**The ultracompact Dekton® by Cosentino surface receives the French award Janus de l’Industrie 2014 in the Components and Materials category**

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**Cantoria, 10 February 2015.** Dekton® by Cosentino was awarded the "Janus de l'Industrie 2014” label of excellence by the French Institute of Design in the components and materials category. Anne-Marie Sargueil, President of the French Design Institute will deliver during the month of Feburay 2015 the award to Jean-Luc Manivet, Area Manager for Cosentino France.

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The Institute of Design selects products and services whose primary concern is for users and the environment. This institution stresses the importance of sustainability and supports projects that use design to improve quality of life for consumers.

The Jury has highlighted that the combination of Dekton’s excellent technical performance together with its richness in solutions, which the product offers, were key elements for its final decision.

The criteria that determine the awarding of this label include:

* Economy: the level and relevance of innovation, and that project is profitable, coherent and makes rational use of inputs.
* Ergonomics: comfort and benefit for the user, ease of use and optimisation of maintenance.
* Asthetics: looks, visual and conceptual homogeneity and quality of colours and finishes.
* Ethics: social and environmental responsibility, energy considerations, compliance with national and international standards, and choice of materials.
* Emotion: the wow factor and coherence in communication

The Janus label of excellence, the official design label created by French ministerial decree of 13 November 1953 and sponsored by the French Ministry of Industry and Trade is recognised by industry professionals and is a benchmark in the world of design. The Janus label of excellence was originally only awarded for industry, but it has since been extended to other creative fields.

**About Dekton® by Cosentino**

The Dekton® by Cosentino ultra-compact surface is a new and innovative category of surfaces created with the objective of becoming a global leader in the world of architecture and design both for indoor and outdoor spaces. 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 throughout the world.

Dekton® is a sophisticated mixture of the raw materials that is used to manufacture glass, porcelain materials and quartz surfaces. The Dekton® surface can recreate any type of material with a high level of quality. It is manufactures in large format (320 cm x 144 cm) and thin thicknesses (0.8 cm, 1.2 cm and 2 cm) and it as superior technical characteristics:

* + - * High mechanical resistance
      * Good resistance to fire and heat
      * High scratch resistance
      * High UV rays resistance
      * High hydrolysis resistance
      * Reduced water absorption
      * Very good colour stability
      * Very good dimensional stability
      * High abrasion resistance
      * High stain resistance
      * Resistance to freezing and thawing.

These superior technical characteristics are achieved thanks to the exclusive TSP (Technology of Sinterized Particles), developed by the R&D of Cosentino Group. TSP technology is an ultra-compaction process which makes Dekton® a totally revolutionary low-maintenance, long-lasting product with a multitude of applications.

Prestigious architect and designer Daniel Libeskind has created in 2014 “Beyond The Wall”, a spectacular sculpture which becomes the first architectural and design milestone created with Dekton® by Cosentino. As well, the ultracompact surface Dekton was selected for the flooring of Baku airport, Pepe Jeans stores in Barcelona, Paris and Rotterdam, Dani García restaurant in Marbella (two Michelin stars) and DiverXO restaurant from David Muñoz (three Michelin stars) in Madrid.

Since 2011, Cosentino Group is sponsor and official provider of worktops at “The 50 Best Restaurants of the World”. Since 2014 with its Dekton® brand sponsoring the “One To Watch” award.

In 2015 the Spanish tennis player Rafa Nadal features worldwide Dekton® adversiting campaign. As well, supporting the project “Rafa Nadal Academy by Movistar” the tennis academy of the tennis player will include Dekton in diverse applications of the spectacular premises of the Academy.

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