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EDITORIAL LETTER

Dear Readers,

Welcome to Finishing Touches: The Art of Luxury Surfaces, where we celebrate the evolving world of luxury surfaces in contemporary design. In this edition, we explore how these elements are no longer just functional but fundamental to creating spaces that evoke elegance, comfort, and innovation.

We begin with Interceramic's Large-Scale Slabs, which blend advanced technology with seamless design to transform any environment into a masterpiece. The journey continues with Molteni&C's La Cava Boutique Home, where modern design meets natural beauty in a Sicilian retreat.

Antolini's natural stone work in Malta showcases the timeless appeal of stone, while Ceramics of Italy presents innovative tiles that redefine classic elegance. Italian craftsmanship shines in Atlas Plan and Modulnova's porcelain slabs, bringing strength and beauty to high-end interiors.

We are also thrilled to feature Ceramiche Refin's latest collections, blending nature-inspired designs with cutting-edge innovation. Terratinta Group's sustainable and artisanal tiles remind us of the importance of craftsmanship in today's design world. Finally, Fuksas x De Marchi Verona's Numen collection brings texture and depth, inspired by nature's raw beauty, into sophisticated spaces.

We hope this edition inspires you to explore the limitless potential of luxury surfaces in your next project.

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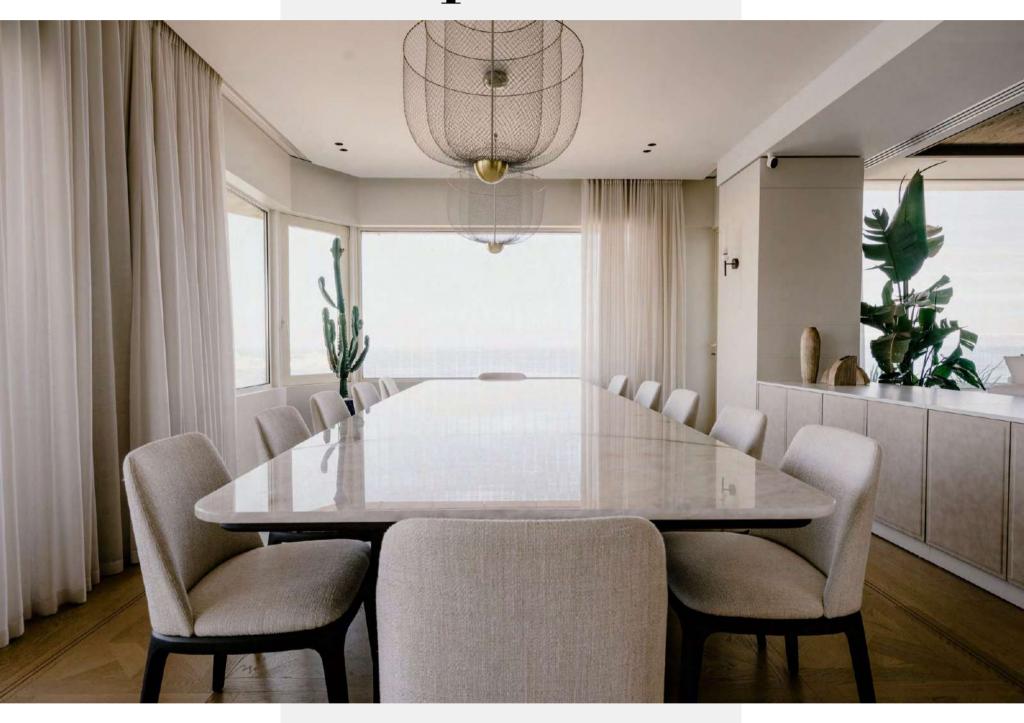






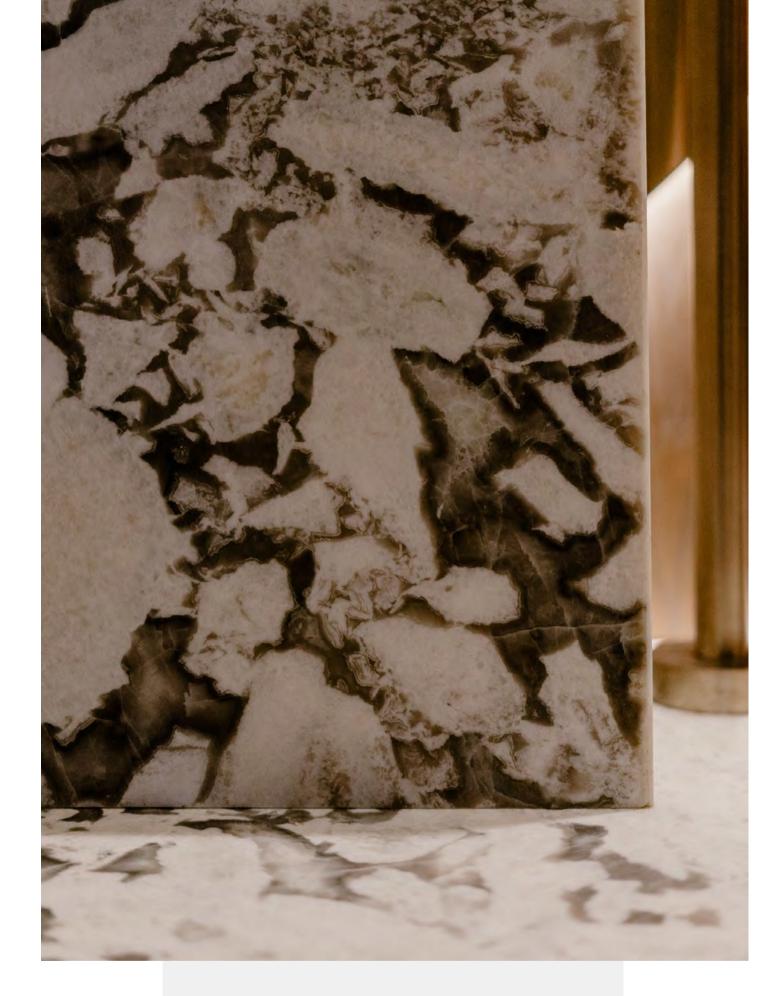
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Elegance of a mediterranean masterpiece

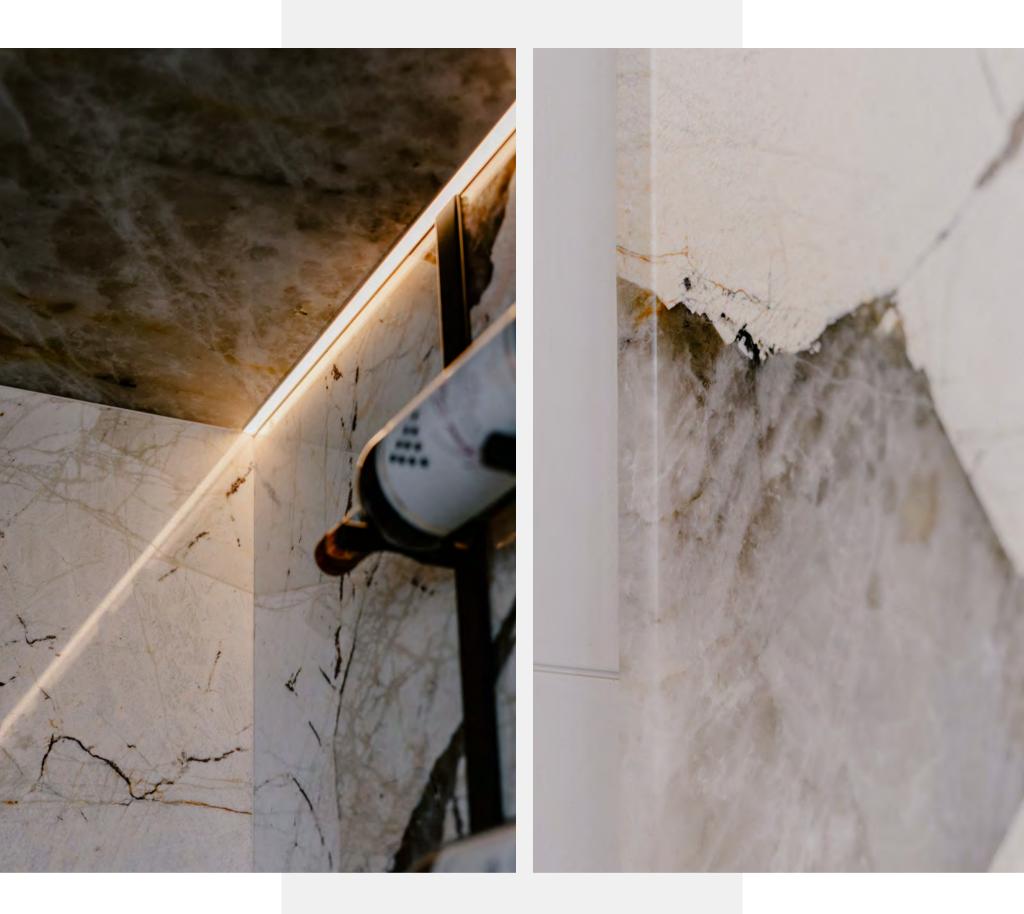


Discover how Antolini's natural stone, including Cristallo Lumix, Dover White, and Invisible Light, enhances the elegance of a luxury apartment in Malta, blending Art Deco and Mediterranean influences.

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September 2024 – In the heart of the Mediterranean, Antolini® transforms a luxurious apartment in Malta with its world-renowned natural stone designs. Nestled along the rocky shores of Exiles Bay in Sliema, this 400-square-meter apartment is the result of a complete interior transformation, blending the island's natural beauty with refined Art Deco influences.



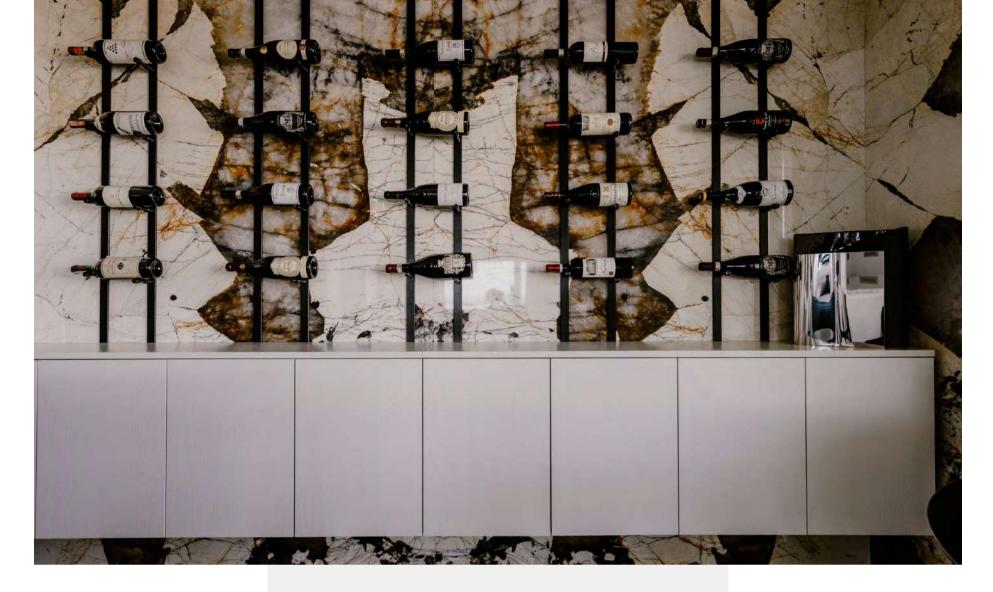
This stunning project was a collaboration between Sabrina Soldà of Sap Management and Keith Pillow, founder of Maltese architecture firm DAAA Haus. Together, they curated a design inspired by Malta's traditional limestone, the azure sky, and the blue depths of the Mediterranean Sea, seamlessly blending indoor and outdoor elements through natural stone provided by Antolini[®].

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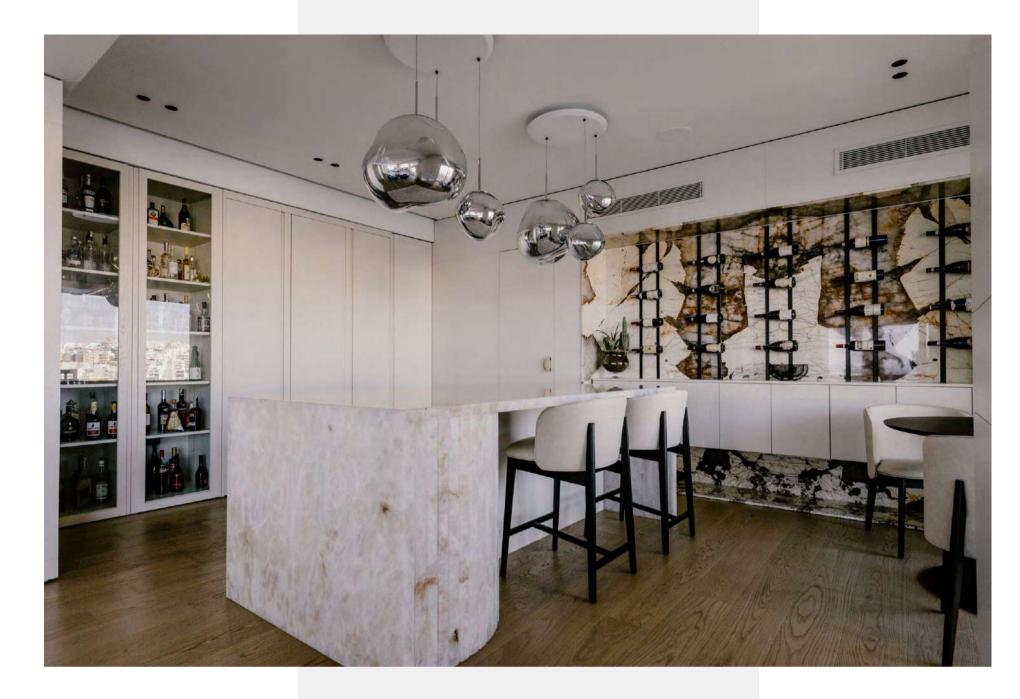
A Celebration of Natural Stone

Antolini[®]'s Exclusive Collection, with its pristine quartz surfaces, plays a central role in creating a light-filled and elegant atmosphere throughout the apartment. In the living and dining areas, Cristallo Lumix and Cristallo Traslux quartz serve as focal points, their translucent surfaces combining with warm tones and brass accents to reflect the Mediterranean's natural beauty.



The dining table, a showpiece crafted from Cristallo Traslux, is a true work of art. The tabletop's mirrored semicircles, outlined by brass, create an exquisite visual effect, complemented by brass details on the legs and flooring. The striking table design is a testament to Antolini[®]'s ability to merge high-end natural materials with bold, creative solutions.



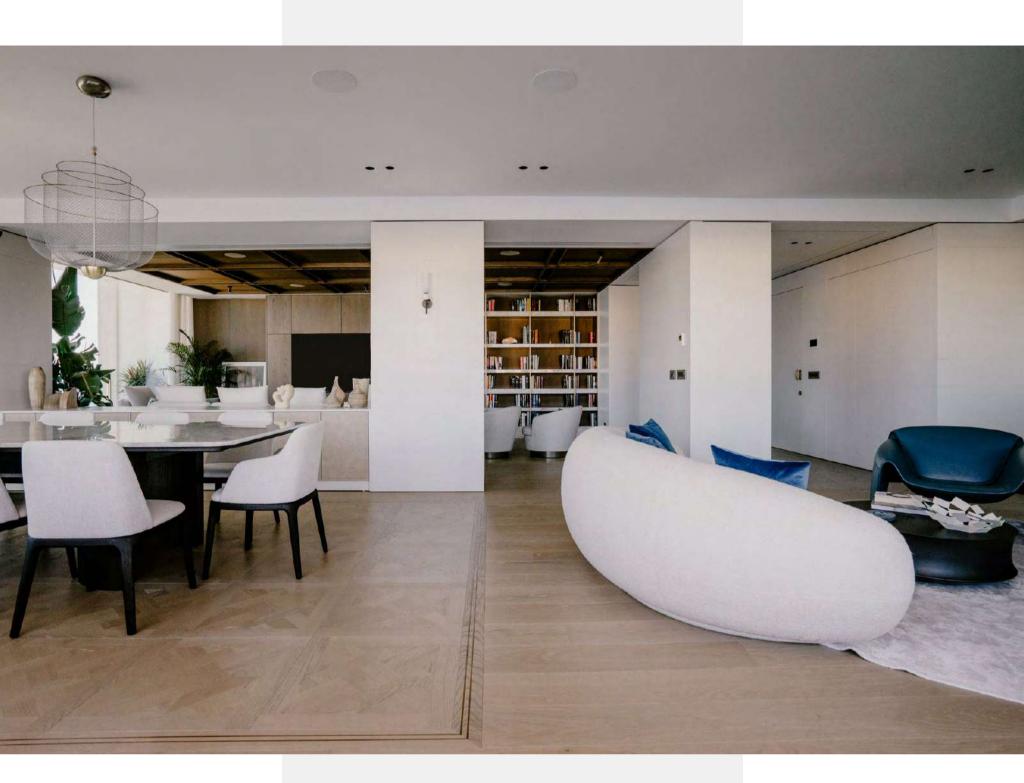


A Refined Touch of Art Deco

Throughout the apartment, Antolini[®]'s natural stone not only enhances the aesthetic but also serves as a functional element in spaces like the kitchen and bathrooms. In the kitchen, Cristallo Lumix elegantly covers the central island, its vertical strips recalling Corinthian columns. Meanwhile, in the courtesy bathroom, Dover White[®] marble, known for its understated elegance, is used to seamlessly integrate the floor and sink surround, creating a sense of continuity between horizontal and vertical surfaces.







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Nature as a Source of Inspiration

The design of this elegant apartment draws heavily from the surrounding landscape, with Antolini[®] stones chosen for their ability to evoke the natural beauty of Malta. Earth tones and soft textures in the stone bring the Mediterranean landscape into the heart of the home, creating a seamless dialogue between the interior and the environment.

Sabrina Soldà, the lead designer, reflected on the experience of selecting Antolini[®]'s natural stones: "Choosing the blocks in person was like entering an art museum. It made us appreciate how much nature has influenced human art over the centuries, and it allowed us to create a truly unique space where every element speaks to the beauty of the natural world."

