

TURKEY: ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT NATURAL STONE PRODUCERS



The Turkish pavilion was the largest country pavilion at Middle East Stone last May in Dubai consisting of 62 companies taking up a total area of 1,117 square metres.

Turkey, situated on the Alpine Belt, where the world's richest marble deposits are found, is among the world's oldest natural stone producers.

Turkey has a four-thousand year production history that started with the Marmara Island.

More than four-hundred different colours, textures and patterns of natural stones are found from the Marmara and Aegean Regions and in the geographical regions from the Thrace to Eastern Anatolia.

With over 80 types of stone, the natural stones produced include granite, onyx, limestone, basalt, andesite, slate stone, diabase, marble and travertine.

Turkey's importance as a world producer of natural stone is reinforced by the fact that it is renowned for its developing industry, new production technologies and richness in variety, colour spectrum and reserves.

Turkey also boasts a dynamic sector structure, experience and an abundance of raw materials.

Moreover its geographical location allows for ease of shipment in sea transportation.





Ufuk Akoh, Export Manager at Pinar, a Turkish marble company which exhibited at Middle East Stone 2016 said, "The Arab region in general, use marble in various buildings ranging from houses and apartments up to mega-projects, and we are working with many companies in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait to export our products to these countries."

He added: "We aim through our participation in Middle East Stone to build mutually beneficial partnerships and open communication with current clients and new channels, in addition to highlight and showcase the latest types of marble that we issue."

Natural stones are admired worldwide as a premium construction material and tend to be the number one choice of builders, architects and designers.

Technology and advanced processing techniques have made these eco-friendly creations of Earth more accessible to the industry and also to home owners.



Do you have any stone based products which you'd like to promote to an international audience?

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taking place from **22 – 25 May 2017**.

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