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**Leading UK stone specialist signs exclusive UK distributor deal with Lapitec for new stone product**

The Marble & Granite Centre Ltd, one of the UK's most comprehensive stone wholesalers, has signed an exclusive UK distributor deal with Lapitec – a new full bodied sintered stone product developed and produced in Italy.

The agreement, signed in August 2013, gives The Marble & Granite Centre Ltd (MGCL) exclusive rights to market, supply and provide after-sales care for Lapitec throughout the UK. Lapitec is a unique sintered stone product\* which is set to revolutionise solid surface design.

MGCL will now be actively marketing Lapitec alongside its extensive range of marble, granite, slate, limestone and quartz stone.

“Lapitec is a fantastic product, and we are thrilled that The Marble & Granite Centre has been chosen to bring it to the UK market,” commented MGCL Managing Director, Stephen Pike. “In Europe Lapitec is already demonstrating its versatility, with applications including cladding, kitchen and bathroom surfaces, exterior paving and even furniture.”

“One of the reasons that we were keen to add Lapitec to our portfolio is because of the unique properties that a sintered stone provides. Lapitec is harder than porcelain, resistant to both frost and thaw, impervious to UV rays, non-flammable, and graffiti and scratch resistant. Furthermore, because it is completely non-absorbent, it is also stain free and easy to clean and maintain.”

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**Editor's Notes**

\*Sintering is the process of creating an object from a powder through compression and heat. In the case of Lapitec, a sintered stone is created from 100% natural minerals and fired at over 1,200°C.

Lapitec is the largest available product of its type. Each slab measures 340x150cm (5.1 square metres) and is available in three thicknesses – 12, 20 and 30mm. It is known as a full body sintered stone large slab (the same all the way through when cut). Each slab is flat, and of a uniform thickness.

Lapitec has a specific weight of just 2.4kg/dm<sup>3</sup>, making it one of the lightest cladding products of its type.

Lapitec is available in ten plain and two veined colours, and in a variety of finishes

For more information about Lapitec, to view the product at MGCL's stockyard, or talk to a member of the sales team, phone 01895 820883 or visit [www.themarbleandgranitecentre.co.uk](http://www.themarbleandgranitecentre.co.uk)

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