

# obede

# FOUR KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER Installation Guidelines

## 1. Acclimatisation

Providing the site is not below  $10^{\circ}$ C or above  $40^{\circ}$ C, there is no need to acclimatise the planks.

The product only requires acclimatisation outside of these temperatures.

### 2. Sub-floor

The planks can be installed over most existing hard floorcoverings. When installed over ceramics, grout lines should NOT exceed 4mm in width or depth.

Carpet, cork and other rafting floors are not suitable substrates.

Sub-floor preparation is vital for an excellent floor appearance and good installation. The sub-floor must be hard, flat, smooth, clean, dry, and free from defects and fit for purpose and have less than ±3mm over 1000mm deflection.

Concrete substrate moisture should not exceed 95% RH (relative humidity) when tested in accordance with ASTMF 2170 in-situ probe.

The use of additional underlays is not approved.

#### 3. Expansion gap

A minimum 6mm perimeter gap must be kept against all permanent walls and fixings. The gap must be extended to 10mm when the length of an area exceeds 18 lineal meters.

The planks can be installed in areas up to  $400m^2$  without the need for transitional trims.

The planks must be installed as a floating floor. The floor should not be adhered, nailed or pinned in any way to the sub-floor or structure, and fixed cabinetry must not be built over. The use of caulking compounds and silicone is not recommended.

#### 4. Installation

Any intense irregularities in the sub-floor may affect performance.

Ensure the side length of the boards are engaged first by tapping the boards sideways as you go.

Only use a rubber mallet to engage the short ends of the boards.

Failure to properly line up the end joint and attempting to force it in while out of alignment could result in permanent damage to the end joint.