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## Expanko Welcomes New Agent Serving Illinois and Missouri Regions

**October 5, 2020**— Expanko Resilient Flooring, a brand of Stonhard, is pleased to welcome Erin Cartwright Fernandes of [Design Surfaces](#) as a new agent to its expanding network. Expanko has more than 20 agents supporting its distinct cork and rubber lines of flooring throughout the U.S. Design Surfaces connects with architects, designers, and flooring contractors to provide value added services and represents Expanko products in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Missouri.

“We are delighted to have Erin join the Expanko team as she has an extensive background in interior specifications which aligns nicely with our products at Expanko. Erin brings a great energy to Expanko as she combines her interior design background with her 20 years of sales management skills,” says Sally Reis, General Manager, Expanko.

Design Surfaces is an interior product agency focused on specialty furniture, floors, textiles, and walls. “Our tagline is ‘beautiful, disciplined and detailed’ and Expanko fits perfectly with this because it is extremely gorgeous, everything from the discipline of the craft and how cork is harvested to the detailed ½-inch cork of its Heirloom product,” says Erin.

Having studied both International Business and Interior Design, Erin has a unique perspective on the architectural products world. She prides herself on providing clear, concise, and correct technical information to her clients and appreciates American and European manufacturing solutions, like Expanko, that give back to the environment. In addition, she comes from a lengthy career with wholesale flooring distributor, E.J. Welch Company, where she was the Vice President of Commercial Sales for 10 years. Erin started her own agency in June, 2018 and having represented Expanko before she says she is excited to bring the products once again to her region. “I always thought the lines were fantastic. I know of a number of really nice installations in the area.”

Design Surfaces actively works with designers in the region, providing Zoom meetings, CEUs and doing parking lot presentations in the nice weather as they continue to adhere to COVID protocols. Erin is an active member of AIA and IIDA.

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### Expanko

For more information on Expanko’s lines of resilient cork and rubber flooring for commercial environments, visit [expanko.com](http://expanko.com) or call 800.345.6202.

### Design Surfaces

For more information on [Design Surfaces](#) architectural products to inspire creative surfaces, visit [designsurfaces.org](http://designsurfaces.org) or call 314.276.2196.

