

## Coverings 2017

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### **Day - 1**

The show is off to a fantastic start and I decided to start my travels at the opposite end of the show this year so all the Italian, Spanish and other big importers to the United States I will visit tomorrow and Thursday.

While the show has not had any “hidden surprises” we did see the “usual suspects” of wood and large format/thin porcelain – Now referred to as **Gauged Porcelain Tiles and Gauged Porcelain Panels/Slabs (GPTS)**. If you’re not sure what this means you needed to be at the first seminar today, but email me and I can send you information. New is the Terrazzo looks!

### **Bellavita-5630**

Silhouette – 4”x24” wall. Very nice color pallet and decorative elements along with a frame deco that makes a wainscot very easy and elegant. The dove color is hot. They hit a home run here.

Ashlar – Glazed fume extruded line: gorgeous you must check this one out. Cambridge was the original but what I really like is the “pugmill deco” as I call it.

Melody – Water jet flowers, very cool.

Maestro Marble – Consists of lyric – a penny round, cadence - a chevron and rhythm – an elongated hex. Love this line, a show stopper. All different textures, very nice.

Encaustic Deco’s – Excellent display system they have developed along with a first-rate line of these very popular deco’s.

Bedrock – A quartzite and aluminum mix. Very cool.

### **Florina - 5626**

Zhi Collection – A new spin on the cement look with fabric intertwined. Very nice in a 24”x48” and 24”x24” with two surfaces.

**I know we will see a lot of large format/slab or GPTS marble looks so some of these will be grouped together.**

**Plaza Konzept** – 5200 - Large format marble look

**Cifre** – 4802 - Very nice grey on the outside

**Tau** – 5218 – Love the Altamura Grey in a 24”x48” / 8”x48” / 5’ x 10’ plus

**Apavisa** – Book Match is awesome they have both 6.5mm and 12mm as large as 64cm x 128cm

**Grespania Coverlam** - book match.

**The Terrazzo looks.**

**Inalco** – 4822 – in both matte and bush hammer finish in a variety of sizes and slabs 6mm and 12mm thickness.

**Vidis** – 4939 – a wide range of Terrazzo looks

**Lungarno** - 3966 – Organic Strand in 12”x24” and 24”x24”, a fabric look with a spin on fume in four colors that was very cool. Nottinghill in a 3x6 in a couple of cool colors just being developed.

**MSI** – 4080 -You have to check out all the new products, I previewed them in the Coverings Gems and one of the best array of new products at the show!

Domino Wall is perfect as it does not involve a lot of SKUs but hits the mark directly.

Kenzi collection, another encaustic look that hits the right looks.

Recycled glass collection, one you want to swing by and check out as they have a great collection with field and a herringbone pattern.

Watercolor – in 6”x24” and 12”x24” beautiful color on the display.

Brick stone - 6”x24” pressed in five colors and it looks real people check it out.

Upscale Collection – a 6”x40” and a 3”x18” in three colors. The 3”x18” is unique and you definitely have to check that out.

**Kertiles** – 5826 - great low cost Spanish supplier

**Granada Tile** – 6020 - is interesting as they have some nice encaustic patterns.

**Best View** - 4880 – A very nice range of different mosaics and designs.

Onix – 5242 - always has a good range of recycled glass mosaics.

**Intermatex** – 5455 - A Spanish trading company that always has nice mosaic design

**Color Quartz** -5621– one of the best companies to import from.

## Day – 2

Day 2 was definitely busier than day 1 and we have some exciting things coming out into the market place.

**Lunuda Bay** – 3700 – One of the best in glass designs.

**Fiandre** – 3705 – Just stand outside. Wow, is that nice.

**Soho Studio Corp** – 3305 – Nice water jet designs.

**Vitromex** – 3712

Couvet - 3 ½’’x 24’’ wood, 2 colors 16 faces, **one of the nicest things I’ve seen at the show.**

City Soul – 4 colors beautiful finish like a baby’s butt, 13’’x13’’, 20’’x20’’, and 12’’x24’’

Conde – A matt finish that is really nice 12’’x48’’, 24’’x48’’, 24’’x 24’’

They also did a couple wall tile lines.

Maranello Wall – One color, red. Yes, that’s it just red. In an 8’’x8’’, 13’’x18’’, 3’’x10’’, 4’’x4’’, 3’’x18’’, 6 ½’’x 18’’ and they even did a deco in the 13’’x13’’ structure.

Another wall line was Portela. 13’’x13’’, 13’’x18’’, 6 ½’’x18’’. Six colors so very nice range.

### **Lamosa**

Chenin a cement/wood combo....

Cotto in a 16 x 16 one color truly a nice look

### **Emil group**

**Piase this is a show stopper and is right on!**

Twenty the wood knot is perfected!

**Viva** has a stained concrete with a nice color palette with a stained concrete look very cool looking

**Ergon** - handmade wall tile in Majolica a in a 2 x 9 and 4 x 9

**Provenza** - this is a new take on wood in sizes from 8 x 48 to as large as 10 x 70 with a killer decorative program

## **Ragno - 2100**

Bistrot mix of marbles in matte and polished finishes that has the perfect graphic

Cavatina this is a floor/wall/mosaic combo perfect for the builder and residential market

## **Marazzi**

Château reserve - nice wood look in 6 x 48, 8 x 48 and 12 x 48 five right on colors

Classentino – mix of marble designs in a 12 x 24, 24 x 24 and 24 x 48 matte and polished it is really a beautiful design with great graphics and a cool chain-link mosaic in the polished finish. **One of the nicest ones at the show.**

Materika –16 x 48 flat linear and wave deco very cool product

Modern formations - three finishes 12 x 24 \* 24 x 24 in a polished and unpolished at textured in 12x24.

## **Cerdomus**

Origini - cement, Cotto and Saltillo all mixed together in a 12 x 24, 24 x 24, 12 x 48 & 24 x 48. **The Moka is the best color I have seen at the show, even better than white!**

Sapphire - this has a very cool sinking ink that really makes the natural finish a “plus”

Objekt - is the cement with a cool rust patina and a baby butt finish

## **Florim**

Neutro 6.0

14 colors yes 14 I said it right six sizes and 6 mm and 10 mm. Wow what a package! don't tell Marco you could not find the right size !

Antique marble it's a mix of five sizes in 6mm and 10 mm with perfect textures

B&W - Black-and-white done right

Gallery another terrazzo look they did a nice job and I love the 2 cm with the exterior finish

Evolution nice directional graphic in a 6 x 36,12 x 24 & 18 x 36 excellent couple of mosaics also

Marmoris four good colors with a great mix of Stone graphics. The Sierra is it!

**Imola** - Sicily Sicilian stone full body in at 24 x 48, 30 x 30 ,15 x 30 24 x 24 it is the real thing

**Faenza** - Radika a Stone with Wood petrified wood very nice!

**Wonder porcelain the new kid hits some homers**

MOD Slate & Mod Tones are right on and priced right!

Accent wood 6 x 36 very nice cool color palette

Number 12

I love this line because it was so needed 10 colors in 6 x 24,12 x 24,12x12 to 24 x 24 in Matte and polished and 2 x 2 mosaic

**Potinari**

Linear stone 12 x 24 awesome graphic very cool palette

Toscana – scabos look in a 12 x 24 and 24 x 24

Unique - While it may not seem unique it truly is with just two colors in a 40 x 40 polished black & white called jet black and jet white which is a really nice white

Detroit it's a SKU Haven was six colors in 12 x 24 36 x 36 24 x 48 24 x 24 18 x 36 40 x 40 and a mosaic

**Voguebay**

3-D Marble two colors in a herringbone Pietra gray and Carrera and the other pattern is called sailing which is awesome

Euro marble - Now six colors polished & unpolished and the new grip Texture

When you're in the booth check out Starlike it's a glazed metal fusion look they've also made water cube in a porcelain

3-D Durastone check it out....

## **Day – 3**

### **Pera Tile**

The next company we are all talking about, after setting some nice trends in the stone industry they have now moved into tile!

Urbana, Heritage Wood, Eastside and Conceta are all products that hit the mark it is the differentiation they execute within on their own via the Atelier Pera Essentials water jet deco's and patterns!

### **Florida Tile**

Wexford - fabric look three colors.

Precious - a floor wall marbleized look with a variety of both wall and floor tile sizes that meet the mark.

NY2LA - a cement look with a cool punch and in a 12 x 24 and 24 x 24

Bakersfield - a nice entry level product for marble and rustic looks.

### **Ornamenta - 1703**

Stile Liero - in a 24 x 24 and 24 x 48. The actual stone is Ceppo Di Gre which is a great replication.

Meta Fisico - Calacatta 48 x 48 in both polished and matt which is very nice.

### **DelConca**

Stone Capital - this one has more faces than you can imagine. You have to stop by and see it.

Lascala - Lime Stone great new size package with 16 x 32, 12 x 12, 4 x 12 and 12 x 24 in a limestone look.

Calico - another must see in an 8 x 48 with a 12 x 12 mosaic. Very nice take.

Midtown - awesome marble with four different graphics in 8 x 32, 16 x 32, 12 x 24 and 4 x 12.

Vignoni - go check out this cotto look as it made me a believer in the decorative in a 32 x 32 nicely done.

Pandora - a concrete look done with continua in a 32 x 32 and 32 x 71

Orto Botanico - got to check the length out on this one 71" very cool in both an 8" and 11" width.

Dolomiti Wood - this is a nice package with a 6 ½ x 48 and a 2cm product.

## **Portobello**

Workshop - modern twist on wood a 4 x 48 in five colors and a 4 x 72 in three colors.

Silos - with Brazilian style they have made a cement look with a hand-crafted look in four colors and five deco's in a 24 x 24 and a 36 x 36

Nord - another cement look in three colors in a 24 x 24, 36 x 36 and an 8" hexagon in addition they have the Zen cement deco's that I really liked.

Extra fine - the thin tile in 6.5mm in both natural and mat finish.

## **Atlas**

Marvel Gems - this is the line we all need to look at to see if we want to do a terrazzo in both a mat and polished version in a variety of sizes.

## **Eliane**

Urban Wood - I really like what they've done with one color with 54 faces on a nice cut up punch in an 8 x 48 grey. Let's just face it, this hit the mark in terms of a color that will sell.

Flat - this one is awesome and is truly a must see in that it is one color grey with a great variation in a 24 x 48 and a 36 x 36 in a great blend.

Laca - this is a great look for stained concrete that is worn over time in a black and grey in a 36 x 36

Black Wood - this is real burnt wood you've got to check it out in a 8 x 48

## **Eleganza**

Parq - 3 1/2 x 36 four colors of a really good looking wood. You have to check it out.

Cost Line - 4 x 24 and 12 x 24 in four colors of a nice directional travertine.

Fabrique 2.0 - a nice fabric look that is mainstream yet elegant.

Heartwood - 8x48 four colors six killer deco's.

Vintage wood 3.0 - 6 x 36 four colors another one you must check out that had the nice range.

Essence - this one has a really cool 24 x 48, 8 x 48 package that included a reversed chevron which is something different.

Steel - is a 24 x 48 four colors that is a must see.

**Day – 4**

Colorart from Sant Agostino is a varied wood in multiple colors love the range.

Fioranese Velvet beautiful 30x36 75x150

Coems BritStone 8x48 very nice modern look also is available in a 12x48, 12x24 and 18x36 in natural and polished.

Keraben – Track – they hit it right on, great factory also. Floor and Wall.

**The WINNER is in**

**Piemme Unique Stone 12x24 and 31x31 multiple textures and decorative elements. A beautiful polished 31x31 unique silver. Nite is probably the most awesome black I have seen all show.**