Notes from the Field

Form follows technology
by Michael Reis, Senior Editor

Last fall, I had the opportunity to accompany a group of architects from across the globe at an American Institute of Architects continuing education program in Verona, Italy. Held in conjunction with the Marmomacc trade/design fair, the event gives architects a first-hand look at the stone-production process -- from quarrying to fabrication to installation. This included a visit to a state-of-the-art stoneworking plant run by Ghirardi Marmi near Brescia, Italy, which was equipped with a range of the latest technology. Read More

Featured Product

**Calacatta Gold by Carmel Stone Imports**

*Carmel Stone Imports* has been importing exotic stone from around the world for over 15 years. Among the stone products offered by the company is Calacatta Gold -- a white marble from the Italian Tuscan mountains. This marble has a clean, fresh look with gray and warm gold veins. It is perfect for bathrooms, kitchens or other projects, according to Carmel Stone Imports. "We bring in only the finest grades, and offer them in seven tile sizes along with four mosaics, a liner and three trims," states the company, adding that honed and polished slabs are also available. All material is in stock and available at Carmel Stone Imports' Central California warehouse. Read More

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Product Reviews

New Trends in Stone and Tile Products

Manufacturers of stone and tile collections continue to impress with chic and savvy products that present innovative solutions to both interior and exterior designs. A host of new lines, including large-formats, glass mosaics and tiles made to resemble wood, stone and fabric, have recently hit the marketplace. Here is just a sampling of what to expect in 2011. Read More

Project Spotlight

Custom tiles turn NYC coffee shop sideways

Inspired by the nearby library, nemaworkshop and Imagine Tile collaborated to develop D’Espresso a unique new brand and creative environment with the use of custom tiles

by Kelly Martin, Editorial Assistant

Located on Madison Avenue in the heart of New York City, D’Espresso offers its customers an out of the ordinary environment as they grab their daily coffee. While creating a striking identity for the emerging brand, the espresso bar conceptually and literally turns a normal room sideways with the use of custom tiles manufactured by Imagine Tile of New York, NY. Full Article
Green Design

Ceramic Tiles of Italy on display at ReVISION House during IBS 2011

NEW YORK, NY -- Placing the Italian tile industry's commitment to sustainable architecture in the public spotlight, Ceramic Tiles of Italy will be a prominent contributor to this year's Green Builder ReVISION House. Presented during the International Builder's Show from January 12 to 15, 2011 in a private Orlando, FL residence, the project will showcase green building materials in a complete retrofit renovation led by interior designer Patricia Gaylor. Sponsored by the Italian Trade Commission, Confindustria Ceramiche (the Italian Association of Ceramics) and the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, the house will be filled with sustainable ceramic tile from Italy's leading manufacturers, including Casa Dolce Casa, Emilceramica, Floorgres, Cooperativa Ceramica Imola, Marazzi, Ragno, Refin and Trend, as well as grouting and adhesives from Mapei.

Full Article

Custom Building Products introduces CEG-Lite™ Commercial Epoxy Grout with recycled content

SEAL BEACH, CA -- Custom Building Products, a leading manufacturer of tile and stone installation systems for the North American market, recently introduced its CEG-Lite™ Commercial Epoxy Grout, a lightweight 100% solids epoxy grout. Formulated with CustomLite® Technology, CEG-Lite represents a major breakthrough in epoxy technology, delivering the high stain and chemical resistance professionals expect, reports the manufacturer. Read More
Industry News and Events

Laticrete donates to food bank fundraiser

HOUSTON, TX -- Laticrete, a global leader in the manufacturing of innovative systems for the installation of tile and stone, has donated its flagship grout product, Laticrete® SpectraLOCK® PRO Grout to Mosaico-Houston artists for projects the group will submit to the Seventh Annual Empty Bowls Houston fundraiser in support of the mission of the Houston Food Bank. Artists across various mediums design, create and submit empty bowls as a symbol to remind us of how many among us go without proper nutrition and healthy meals each day. At the annual event hosted by the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, the bowls are sold and the funds raised are used to provide nutritious meals for the less fortunate in the Houston area.

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Mapei launches new U.S. Web site

DEERFIELD BEACH, FL -- Getting the right answer quickly and easily can mean the difference between winning and losing a project for contractors and architects in today's construction environment. Mapei, a leading manufacturer of adhesives, sealants and other chemical products for the building industry, has retooled its U.S. Web site, www.mapei.us, to meet the needs of this increasingly technically savvy audience. The recent launch highlights the results of careful listening to the needs of customers combined with state-of-the art Web design, reports the company.

Full Article

Tile of Spain announces "Reign in Spain" winners

VALENCIA, SPAIN -- In November, Tile of Spain launched the second edition of the "Reign in Spain" A&D Tour campaign to select four architects and designers to participate in its annual trip to Spain to learn about Spanish tile. Over the course of the month, Tile of Spain received more than 70 quality applications from firms large and small in all regions of the country -- a 60% higher return over last year. After much determination, the four winners were announced. They include: Bob Borson, an Associate Principal and architect at Bernbaum Magadini Architects in Dallas, TX; Andie Day, an award-winning interior designer who owns a boutique studio in Boston's North End; Scott Knudson, Vice President of Design for Wieneck + Associates Architects + Planners, which has offices in Washington, DC, and Gaithersburg, MD; and Lira Luis, a global American architect specializing in
Industry Events

Specialized events for architecture and design professionals are offered throughout the year, including general design events and others that are geared specifically to the stone and tile fields. For a look at upcoming industry events, click here.

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