**The 2019 Macael Awards recognise three iconic projects that use products *by Cosentino***

**In the “Communication” category, the Association of Andalusian Marble Business Owners (AEMA after its Spanish initials) is also rewarding the NKBA (National Kitchen and Bath Association in the US), a community forming part of the Cosentino Group, with whom a close relationship has been held for many years.**

* **The 2019 Macael Awards, which are in their 33rd year, celebrated their annual gala on 22 November in Macael.**

**Cantoria, 25 November 2019.-Spanish multinational Cosentino Group,** the global leader in innovative surfaces in the architecture and design world, **is pleased to announce that three of the award-winners at the 2019 Macael Awards boast Cosentino products’ quality and functionality**: the ultra-compact Dekton® surface, the Silestone® quartz surface and Natural Stone by Cosentino.

**The Design Award**

The **Design Award goes to the ToHa building**, an authentic 29-storey office complex, located in the heart of Tel Aviv, Israel. Its unique, faceted profile, inspired by the geometry of an iceberg, was designed by Ron Arad, along with Avner Yashar’s local team, to house an office complex that is also home to a public garden, view point and restaurant. **Over 28,000 m2 of Dekton® by Cosentino was used to clad the building’s façade, flooring, elevators, ceilings and interior partitions**. **More than 10,000 pieces of Dekton** were manufactured and cut at Cosentino’s headquarters in Cantoria (Almeria, Spain) and transported by ship to Israel. A key strategic focus of the project was to reduce the built surface area at street level to create a large garden area, improving the quality of the surrounding area for the public. As a result, the building rises up on two huge legs that widen progressively, framing a twisted profile. Through its geometric versatility, Dekton® is able to perfectly adapt to this formal complexity, thanks to its infinite range of formats, from minimal thickness to maximum surface areas. An extraordinary technical work, with a dazzling aesthetic.

This award was received by Julia Almeida, architect in Ron Arad’s studio.

For photos and to find out more about the project, see:

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**International Award for Europe**

**The International Award for Europe goes to the residential building Lagasca** **99**, which is located within Madrid’s famous “Golden Mile”. The facade has been built **from 330 pieces of Cosentino’s natural stone travertine, each weighing 2,200 kg**. Floors, walls and staircases in the public areas have all been made from the same material. All the **main kitchens feature Dekton® Kelya worktops**, while the **service kitchens have been built using Silestone® Blanco Zeus**. The project, which was sponsored by the Lar Group and designed by architect Rafael de la-Hoz, is an exclusive complex comprising 44 homes, two retail outlets, an English garden lit by natural light, a gym, indoor swimming pool, private meeting rooms, a private *British Club* and a *roof garden.* Theproject translates toa magnificent design and aesthetic.

The award was received by architect Rafael de La-Hoz and Nicolás Alcibar, Lar Group Director of Projects.

For photos and to find out more about the project, see: <https://cosentino.box.com/s/w5mapfa89wn9wdjfg86lv4elbk8d5qfq>

**International Award for Africa**

The **International Award for Africa goes to The Leonardo Tower**, located in Sandton, Johannesburg. At has 234 metres high with 55 storeys, it is now the tallest building in Africa. The project, which was both started and finished in 2015, is functional, technologically advanced and a true symbol for South Africa. Built by architecture company Co-Arc International, the building has a surface area of 15,000 m2, for *premium* offices and luxury homes. It features 24,350 m2 of the ultra-compact surface Dekton® in its facade, lobby and entrance columns and 3,526 m2 of Silestone® on the kitchen and bathroom counter tops in its bars, restaurant, gym and spa.

Francois Pienaar, architect and Director of Co-Arc International Group of Architects was the person the trophy was handed to.

For photos and to find out more about the project, see: <https://cosentino.box.com/s/p83oj6ggbdxfag0p0tu2p51jge09jaar>

**Communication Award**

**In the Communication category, the AEMA recognises one of Cosentino Group’s *partners*, the National Kitchen & Bathroom Association of the US (NKBA)**. Cosentino has been a member of the NKBA for some years, and recently their relationship has been consolidated with diverse activities and initiatives. The NKBA is the **association leader in the United States for the kitchen and bathroom industry**, and provides the tools, research, certification and events for thousands of professionals in all areas of the sector. With a membership of nearly 14,000 companies, NKBA promotes professionalism and leadership within the industry. Among its activities, it publishes the “NKBA Innovation + Inspiration Magazine” to cover the interests and queries of its members, advises homeowners about choosing a remodelling or construction designer or company, supports study programmes specialising in the design of kitchens and bathrooms and promotes the largest annual international show devoted to the kitchen and bathroom industry, the KBIS (Kitchen & Bath Industry Show). In fact, it was during KBIS 2016 that Cosentino Group’s President, Francisco Martínez-Cosentino Justo, lead the way as the first Latin male to be inducted into the NKBA’s Hall of Fame. This is aimed at honouring those who have made an outstanding contribution to the growth and professionalism of the Association, and the kitchen and bathroom industry as a whole.

Bill Darcy, Executive Director of the NKBA, came up to collect the award.

Find out more about the NKBA here:

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The 2019 Macael Awards, which this year celebrate their thirty-third edition, were announced at a press conference in Almería. AEMA’s President, Jesús Posadas Chinchilla, said: “*The 2019 Macael Awards recognise the work of the architects who most stand out through their art and skill in planning, designing and constructing buildings, changing the human habitat and studying the aesthetic, the use of stone and the role played by spaces. We recognise the excellence of building professionals, for the trust placed both in our companies and in the use of local materials. We reward those businesses and people who are indisputably the top professionals in each of their different specialities within the industry, and who continue to back our region”.*

The 2019 Macael Awards gala took place on 22 November in the municipality of Macael.