

## READ THIS GUIDE IN FULL BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Since its founding in 1861 by Swiss immigrants in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Quadri has been at the forefront of terrazzo manufacturing in the Americas. Over five generations, we have perfected our craft, combining unique quality and design with a passion that has stood the test of time. Quadri's legacy is a testament to enduring excellence.

Terrazzo is a unique blend of stones, natural aggregates, and pigments, bonded with cement to create a dense, pore-free slab under 200 tons of pressure. Each batch of our terrazzo is distinct, with variations in stone distribution, size, and background tone—celebrating the beauty of artisanal craftsmanship.

Welcome to the captivating world of terrazzo!

### STORAGE AND PREPARATION

- It's essential to use a certified or experienced installer for the job.
- Clean dust from the tiles before installation.
- Store tiles in their original packaging, away from sunlight, moisture, water, and extreme temperatures.
- We recommend purchasing an additional 15% to 20% of material to account for any damage during transit and for future repairs.
- Mix tiles from several boxes to ensure a varied and natural appearance.
- Leave a 1-inch space on the subfloor for floors and walls to guarantee a level application.

# TERRAZZO TILE INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

## ESSENTIALS FOR PROPER SETUP AND CARE

### INSTALLATION

- If you have any doubts about your tiles, **DO NOT** proceed with installation.
- Tiles should be installed on a cured, flat, level, and stable concrete surface, or a compatible subfloor like Hardibacker, Durock, or Ditra. Installation on drywall-covered walls is also acceptable.
- Use a high-quality cementitious adhesive, such as Laticrete 253 (white) or Mapei Ultraflex LFT, for proper placement.
- Apply adhesive with a ½-inch notched trowel.
- Moist the back of the tile with a sponge before placing.
- Employ 1/16-inch spacers between tiles.
- Press tiles firmly in place for optimal adhesion and let dry for 24 hours.
- Clean the surface with a pH-neutral cleaner before sealing. We recommend Miracle Sealants pH Neutral or Stone Cleaner.
- Apply a terrazzo-appropriate sealer, like Miracle 511 Porous Plus, following the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Fill all joints with grout, remove excess promptly, and allow to dry for 24 hours. Mapei Flexcolor CQ grout is recommended.
- After grouting, clean the surface with a pH-neutral cleaner and apply a second sealer coat.

### MAINTENANCE

- Regularly vacuum or sweep to remove abrasive substances.
- Use a pH-neutral cleaner for routine cleaning.
- Address spills, especially from grease, oil, or wine, immediately to avoid staining.
- For everyday maintenance, Miracle Sealants pH Neutral and Stone Cleaner is recommended. For tougher stains, use Miracle Sealants Heavy Duty Cleaner.
- Depending on traffic and wear, reseal every two years with Miracle 511 Porous Plus as needed.