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Each edition of the Macael Awards serves as a window into the present and future of the natural stone and innovative surfaces industry. It is both a showcase and a meeting point, bringing together architects, designers, builders, and industry professionals to highlight the value of a sector that embraces sustainability and technology without losing its essence. In 2024, we pay tribute to art—the art of know-how—which is a philosophy that defines us and materializes in each of the award-winning projects. Within these pages, you will find a selection of works that go beyond functionality to become expressions of creativity, technical expertise, and mastery. Each project reflects our industry's commitment to excellence and continuous evolution; the

balance between Macael's legacy and the ability to adapt to an ever-changing market; and new ways of designing and building with lower environmental impact and enhanced technical performance. Energy efficiency, material optimization, and the ability to integrate stone and compact surfaces into bold, contemporary designs are paving the way for a future where quality and environmental responsibility are fundamental pillars.

Through this special edition, dear reader, we invite you to discover the stories, challenges, and solutions behind the award-winning projects. Immerse yourself in a journey through the art of know-how that sets our industry apart.

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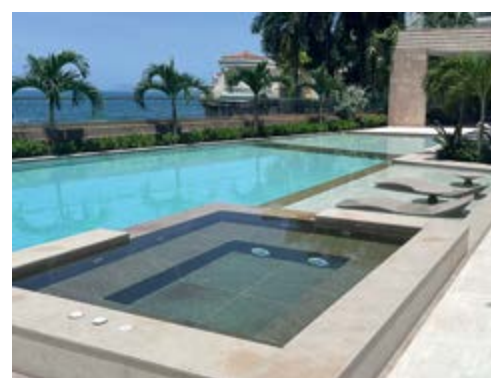


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PERSON AWARD

ALFONSO MOLLINEDO SÁENZ,
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Alfonso Mollinedo Sáenz, leading the architectural firm MOLLINEDO, has built a career defined by the contemporary reinterpretation of the vernacular architecture of the olive grove. His innovative approach, blending tradition and modernity, has been recognized with prestigious European awards and, on this occasion, with the Personality Award 2024. One of his projects is the Aoveland by Oleícola Baeza olive mill, located in Baeza, Jaén, a UNESCO World Heritage city. In this work, materiality plays a key role, with the use of Dekton's Pietra Kode range in multiple applications: interior flooring, wall cladding, countertops, hallway doors, 'showcooking' areas, outdoor paving, and restrooms. Stone is also integrated into the furniture, highlighting the storage benches that frame a large glass window, which is the central element of the architectural composition.

It is inspired by the monumental surroundings of Baeza and the landscape of olive groves. Mollinedo has designed a space that transcends functionality to become a sensory and aesthetic experience. His ability to reinterpret traditional architecture using innovative materials has earned him this recognition at the Macael Awards gala.

COMMUNICATION AWARD

MODESTO BARRAGÁN, JOURNALIST



At the Macael Awards 2024 gala, the Communication Award was presented to Modesto Barragán, a key figure in Andalusian media and host of the renowned program Andalucía Directo. This award highlights his contribution to spreading the traditions, culture, and industry of Macael, bringing them to an audience of thousands of viewers. A particularly significant moment was the broadcast of the 6666th episode of Andalucía Directo, celebrated in the town of Macael and immortalized with the installation of the program's commemorative logo, crafted from Macael marble pebbles.

Additionally, Barragán has been a central figure in the historical reenactment "Canteros y Caciques", which is an event that revives and promotes a fundamental part of the history and identity of the Marble Region. Through his passion for storytelling and his commitment to showcasing Andalusia's roots, he has left a lasting mark on Macael, playing a vital role in its public projection in recent years. The Macael Awards recognize his professional career and his role as a bridge connecting the past, present, and future of a community through communication.



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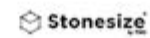
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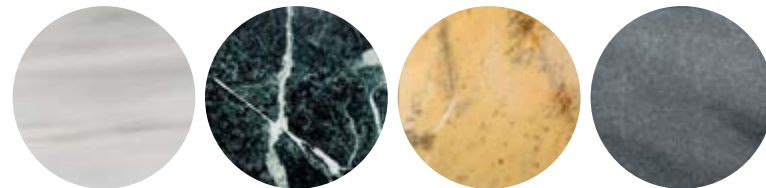
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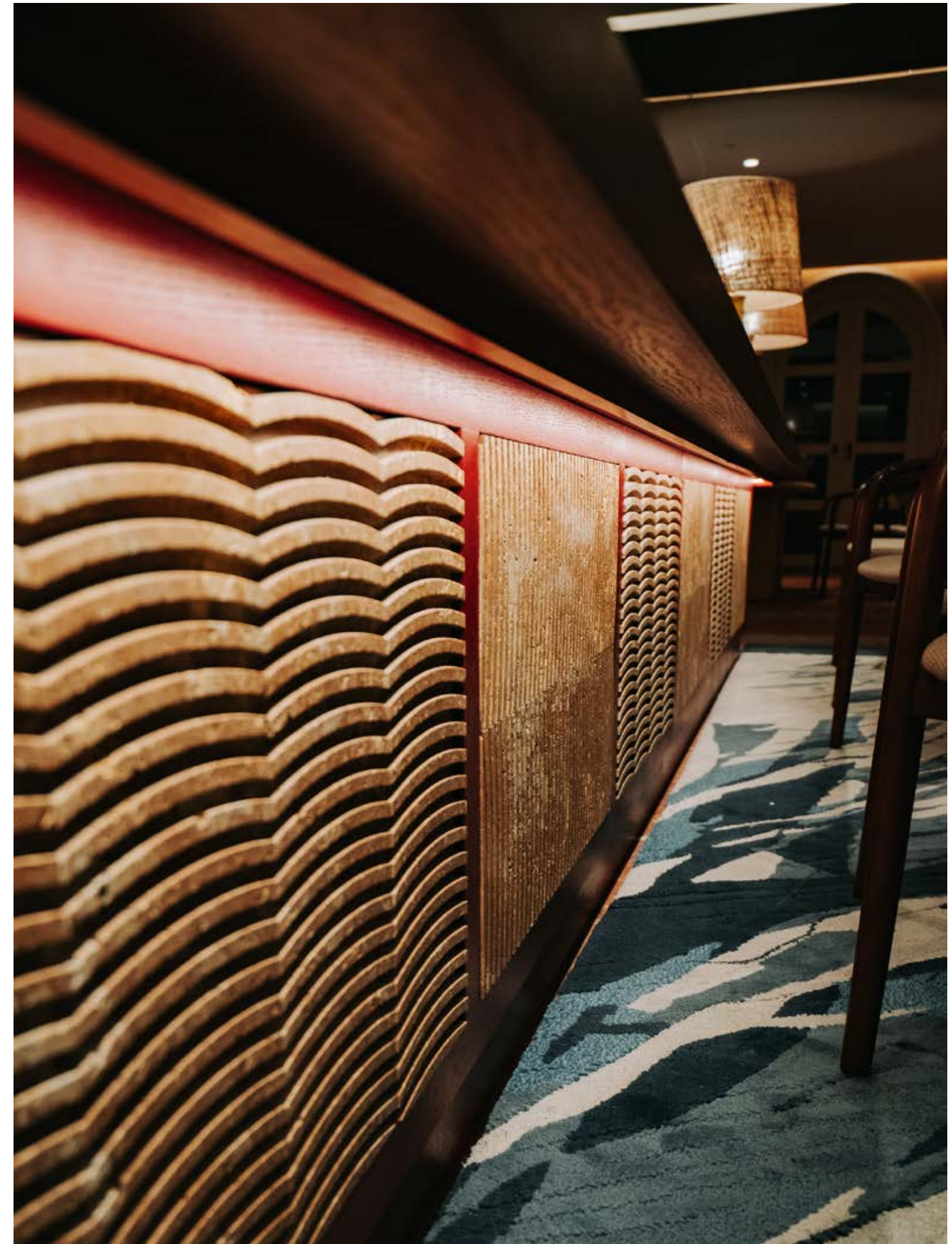
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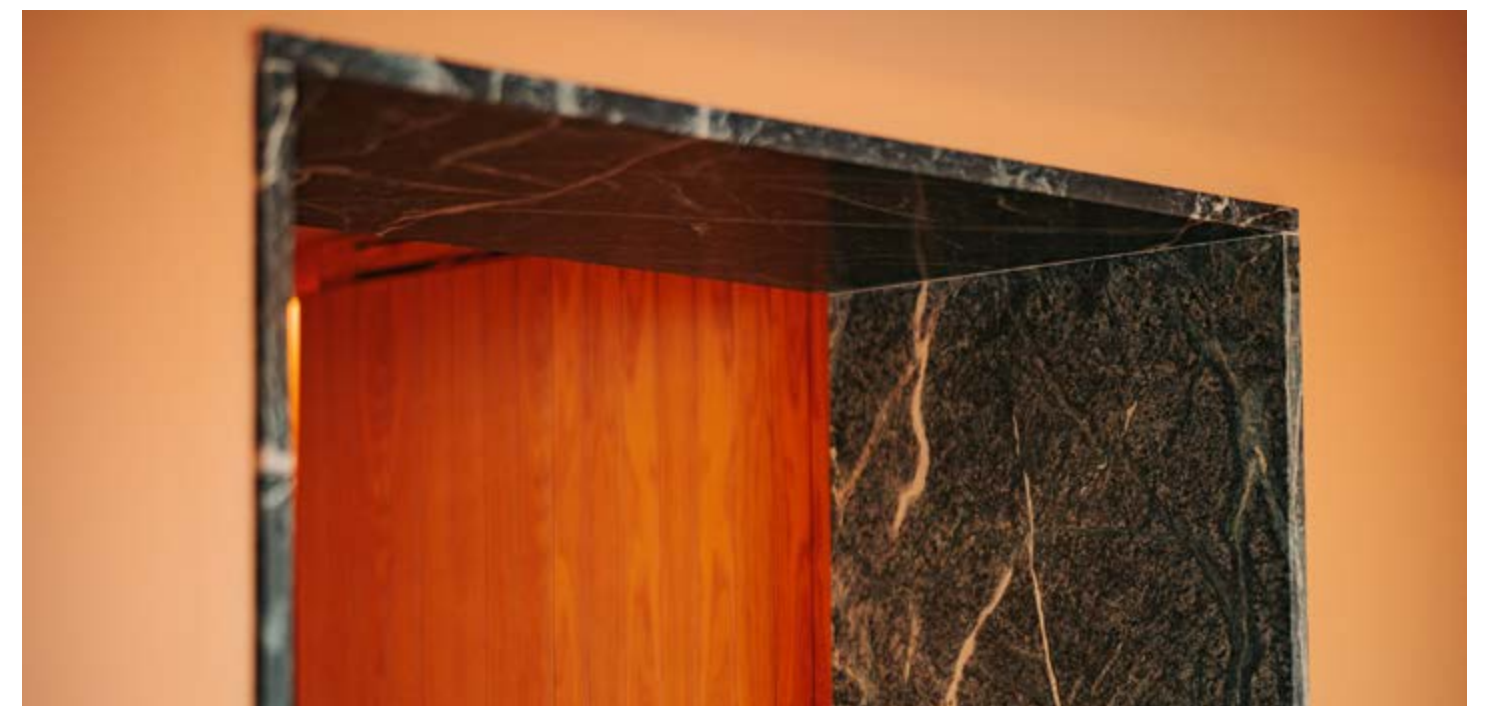
EL FUERTE HOTEL, MARBELLA, MÁLAGA



El Fuerte Hotel, located in the heart of Marbella, has undergone an ambitious renovation that has elevated its category and transformed it into a luxury experience. Under the direction of LR Arquitectura, led by Pablo Liev and Gustavo Rodríguez, with interior design by Jaime Beriestain Studio, and Tino Natural Stone as the stonework specialist, the project successfully blends tradition and modernity through a carefully curated selection of natural stones. Green Alpi, Cream Dolmen, Cream Terra, African Canyon granite, green slate, and various travertines have played a crucial role in the transformation of the complex, adding elegance, durability, and sustainability.

These materials enhance iconic spaces such as the lobby, swimming pools, guest rooms, and common areas, creating an atmosphere that elevates the hotel's Mediterranean style. The meticulous integration of design and finishes has amplified the hotel's visual appeal, making it a reference in high-end hospitality design. For these reasons, it has been awarded the Design Award at the Macael Awards 2024, recognizing the exceptional application of natural stone in premium design projects.





SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

ETOWN 6 OFFICE BUILDING,
HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

The Etown 6 office building, located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, has been honored with the Sustainability Award at the Macael Awards 2024 gala. This project, which has been designed by the architecture firm Archetype in collaboration with Cosentino, has achieved LEED Platinum V4 certification—the highest standard granted by the U.S. Green Building Council—thanks, among other factors, to the installation of sustainable materials such as Dekton and natural stone. This certification reflects a strong commitment to reducing the building's carbon footprint and promoting a healthier work environment.

In total, 5,000 square meters of Dekton and 3,000 square meters of natural stone were used, integrated into various exterior applications including pavements, cladding, stairs, and decorative details such as planter facings and pool coverings. Etown 6 symbolizes the convergence of aesthetics, functionality, and environmental responsibility, demonstrating how sustainable architecture can transform our cities into more efficient and eco-friendly spaces.





**NATIONAL AWARD
DA-AR ARQUITECTURA AND
INGEPIEDRA, EL CORTE INGLÉS
BUILDING OLD FACADE,
VALLADOLID**





The renovation of the El Corte Inglés building former facade in Valladolid, led by Da-Ar Arquitectura and Ingepiedra in collaboration with CuellarStone, has brought about a significant urban transformation, redefining its presence in the historic center of the city. The most striking intervention has been the renewal of its facade, designed with large Travertino Almería pieces that measure 3.45 meters in height by 1.60 meters in width and weigh over 1,600 kilograms. These pieces, carefully anchored from slab to slab and sculpted with curves and vertical grooves, impart a timeless aesthetic that stands out in Valladolid's architectural fabric.

The building, which is located in a privileged area just a few meters from the Plaza Mayor and in the commercial heart of the city, will soon house the store of a renowned textile brand and an exclusive five-star hotel. Its new image not only bestows a renewed identity on the space but also establishes it as a new architectural landmark in the city. This project has been recognized with the National Award at the Macael Awards 2024, highlighting the excellence in the application of natural stone and its contribution to the evolution of the urban environment.

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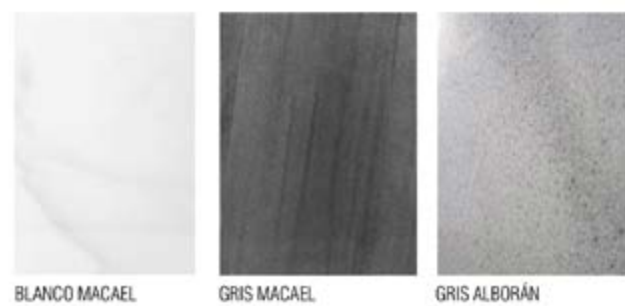
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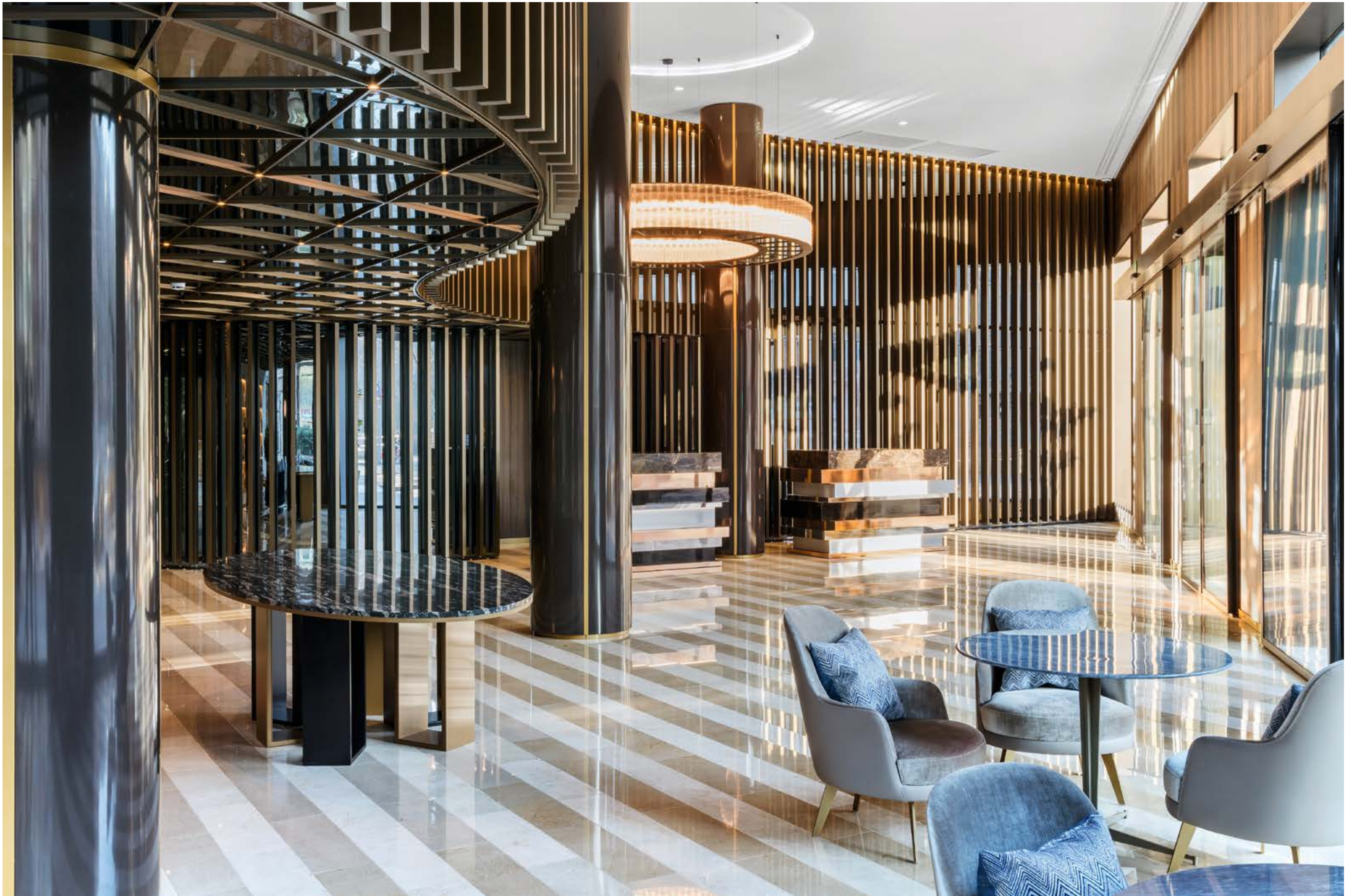
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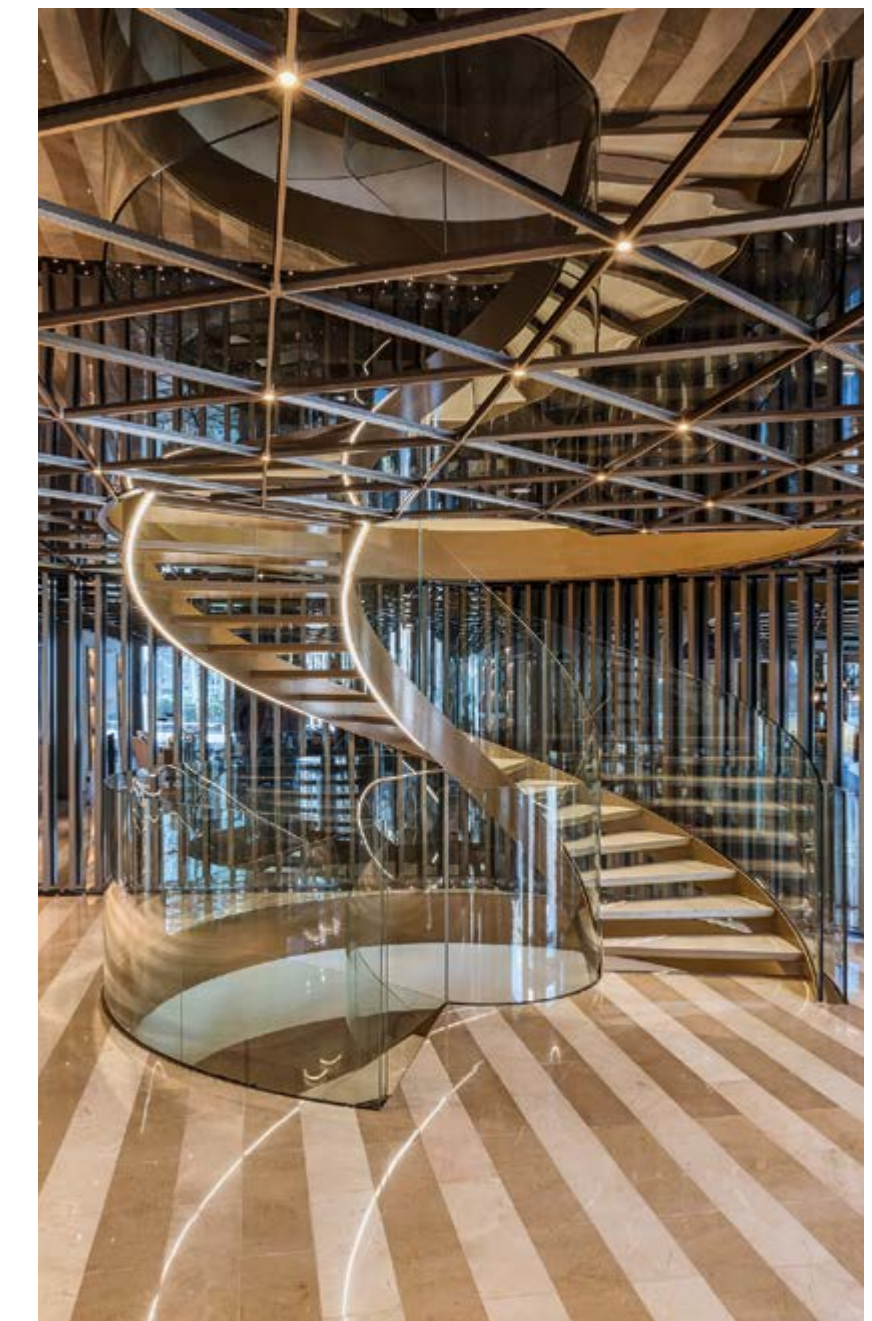






Jaime Beriestain Studio has been honored with the Excellence Award in the design industry for its outstanding trajectory, positioning itself as a benchmark in the creation of spaces that seamlessly blend functionality and aesthetics through an innovative use of natural stone. With a deep ability to transform this material into elements of luxury, Beriestain has redefined its application in a unique way, adapting it to contemporary demands while preserving the essence of tradition.

Beriestain's work with materials and companies under the Macael Marble Brand is a clear example of his ability to transform spaces into luxury experiences. His designs reinterpret the art of natural stone, creating environments that balance elegance, nature, and comfort. He is internationally recognized for his talent in merging design with natural materials, and his commitment to excellence in every detail has established him as a leading figure in interior design.





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EUROPE INTERNATIONAL AWARD

PALEIS HET LOO MUSEUM,
APELDOORN, NETHERLANDS

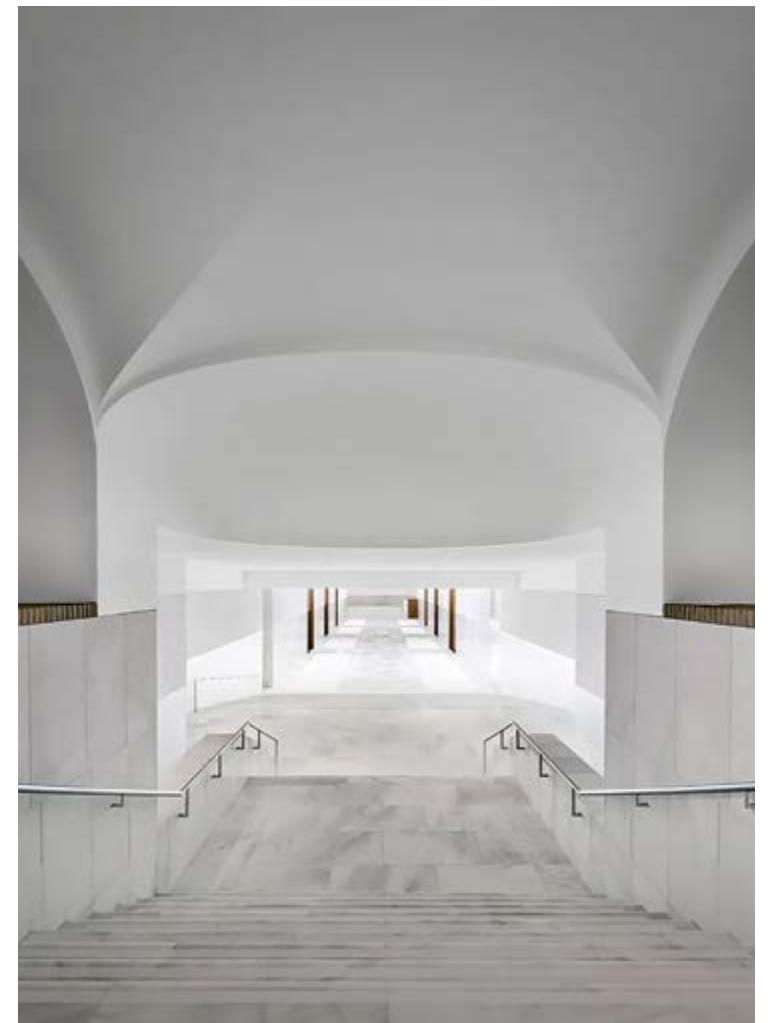




Paleis Het Loo is an iconic landmark of historical and cultural heritage, located in the Netherlands, that houses a museum dedicated to the history of the Dutch royal family. Its recent renovation project represents a major architectural transformation, with an expansion of over 5,000 square meters of new facilities. In this process, Blanco Macael marble has played a pivotal role in the transformation, being used for flooring, wall cladding in halls and corridors, as well as fountains and decorative exterior details. The design aims to balance the preservation of the palace's historical character with the incorporation of this noble and sustainable material, sourced from the quarries of Macael.

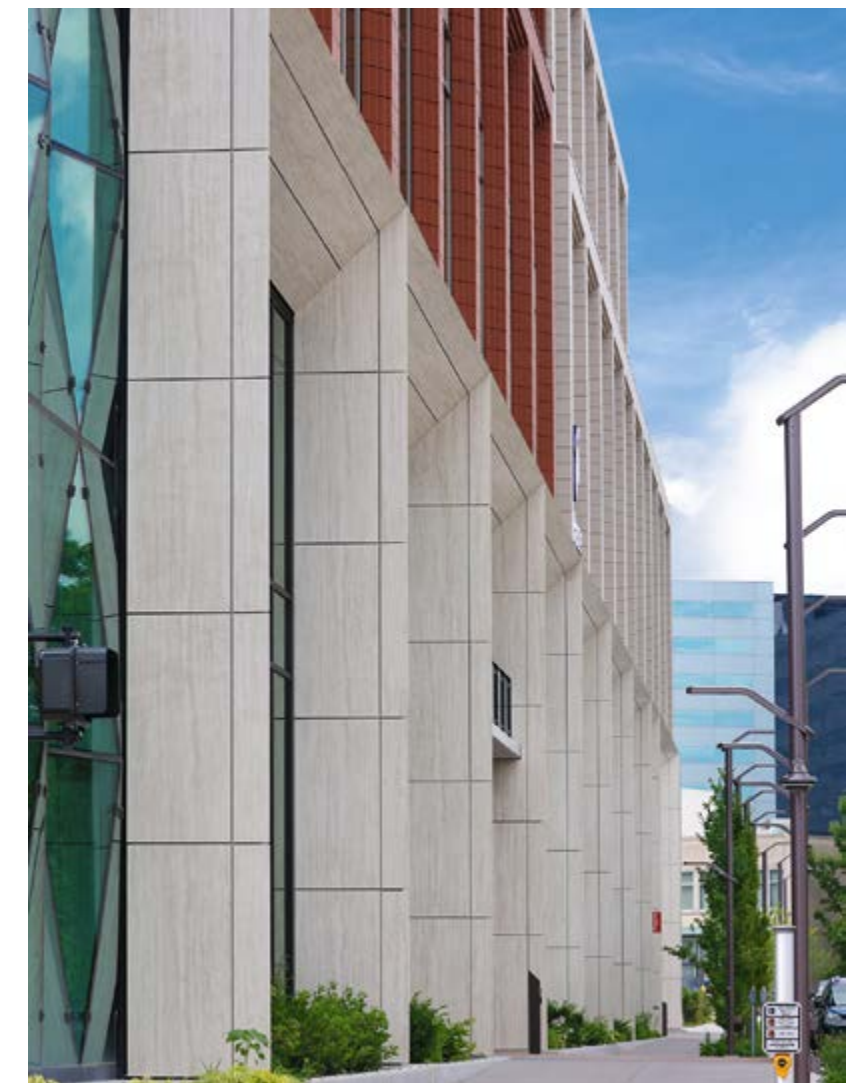
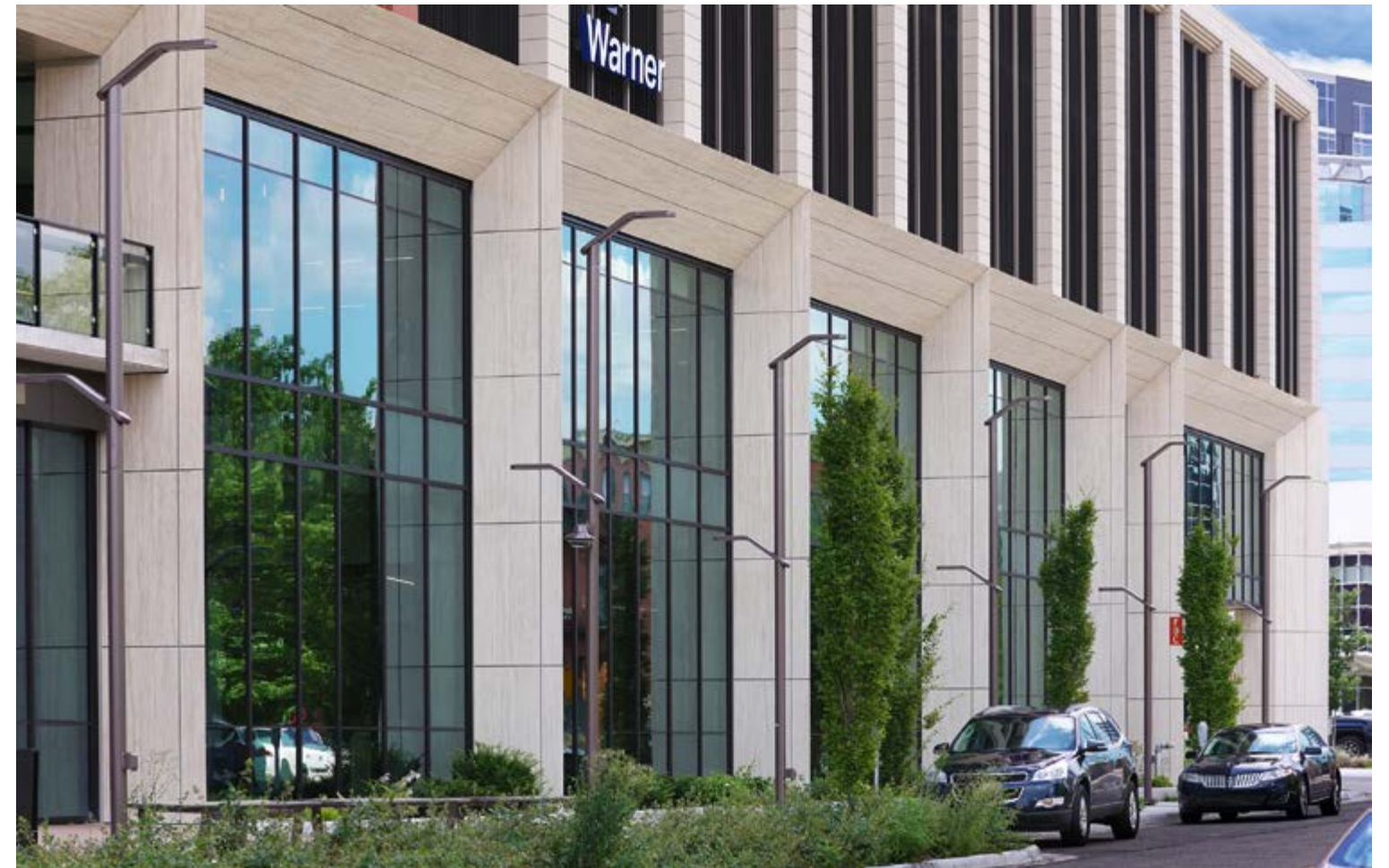
The brightness of the white marble, combined with the natural light filtering through the glass structures, enhances the efficiency of the climate control systems implemented by the architects. This remarkable intervention, carried out by Mármoles Gutiérrez Mena, has been honored with the Europe International Award, showcasing Macael marble as a symbol of elegance, tradition, and sustainability in contemporary architecture.

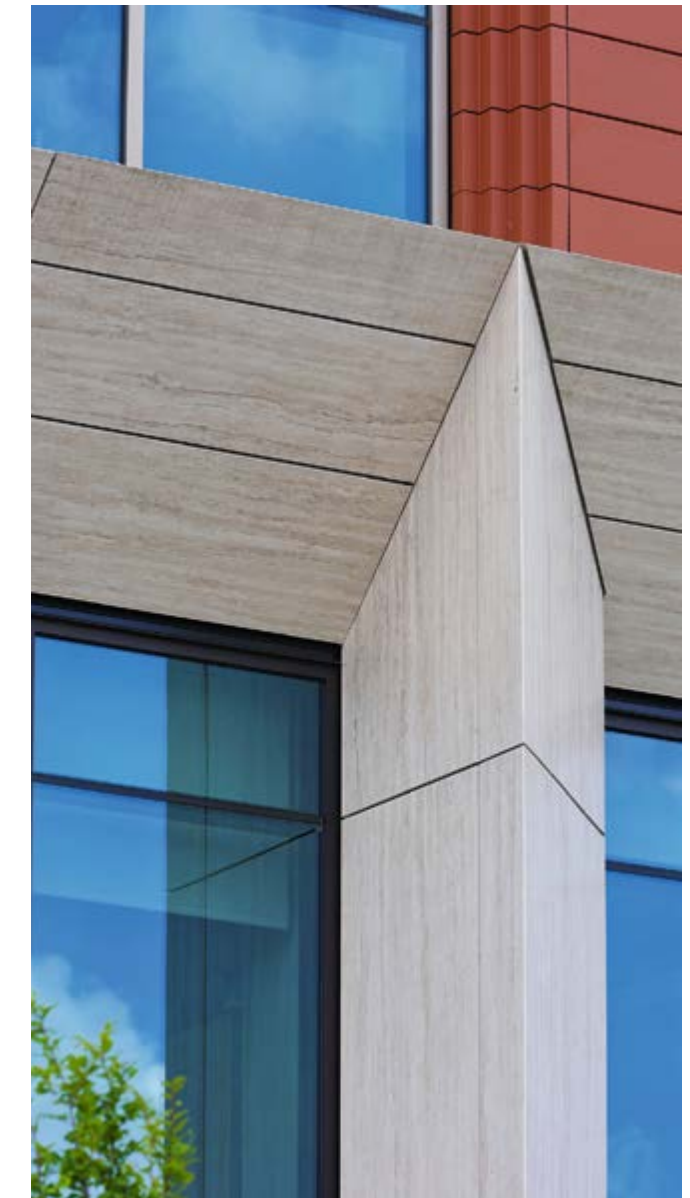




NORTH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL AWARD

TOWER PINKSTER TITUS
ASSOCIATES





The North America International Award has been granted to the architecture firm Tower Pinkster Titus Associates for the development of the Dekton Sterling ventilated façade at 180 E. Water Street in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA.

The project stands out for its three-dimensional design, which integrates large Dekton panels with mitered edges, installed at complex angles over beams and column joints. This architectural solution leverages Dekton's exceptional resistance to stains, scratches, and extreme weather conditions, making it the ideal material to withstand the environmental challenges of the region.

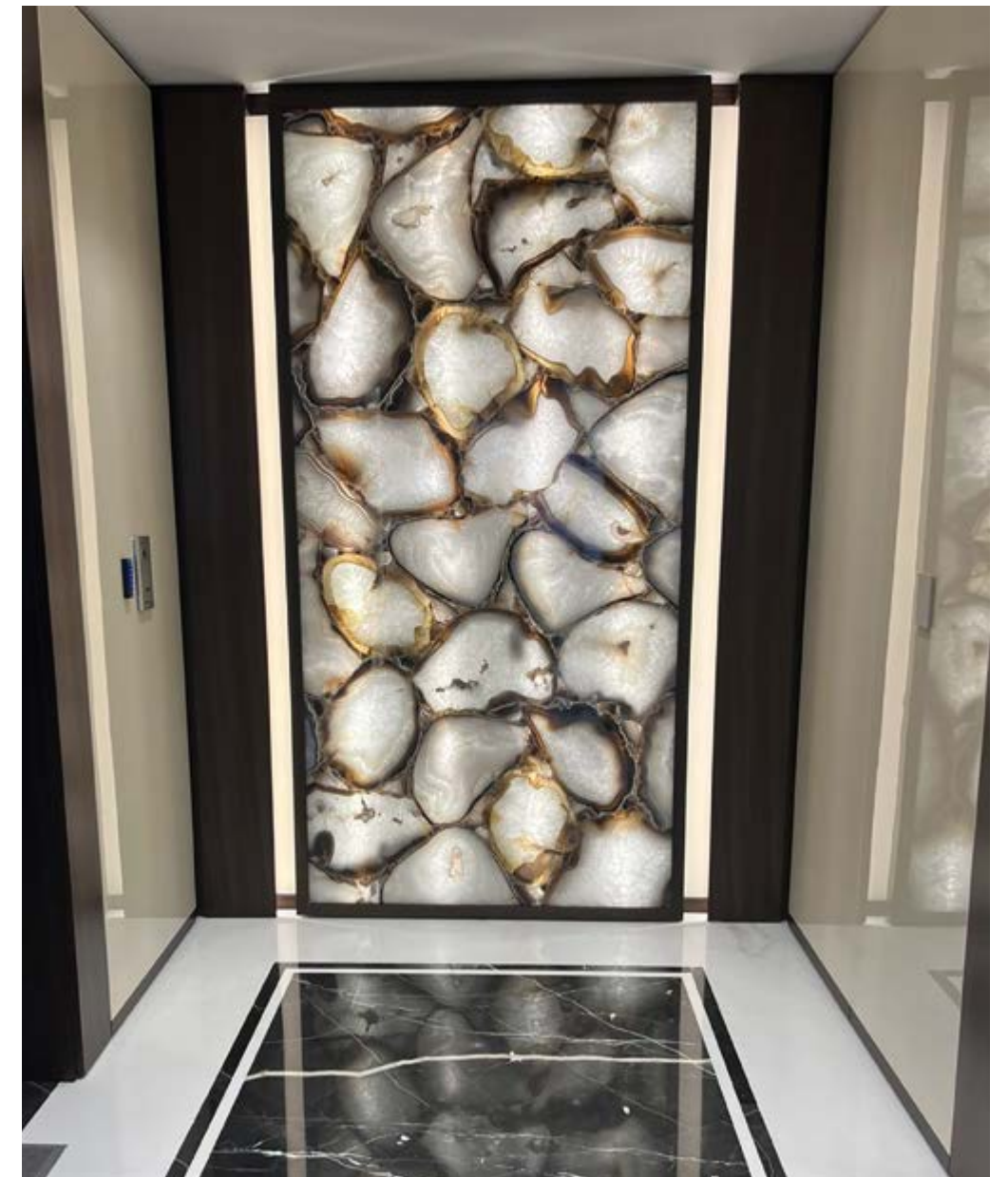
180 E. Water Street is a mixed-use development that exemplifies an interdisciplinary collaboration between Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Cosentino, and the contractor Riverside Group. This integrated approach has enabled technical precision and innovative design to merge, resulting in a unique architectural landmark that meets both the functional demands and aesthetic aspirations of the project.



LATIN AMERICA INTERNATIONAL AWARD

PRIVATE VILLA BY ARCHITECT
ANTONIO LARDINO

Architect Antonio Lardino has been honored with the Latin America International Award for his comprehensive interior and exterior design of a private villa in Panama City. It is a project that seamlessly blends luxury and sophistication through the use of natural materials meticulously sourced from Macael. The villa stands out for the remarkable variety of stones used in its construction. Specifically, the selection of marbles includes Blanco Macael, Calacatta Lincoln, Black Bamboo, Multicolored Cipollino, along with Taurus Gold granite, Alba Limestone, Grigio Pearl, Pietra Santafiora, and even semi-precious stones such as White Quartz, Agata Thera, and Crystal Quartz. Each material has been strategically integrated, showcasing Antonio Lardino's creative vision and his ability to merge architectural design with natural elements. The villa's prime oceanfront location enhances the connection between architecture and its surroundings, creating a unique space where contemporary design and nature coexist in perfect harmony.



AFRICA INTERNATIONAL AWARD

SANDOWN MEWS,
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH
AFRICA





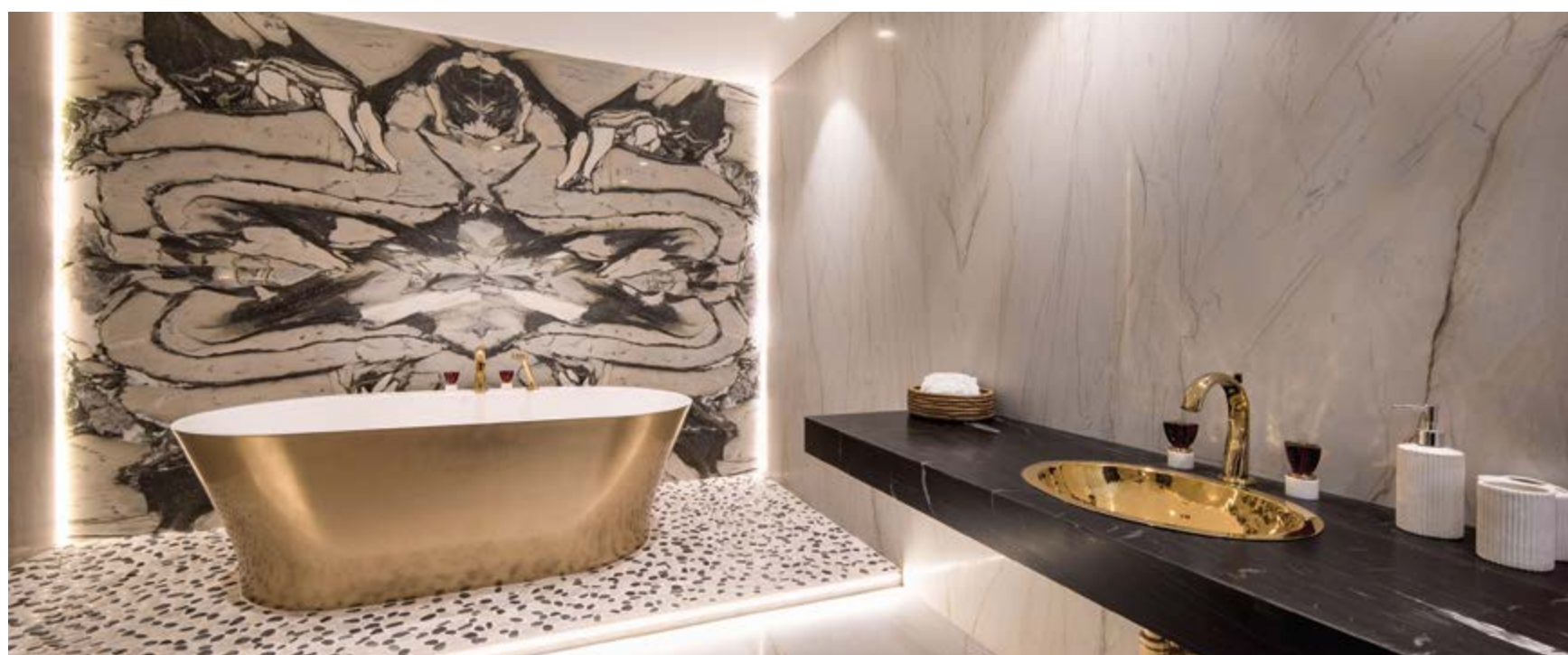
Sandown Mews is an iconic commercial building in the heart of Johannesburg, recently undergoing a significant facade renovation. The selection of materials and technical solutions played a key role in this transformation, incorporating 1,800 square meters of Dekton Marmorio, which is a next-generation material that masterfully combines aesthetics and durability. Its A2 fire resistance classification makes it a safe and long-lasting choice for demanding urban environments. The installation of this material within a ventilated facade system has not only redefined the building's

appearance giving it a modern and sophisticated new image, but has also significantly enhanced its functionality. A custom-designed anchoring system, specifically engineered to withstand strong wind gusts, further distinguishes this renovation. Beyond ensuring structural stability, it improves ventilation and insulation, reducing maintenance costs and contributing to greater sustainability. For this outstanding architectural intervention in collaboration with Cosentino, Sandown Mews has been honored with the Africa International Award at the 2024 Macael Awards.



**ASIA
INTERNATIONAL
AWARD**

**NUPAMI BD, FOR GULSHAN 2
RESIDENCE**



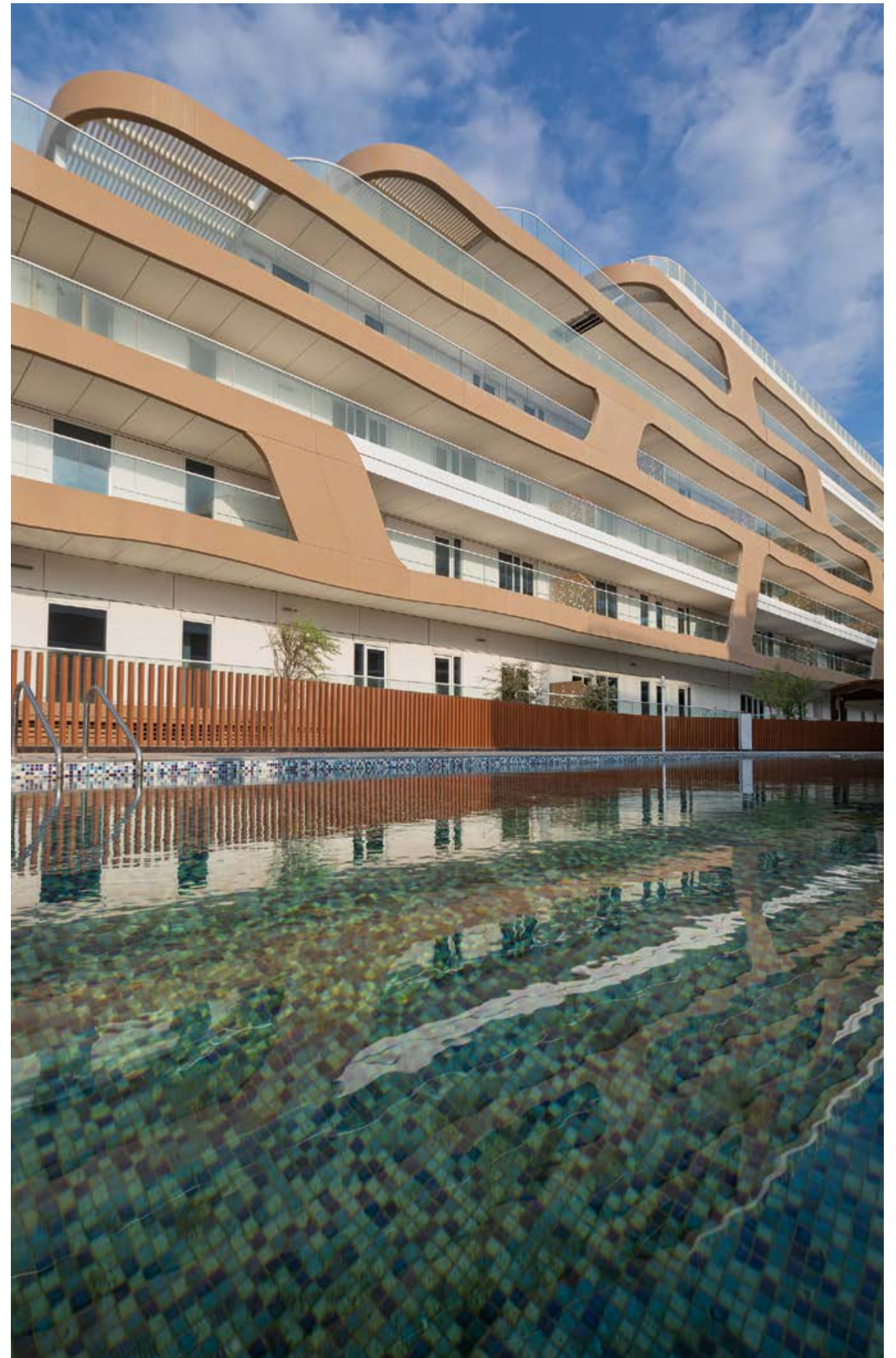
The project management firm Nupami BD has set a new benchmark in the development of luxury residential projects with Gulshan 2 Residence, located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This exclusive project showcases the masterful marble craftsmanship of CuellarStone, featuring an impressive array of natural materials applied throughout the residence. One of its most striking elements is the large-format Calacatta Lincoln marble, used for flooring and a sculptural staircase. In the kitchen, a stunning combination of backlit Honey Onyx and White Onyx has been designed for wall cladding and countertops. The bathrooms feature an exceptional selection of materials, including Calacatta

Gold flooring, Blue Roma quartzite showers, Cyclone marble surfaces, and wall claddings in Caspian Grey, Nairobi Grey, Aspen White, Kayak Beige, and Montblanc, with Arabescato Fantastic enhancing the master suite. An artisan-crafted washbasin in Brown Emperor marble, set against an illuminated Pangea wall, stands as a true statement piece. This comprehensive design approach and flawless execution led the jury of the 2024 Macael Awards to honor Nupami BD with the Asia International Award, recognizing their outstanding work on Gulshan 2 Residence.

The image shows a modern building facade with a curved, multi-story structure. The balconies are white with gold-colored railings. The windows are large and framed in gold. The building is set against a clear sky.

**MIDDLE EAST
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

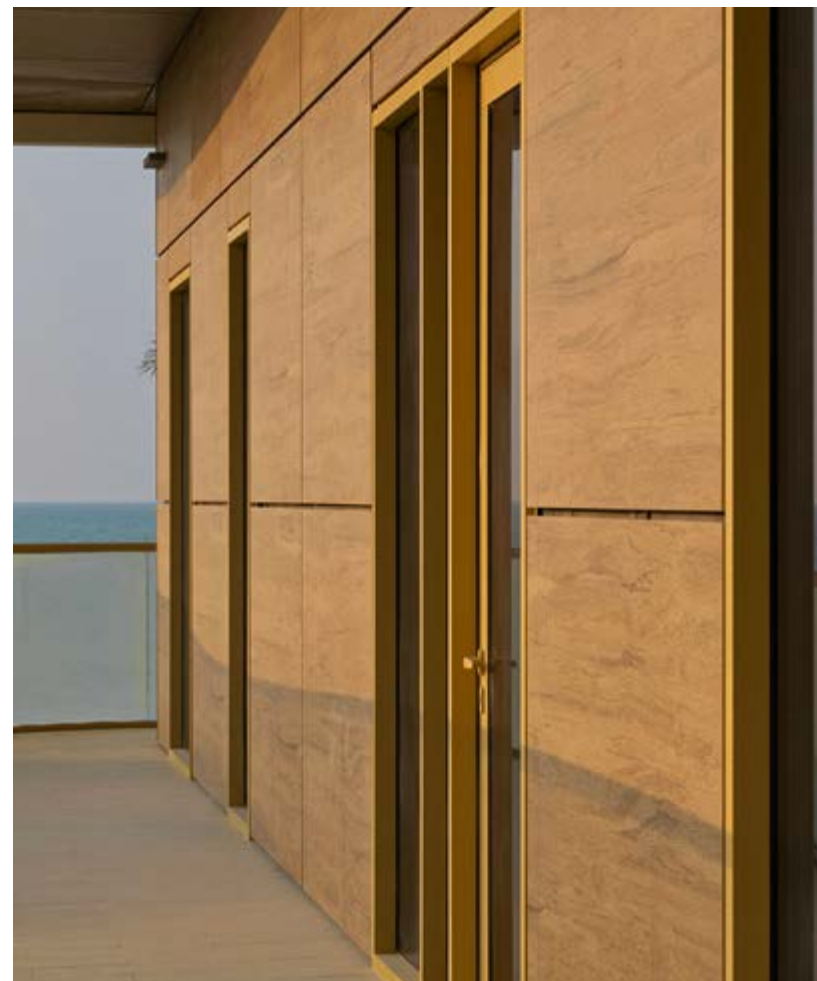
**QARYAT AL HIDD, ABU DHABI,
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**



Qaryat Al Hidd is an exclusive residential complex developed by Saadiyat Development and Investment Company, located in Abu Dhabi. Designed under a comprehensive planning approach, it seamlessly integrates design, functionality, and sustainability. With over 1,100 apartments spread across 12 buildings, the project stands out for its impressive 65,000-square-meter ventilated façade, clad in Dekton, which is a material chosen for its durability and energy efficiency.

To execute this large-scale installation, 40,000 custom-made panels were manufactured, featuring a carefully curated color palette of five tones —Valterra, Sterling, Zenith, Irok, and Bento— blending harmoniously with Abu Dhabi’s desert landscape. Beyond its aesthetic value, the ventilated façade significantly enhances the thermal insulation of the complex, reducing energy consumption and ensuring greater durability against extreme climate conditions.

For the scale of this intervention and its innovative approach to utilizing Cosentino’s ultra-compact surface, Qaryat Al Hidd has been honored with the Middle East International Award at the 2024 Macael Awards, establishing itself as a benchmark in high-end residential architecture.





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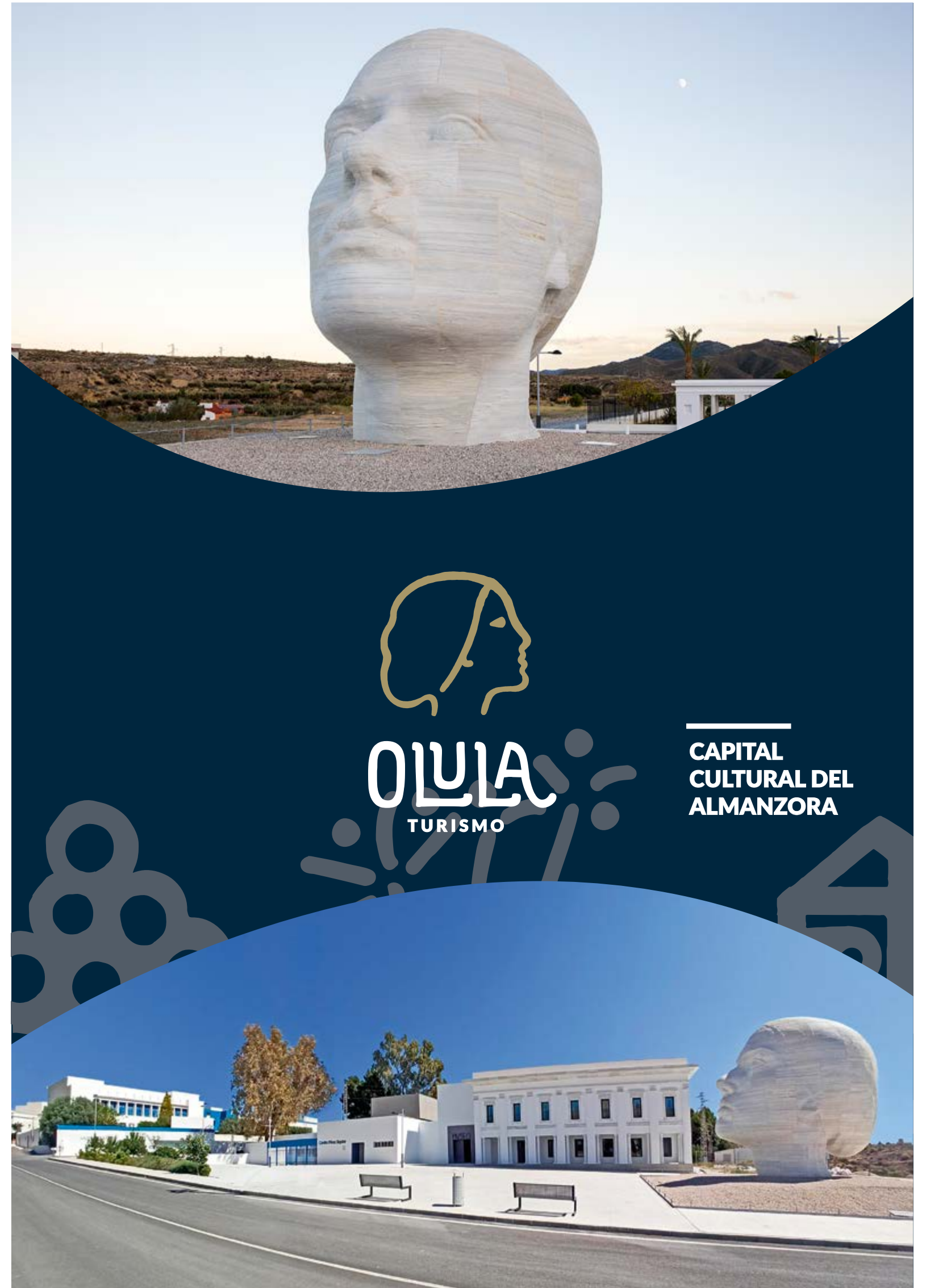
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