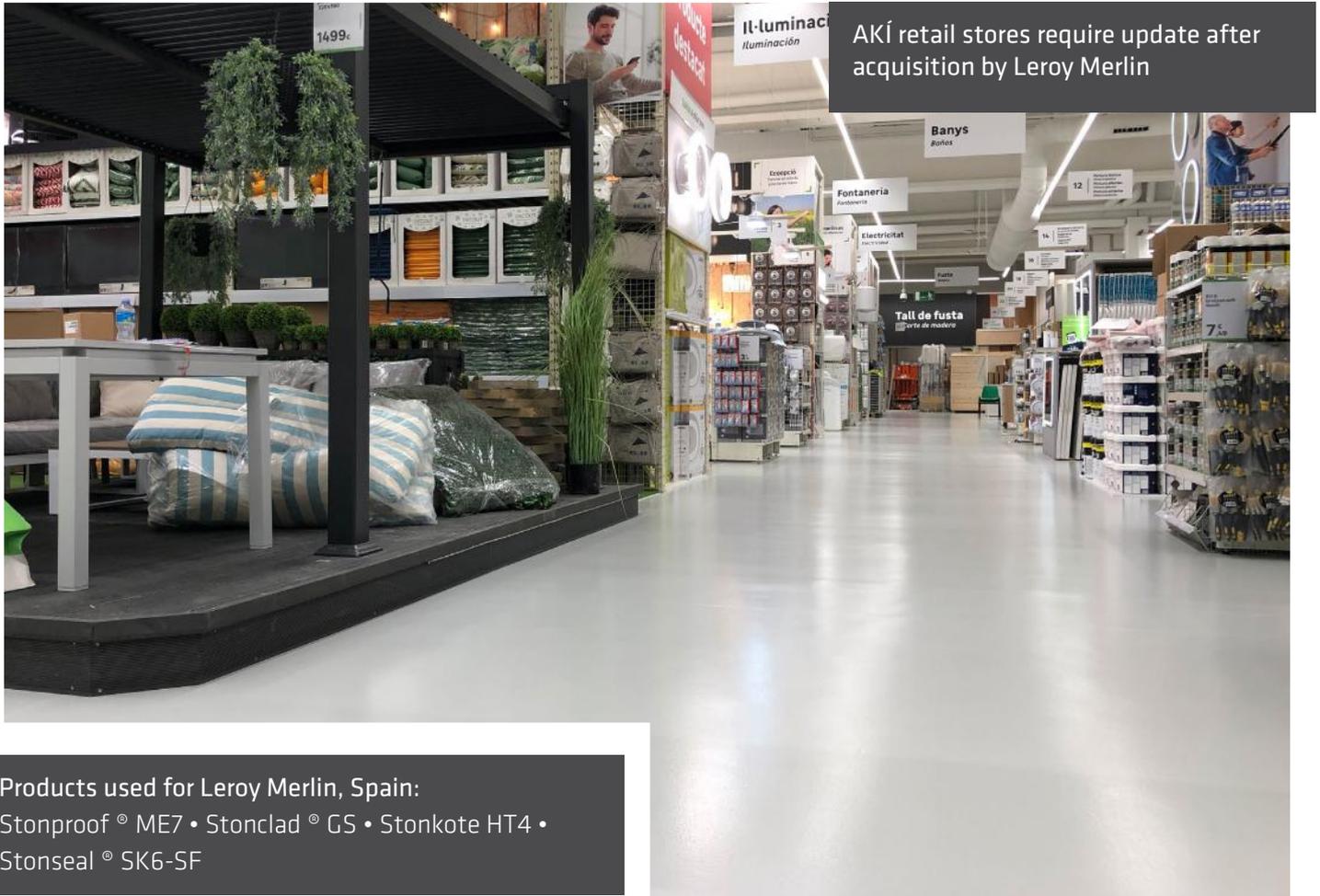


Multinational DIY company contracts with Stonhard to provide flooring systems for recently acquired retail stores



AKÍ retail stores require update after acquisition by Leroy Merlin

Products used for Leroy Merlin, Spain:
 Stonproof® ME7 • Stonclad® GS • Stonkote HT4 •
 Stonseal® SK6-SF

Leroy Merlin is a French multinational corporation, located in 13 countries, that specializes in do-it-yourself construction, decoration and gardening. Since its arrival in Spain in 1989, it has grown exponentially with 74 retail locations and more than 10,000 employees. Leroy Merlin has recently acquired European company, AKÍ. As AKÍ's smaller stores join with the Leroy Merlin brand, they are undergoing a phase of refurbishment.

Retail company looks to Stonhard for a longer lasting flooring solution

The Leroy Merlin team was looking for durable, attractive, long-lasting floors that could be installed during a quick timeframe. The existing floors were old vinyl and ceramic that had undergone repairs and appeared degraded. The client was concerned about having to shut down the stores for a new floor to be installed. Stonhard showed Leroy Merlin that the benefits of its seamless flooring systems and ability to meet tight project deadlines would offer them long-term value.

The stores required a durable flooring solution that would stand up to heavy machinery and foot traffic. After preparation of the substrate, Stonproof ME7, a waterproofing membrane, was

applied for a 2,700 m² facility. Then, Stonclad GS, a troweled epoxy mortar system that provides superior impact, abrasion and chemical resistance was installed. Next, Stonkote HT4 was applied to provide a pigmented, uniform surface for aesthetic and improved cleaning capability. Finally, Stonseal SK6-SF was applied to provide a satin finish with superior abrasion resistance, capable of withstanding the abuse of these heavily-trafficked stores. SK6-SF provides an aesthetically pleasing satin finish capable of handling Leroy Merlin customer foot traffic by day and the heavy abuse of pallet jacks and forklifts used to restock the stores by night.

Stonhard floors come out on top in comparison with competitors

After Stonhard's first retail store installation in Spain four years ago, the Leroy Merlin monitored the performance of the floor in comparison with products installed by competitors in other stores. After this evaluation, Leroy Merlin selected Stonhard to install a flooring solution for their third store. The Leroy Merlin installation is yet another example of how Stonhard customers benefit from lasting results.



2700 m² durable flooring solution

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