

## BRINGING BEAUTY AND VIRTUE TO HOME DESIGN: USING COSMOLITE® AND SUPERNOVA TO DESIGN THE SPACES OF TOMORROW AT SICAM 2023

SICAM 2023 provided Stone Italiana with the perfect opportunity to present SUPERNOVA. This new premium product derived from a Cosmolite® base embodies the company's commitment to drastically reducing the crystalline silica residue in its mineral-based surfacing materials.

October 2023 - SICAM is back and with it, the hunt for the latest interior furnishing trends. The focus, this time, is on kitchens. At the Italian event, **Stone Italiana will be showcasing sustainable, versatile surface materials that can be used to create all kinds of interior design items, from cabinets to night stands, tables and bathroom furniture - as well as, obviously, all kitchen units.**

Designed by architect Lorenzo Palmeri, the stand - conceived as a square, surrounded by four spaces, inviting visitors to come in and browse - will be showcasing the applications for the most current surface materials for kitchens. At the same time, the company will be presenting not just its vision of future living, but also some of the core values underlying its business, namely transparent communication, caring about the impact of its actions, warmth, permeability, and smart functions.

### **Cosmolite®, the new material for all design aspirations**

Island-shaped, L-shaped, full-wall, sectional, while it is true that the market for kitchen surface materials is awash with possibilities, it is equally true that the materials employed in this setting must meet **universal functional standards** such as resistance, suitability for food contact, and durability over time. Today more than ever, there is also a growing emphasis on sustainable materials that make the kitchen 'virtuous', transforming it into a space that benefits not only those who reside in it but also the environment.

With **Cosmolite®** - surface materials made entirely from a mixture of pre-consumer recycled minerals from the stone industry - Stone Italiana opens the doors to a new vision of interiors drawing inspiration from the **principles of the circular economy and emphasizing the value of repurposing waste materials.**

At SICAM, Cosmolite® is available in three different collections: from **Venantis** - featuring a thin vein running through the slab in its entirety that ensures aesthetic and design continuity in the final creation - to **Meteor** - the natural stone effect series - and **KStar** - characterised by a new, alternative texture, reminiscent of graniglia tiles. An environmentally sustainable designer kitchen that doesn't compromise on aesthetics, offering robust, green solutions for materials that are easy to maintain and ensure hygiene and safety.

### **Single-piece and edged doors**

To achieve a fully coordinated look in the kitchen space, Cosmolite® can also be used for the doors. Not simply as a trim element, but as an attractive structural component forming the body of the door, with two design solutions: **CMT\_FRAME** and **CMT\_FULLBODY**.

**The first** is a **system composed of a stylishly thin aluminium edge frame** that contains a slender (6 mm thick) door, without any reinforcement. The Cosmolite® panel is a lightweight full-body component with the same appearance all the way through and needs no reinforcement or covering on the rear. Its flexibility makes the door resilient against accidental impacts.

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**CMT\_FULLBODY** meanwhile, is a **full-body single-piece door**, which requires neither frames nor reinforcement of any kind.

The hinges are fixed directly onto the door, which has the same appearance all the way through the body. In the centre, the thinnest part, the door measures just 6 mm, which keeps its weight within required standards. This thickness is achieved through the use of specialised tools developed by Stone Italiana.

**A SUPERNOVA is born.**

Not just Venantis, KStar, and Meteor. Sicam 2023 will serve as an exclusive platform for the international preview of SUPERNOVA, the upcoming Cosmolite® collection. This collection stands out due to its careful choice of raw materials and meticulous supply chain management, resulting in exceptional technical performance. **Carefully selected pure raw materials** for high-tech surface materials with **low crystalline silica residue content**. Laboratory testing confirms the **presence of no more than 5% silica residue**, which also positions this collection as a pioneer in the achievement of a significant milestone in **social sustainability**. This low percentage ensures the material remains safe during processing, offering a vital advantage for workers' wellbeing.

At present, SUPERNOVA is available in five different variations on the white theme: **Biancobase SNV**, **Nuvola White** (a cloudy white), **Aravenis Ice** (a cloudy white with a through-vein), the ultra-pure **Superbianco SNV**, and **Candido SNV**.

A particularly on-trend range as 2024 will be seeing total white not only as an emblem of elegance but also as a clear symbol of wellbeing, originating from the meticulous selection of original materials.

**The Mandorla table, designed the architect Lorenzo Palmeri**

As a testament to its remarkable versatility (extending beyond the kitchen and ideal for the creation of items with unique personality), architect Lorenzo Palmeri has opted to utilise Cosmolite® - specifically the **Green Artemis shade from the Venantis collection and Meteor Cold from the Meteor line** - to craft the "Mandorla" ("almond" in Italian) table, named for its evocative shape. *"Sitting around the Mandorla table establishes new forms of contact and interactions within a proxemic relationship that facilitates the meeting of eyes and communication", the architect explained.* This is why "Mandorla" is **designed for two environments, the kitchen and the office, that - while apparently distant - actually share a common theme, the aspiration for vibrant, clear connections**. The central circle can run through the table top to allow a turntable to be fitted or a concealed technical compartment to be enclosed beneath the surface.

Stone Italiana is looking forward to meeting all the visitors at stand A20/A24, Hall 6, at SICAM, which will be running at the Pordenone exhibition centre from 17 to 20 October.

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