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Notes from the Field

From the trade show to the design board: New product introductions

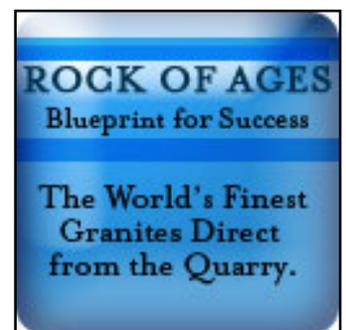
by *Jennifer Adams, Editor*

I recently returned home from Coverings, which was held in Las Vegas this year. This was the last of three trade exhibitions specifically geared for stone and tile that I have attended in the past two months. While the travel itself might have been a little exhausting, it certainly was worth it. Putting together this edition of *The Stone & Tile Design Insider* gave me an opportunity to review all of the new stone and tile introductions I observed -- and there are many. Technology is definitely at the forefront. [Read More](#)



Featured Product

FEATURED PRODUCT -- Cubix by Orchid Ceramics



Cubix is the newest collection in the Expressions Decoratives line by Orchid Ceramics, and it showcases the art of fashion-inspired glass mosaics. Cubix is composed of frosted and colored glass with a splash of metal. Cubix brings consumers and designers distinctive and completely unique mosaics for any mood.



Where fashion meets inspiration, each line of Cubix is eye-catching in its own way, creating a statement for the home and breathing new life into kitchens, bathrooms and fireplaces. Among the various lines of Cubix are: [Read More](#)



Product Reviews

Coverings 2011 Product Review

Many new stone and tile products were launched during Coverings 2011, which was held at the Sands Expo and Conference Center in Las Vegas, NV, last month



by Jennifer Adams, Editor

For the first time, Coverings, the International Tile and Stone Exhibition, was held in Las Vegas. The show took place from March 14 to 17, 2011 at the Sands Expo & Conference Center, and it was deemed a success, according to National Trade Productions (NTP), the show organizer. More than 1,000 exhibitors were on the show floor -- displaying a broad spectrum of stone and tile collections, installation and maintenance products and stone fabrication machinery, tools and accessories. [Read More](#)



Project Spotlight

Shades of red create striking bathroom redesign

A townhouse located in Austin, TX, was redesigned to update the finishes of the existing master bath by incorporating a warm color range of natural stone and tile

by Kelly Martin, Editorial Assistant

Located in the North Hills area of Austin, TX, a townhouse was redesigned to feature a more exposed layout and also update the finishes of the existing master bath. Designed by Marsha Topham, Senior Project Architect of CG&S Design-Build, the homeowner wished to incorporate a warm color range, with a strong red accent of natural stone and tile. [Full Article](#)



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Green Design

New eco-friendly tile manufacturer

FULLERTON, CA -- EcoSpec Tile LLC was established February 1 of this year by a group consisting of experienced/time-tested tile professionals who collectively feel a strong responsibility to their industry -- and to their plants. [Full Article](#)

The new Emerald System of tile installation products

SEAL BEACH, CA -- Custom® Building Products takes its longstanding Build Green® program to the next level with its new Emerald System™ of products. All Emerald System products comply with the standards of all five emerging green building agencies, reports the company. Emerald System products have recycled material content and low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) content. These products are manufactured to reduce their energy footprint and comply with all major green building initiatives, including ANSI (American National Standards Institute), CALGreen (California Green Building Standards Code) and USGBC



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(United States Green Building Council). Emerald products are also eligible for Custom's System Warranties, including its Lifetime Warranty. [Read More](#)

Industry News and Events

Mapei expands to South Korea

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA -- Mapei Group has recently completed the acquisition of all activities regarding adhesives and products for the building industry carried out by Henkel in South Korea under the Ceresit and Thomsit trademarks. The acquisition has been made through a new company, Mapei Korea, that now has head offices in Seoul and a production facility in Chungcheongbuk-do, which is approximately 62 miles from Seoul. This is the 58th plant of Mapei Group. [Full Article](#)

Tile Partners for Humanity teams up with Habitat DC

ATLANTA, GA, and WASHINGTON, DC -- As part of Habitat for Humanity's 27th annual "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project (JRCWP)" that kicked off on World Habitat Day, October 4, 2010, in Washington, DC, Tile Partners for Humanity today started a week-long tile blitz in the project homes. Throughout the week of February, numerous tile professionals from across the country will install more than approximately 3,000 square feet of donated tile in the kitchen, washroom, bathroom and front foyer of eight homes. [Full Article](#)

Last chance to register

LAS VEGAS, NV -- The Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (K/BIS) & Conference, one of the largest exhibitions that exclusively focuses on all aspects of kitchens and baths, is set to take place at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV, from April 26 to 28, 2011 -- with a conference program beginning on Monday, April 25. Complimentary show floor admission is being offered by *Contemporary Stone & Tile Design* as well as some other BNP Media publications in conjunction with the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) until Friday, April 1. Those wishing to attend should visit www.kbis.com and register using registration code KB123 to receive this special offer. To sign up a friend or colleague, please use code FRIEND. [Full Article](#)

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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