

BLUE CAT ESPRESSO

CASE STUDY

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This unique leisure and sports facility blends indoor court sports with an elevated specialty coffee experience. Transforming a former warehouse space into a modern “hidden gem,” the venue utilizes Expona Simplay PUR to deliver high durability, easy maintenance, and a warm, sophisticated design.

- **Location:** Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
- **Product Used:** Simplay PUR Grey Country Oak 2506
- **Sector:** Hospitality / Leisure & Sports



As racket sports continue to surge in popularity across Europe and South America, the trend is rapidly taking off in Canada. To capitalize on this momentum, owner Irene Frenkel created Blue Cat Espresso in 2025— a vibrant social destination combining padel courts with a specialty coffee bar.

Occupying an industrial warehouse in Scarborough, the project called for a complete transformation. Under the direction of designer Hassan Sarfraz, the 2,200-square-foot space was thoughtfully arranged to balance the sports areas, coffee shop, and lounge zones. The design was kept clean and understated, allowing each part of the venue to work naturally together.

The flooring had to be practical without compromising the look of the space. Polyflor offered the right combination of durability and style, adding warmth while providing a surface that could keep up with the demands of the venue.



The brief required stylish flooring that could:

- Create clear zoning and support guest flow from the padel courts to the café area across the 2,200 sq. ft. space.
- Provide high durability and easy maintenance to withstand daily café spills.
- Deliver a warm, natural wood appearance to balance the ceiling heights and industrial structure.

Working with the design team and installer Classic Flooring, Polyflor Expona Simplay PUR in 2506 Grey Country Oak brings a realistic wood look to the space. It ties the espresso bar, wall panelling, and seating areas together, creating a cohesive and inviting finish.

“When the architect showed me the Polyflor flooring, I just said, ‘Yeah, this looks great.’ The colour really brings everything together. I like that it’s simple, durable, and looks good—people actually think it’s real wood! If someone spills something, I can just say, ‘Don’t worry, it’ll be fine.’ For a space with this much foot traffic, it’s really, really good.”

Irene Frenkel, Owner

