QUALITY AND SELECTION OF NATURAL STONE

Here are the essential steps to take when looking for high-quality natural stone:

CAREFULLY CHOOSE THE SELECTION
The selection refers to the aesthetics of the stone.

PURE BACKGROUND AND DESIRABLE COLOR?

OR MOTTLED WITH LESS DESIRABLE COLOR?

UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL GRADE
The grade refers to the soundness of the stone, or how easily it can be fabricated and installed.

GRADE A
Fewer cracks, fissures and veins

GRADE D
More likely to have cracks and fissures, which will be factory-filled with resin or cement

VIEW THE STONE
View slabs in person—especially if they are the focal point of your project.

If you can’t view slabs in person, ask your stone provider for photos of the slabs you’ll be buying.

LOOK FOR QUALITY MANUFACTURING
High-quality materials are manufactured with care and technical expertise, and undergo a quality control process.

HIGH-QUALITY STONE TILE. Look for:

DIMENSIONAL CONSISTENCY: Consistent size from piece to piece.

SQUARENESS OF TILE & BEVELING: Tiles cut at true 90 degree angles; consistent, beveled edges.

RANGE SELECTION: View multiple pieces of an indicative range of the selection you’ll be buying.

HIGH-QUALITY STONE SLABS. Look for:

RESIN & VACUUM PROCESSED: The naturally-occurring cracks and fissures should be properly resin- & vacuum-processed for strength and stability.

TIPS
• Always inspect the materials at the project site prior to installation.
• Always seal natural stone prior to use.