

The Antonio Alexe Sports Center in Oradea, Romania, is a multifunctional building that can be quickly converted from basketball court to meeting room. The secret to this versatility is 1,800 square meters of removable parquet panels.

Champion parquet

Seicom is an Italian company based in Sondrio in the heart of the alpine Valtellina district that has concentrated on parquet floors made exclusively with high-quality solid wood ever since its founding.

The company vaunts numerous international references and acknowledgements that reward the professional dedication and reliability of a team constantly in search of new products that improve the quality of the parquet floors it produces for indoor sports facilities for the further guarantee of the safety and comfort of the athletes and users of its products in general. It is no coincidence that Seicom has been an official partner of the Geneva-based FIBA International Basketball Federation since 1966.

Seicom has always looked beyond

national borders and has agents also in the leading Central and Eastern European nations including Russia, Poland, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, and Romania, where the photos that illustrate this article and the Italian company's latest success were taken, in Oradea, to be exact.

Oradea is located in the historical Transylvania region just a few kilometers from the Hungarian border and is one of the nation's most prosperous cities that has changed and renewed itself amazingly in recent years.

A versatile solution

The Antonio Alexe Sports Center in Oradea subjected to recent renovation now seats 10,000 in a 1,800 sq m area.

Seicom was asked to create the new floor using removable parquet





The first phases in the laying of the removable 22 mm wood parquet panels.

panels, a versatile solution that permits the multiple use of the building because the panels can be completely removed and then quickly replaced using metal clips. It takes just four hours to disassemble a normal basketball court (600 sq m); here at the Oradea Sports Center, the job takes 12.

These Bormio removable parquet panels (the name of the model in production for the past few years constantly perfected by Seicom) were also used for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games in the parquet at the Oaka Arena - now known as the Olympic Arena, where Italy played in the legendary final game with Argentina.

In detail...

The parquet used to create the panels is 22 mm thick solid Hevea Rubber wood, a species with remarkable dimensional stability and a pale colour ideal for television cameras that permits the creation of parquet with a practically infinite lifespan because it can be sanded back again and again. The most important characteristic for a floor of this kind - the Ital-

ian company's technicians explain - is the coupling system, which must permit quick and efficient assembly and disassembly. The beauty of the system developed by Seicom is its simplicity: once they have been laid side by side, all the panels require is locking with the special key provided (just half a turn is enough).

The lay phases all take place in rapid succession.

In both Romania and Hungary, Seicom uses teams of specialized



After laying, all the panels require is locking with the special key provided.

DATA SHEET

- ▶ Site: Antonio Alexe Sports Complex, Oradea, Romania
- ▶ Inauguration: January 30, 2008
- ▶ Material used: 1800 sq meters of Seicom Bormio Model removable parquet panels



Once all the 1,100 panels had been laid, the court was marked for play.

local assemblymen working under the supervision of technicians sent on site from Italy for the correct execution of the work scrupulously following the company's strict procedures and FIBARules.

In this case, the parquet was installed by a team managed by Seicom technician Aldo Cammarata,

who stayed on site for the entire job.

Once all the 1,100 panels had been laid, the court was lined and marked for play using water-based polyurethane paint (products that have been expressly studied for the purpose by Seicom together with a renowned Italian leader in water-based paints), which was also used for the Oradea City and sponsors' logos.

Over this floor, sliding telescoping stands capable of seating 1000 people also built by an Italian company were installed over the floor.

The Oradea Sports Complex was inaugurated on January 30, 2008, and is currently one of Romania's most important sports venues, and a handsome success for the Italian companies that made their own contributions with such professional skill and dedication 🌍

The laying team with Seicom supervising technician Aldo Cammarata.



