The Cosentino Group Stands Out at Eurocucina and Milan Design Week 2014 with its

Dekton® and Silestone® surfaces

Manufacturers Rifra, Boffi, Häcker, Whirlpool, Kitchen Aid, Nobilia and Team 7 have chosen Dekton® and Silestone® to present their latest products during the event

* **The Cosentino Group is working alongside Italian manufacturer Rifra at Eurocucina to present the kitchen concept of the future; "Meet the Kitchen"**

**“MEET THE KITCHEN” | RIFRA | THE COSENTINO GROUP**

**Salone Internazionale del Mobile / EUROCUCINA 2014**

**PAVILION 11 STAND B18**

* **An installation created exclusively with Dekton® by Cosentino by the prestigious Italian architect, Italo Rota will be presented at the Statale University of Milan. This installation, entitled "The Moon Exception" is the result of a collaboration with the renowned international school, The Domus Academy**

**“THE MOON EXCEPTION” BY ITALO ROTA| DOMUS ACADEMY | THE COSENTINO GROUP**

**UNIVERSITA STATALE DI MILANO**

**VIA FESTA DEL PERDONO NR 7**

**UK 20 March 2014** – The leader in the production and distribution of innovative surfaces for the world of architecture and design, The Cosentino Group, is presenting the Rifra and Cosentino “Meet The Kitchen” project in a 170m2 space located in Pavilion 11, stand B18 at the Salone Internazionale del Mobile. Cosentino and Italian manufacturer Rifra will present several futuristic concepts of contemporary kitchens made ​​exclusively with the innovative surfaces Dekton® and Silestone® by Cosentino.

Manufacturers Boffi, Häcker, Whirlpool, Kitchen Aid, Nobilia and Team7 have also chosen Dekton**®** for the architecture and design of their latest kitchens and bathrooms which will be presented during Eurocucina.

In Milan, both Dekton**®** and Silestone® will be used in kitchens and bathrooms, as well as on floors and panels both inside the Fair and on striking exhibitions around the city centre. These exhibitions include Boffi’s 80th anniversary at Via Solferino nr. 11 and Kitchen Aid-Whirlpool in its showroom on Via Tortona nr. 31.

The prestigious Italian architect, Italo Rota will present an installation created exclusively with Dekton® by Cosentino at the Statale University of Milan during Design Week. "The Moon Exception" is a result of a collaboration between The Cosentino Group and the prestigious international school, The Domus Academy. This showcases the Domus Academy students’ interpretation of the satellite view by Italo Rota.

**About Cosentino Group**

Cosentino Group is a global, family-owned company that produces and distributes high value innovative surfaces for architecture and design. As a leading company, Cosentino imagines and anticipates together with its customers and partners design solutions that offer value and inspiration to people’ lives. This goal is made possible by pioneering brands that are leaders in their respective segments such as Silestone®, Dekton®, Eco by Cosentino® and Sensa by Cosentino®. Technologically advanced surfaces which allow create unique designs for the home and public spaces.

The group bases its development on international expansion, an innovative research and development programme, respect for the environment and sustainability, and its ongoing corporate commitment to society and the local communities where it operates, education, equality and health & safety.

Cosentino Group currently distributes its products and brands in more than 80 countries, and directly manages from its headquarters in Almeria (Spain) its own facilities in more than 20 of them. 90% of Cosentino Group’s turnover comes from international markets.

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**About Dekton® by Cosentino**

The Dekton® by Cosentino ultra-compact surface is a new and innovative category of surfaces. It is the result of an investment of 128 million euros and 22,000 hours of research and development, making it the perfect partner for designers and architects. It is a material that can be used both indoors and outdoors thanks to its excellent performance and the large format slab in which it is made, a factor that greatly facilitates and makes its installation easier.

Offering endless decorative and architectural solutions, Dekton® allows its design to flow from the inside to the outside and at all levels, both horizontally and vertically, with no limits or interruptions in the final design. Dekton® is also able to offer a wide variety of colours and finishes with a high quality and versatility.

Dekton® is manufactured with advanced technology PST (Particle Sintering Technology) and this new surface is a sophisticated blend of inorganic raw materials that are used to produce glass, porcelain and quartz surfaces. This technology synthesises, in absolute terms, procedures of the most innovative technological industries, a development that represents a technological and industrial leap capable of generating a new process, which has resulted in a revolutionary material and a leading product.

Technical properties of Dekton®:

* + - * High scratch resistance. High resistance to abrasion.
			* Zero water absorption. Maximum stain resistance.
			* UV resistant. Resistant to the sun. Excellent colour stability.
			* Very good resistance to heat and thermal shock.
			* High resistance to freezing and thawing, it can be used in all climatic conditions.

Dekton ® is produced in large format slabs (320 cm x 144 cm) and three different thicknesses: 0.8 cm, 1.2 cm and 2 cm.

Since 2013 Dekton® is the personal sponsor of the four times motorcycle world champion Jorge Lorenzo. The Dekton® image can be seen on the Spanish rider's official cap.

**About Silestone® by Cosentino**

Silestone® by Cosentino, worldwide leader brand in quartz surfaces, consists of more than 90% natural quartz. This high-tech material is highly resistant to stains, knocks and scratches, and has a low level of fluid absorption. It also has an exclusive bacteriostatic property, several product guarantees and certificates and the upper level of service, quality and responsibility of the Cosentino Group. Silestone® comes in over up to 60 colors, three textures and several different formats, which makes it a versatile product, due to its big format pieces without joints. Thanks to these special properties, Silestone® surfaces are highly suitable for the kitchen, bath and other demanding areas such as hotels, restaurants, hospitals, laboratories, and so on.

Silestone® is present in some of the world’s most unique constructions, such as the Hotel Burj Al Arab in Dubai, Wembley Stadium in London, Jean Nouvel’s Agbar Tower in Barcelona and Telefónica’s flagship store in Madrid. Silestone® is also present in the prestigious cuisines of the Basque Culinary Center in San Sebastian, and of recognized restaurants like Andoni Luis Aduriz’s Mugaritz in Rentería, or Dani Garcia’s Calima in Marbella or Sergi Arola’s Gastró Arola in Madrid. International celebrity chefs like Jose Andrés have prepared their best recipes in kitchens equipped with Silestone® worktops. Since 2012, Silestone® sponsors and is the official provider of quartz surfaces for “The World’s 50 Best Restaurants”.

Silestone® was the first quartz surfaces brand to advertise in the biggest publicity event in the world, the US Superbowl in 2005. Since that same year, Silestone® is one of the main sponsors of the NBA US basketball team Houston Rockets. Currently, Silestone® also sponsors Unión Deportiva Almería, team in the Spanish first division football league.

Pioneering quartz surface, Silestone® has revolutionized the global stone industry and its growth has been unstoppable, to the point where it has become the world’s leading brand, being the US, Spain and the UK the main markets, in terms of sales, for Silestone®.

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