

# COVERINGS CONNECTED

## News From the Tile & Stone Industry

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### The Tile Industry Comes Together to Provide Humanitarian Relief for Ukrainian Children

In response to information from industry colleagues in Ukraine, the North American tile industry launched a fundraiser to support Save the Children's humanitarian efforts in the region.

**TILE\$4UkrainianChildren**



### Congratulations to the 2022 CID Award Winners

We're excited to share the 15 breathtaking projects that won a coveted 2022 Coverings Installation & Design (CID) Award. The awarded projects showcase highly distinctive tile & stone applications, involving tile & stone execution, original usage of materials, and overall design and purpose.

**And the Award Goes to...**



### Ceramics of Italy: Paths to Sustainability

The Italian ceramic tile industry has always focused on and invested in sustainability, both environmental and social. This vision is reflected in its choices of raw materials, production equipment, relations with employees and external stakeholders, the production process and the way products are used.

**Going Green**



### Tile Trends from Coverings 2022 Showcase Ceramic Tile at its Best

For this year's Coverings exhibition, the tile trends seen on the show floor reflect trends we are seeing reverberate across the country and internationally.

**Trendy Tile**



### Spanish Companies Present Trends and Innovations at Coverings 2022

The best of Spanish design and innovation was presented at Coverings 2022, North America's largest international tile and stone exhibition and conference.

**Best of Spain**



### The Best Booths at Coverings 2022

Coverings attendees were dazzled by magnificent, creative, and impressive installations of beautiful tile & stone on display by more than 750 exhibitors from 30 countries. Every year, a panel of tile & stone industry judges walks the show floor to search for and recognize exceptional booths based on design, creativity, display of product, use of space, and overall presentation. This year, the judges selected four booth displays to bestow the Coverings 2022 Best Booth Awards.

**Best of the Best**



### Local Stone Helped Create Jobs and Inspire Design in Rwanda

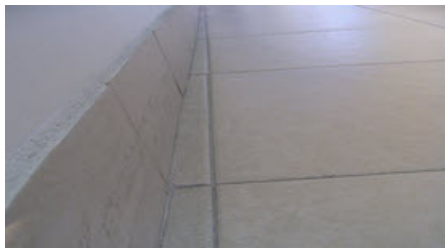
We often dismiss the things with which we come into daily contact. They are undervalued and unappreciated. In Rwanda's Burera District, it's pumice. These volcanic rocks are everywhere, and farmers remove them from their fields as if they are garden pests. As it turns out, the mundane natural stone proved itself to be a change agent in this landlocked African country.



### Tiling Through the Pandemic

Undulating across the cityscape of Los Angeles' Koreatown stands its newest towering addition. The residential and retail rondure blend of arcs and angles cleverly draws the eye. Installing complete tiling systems in hundreds of units, and great quantities of large-and-heavy tiles, appeared to be a straightforward job at the onset, but quickly became rife with twists and turns as global events intervened.

## Rockin' Rwanda



### Is Your Tile Layout Centered and Balanced, With No Small Cuts?

Do you spend time ensuring that your tile layout is centered and balanced, with no small cuts? I hope so since this is the most effective way to ensure that a tile installation has a professionally installed appearance.

## Pandemic Perils



### Getting the Coverage You Need Under Large Wall Tile

Tile industry standards require minimum mortar coverage of 80% in dry areas and 95% in wet (showers) or exterior areas. Although wall tile is not walked on, there are several reasons adequate mortar coverage is critical for success.

## Pro Tips

## Critical Coverage



## Save the Date for Coverings 2023

April 18-21, 2023 | Orlando, Florida

Coverings is the preeminent event for the ceramic tile & natural stone industry in North America. Join us for Coverings 2023 in Orlando to discover hundreds of global companies, product innovations, insights, and industry connections you need to grow your business.

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