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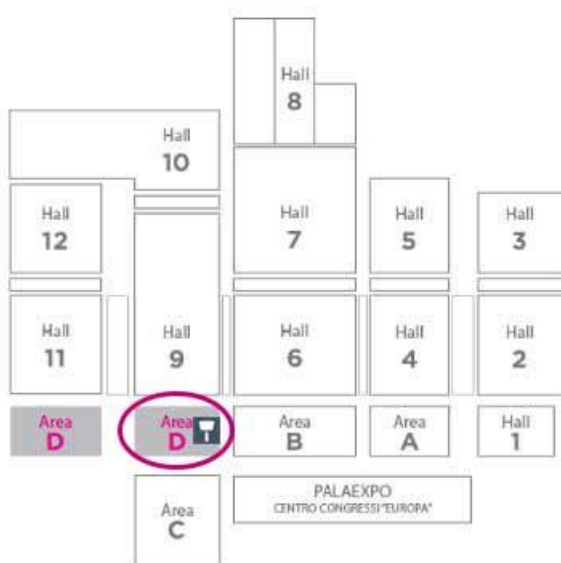
### GRAND AWARD CEREMONY OF THE « BLUE STONE AWARDS 2017 » AT MARMOMAC

**Verona, Marmomac, 29 September - Carrières du Hainaut is glad to invite you at the Grand Award Ceremony of the "Blue Stone Awards 2017" on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of September, at 11 am, at Marmomac, international Stone & Design fair, in Verona, on the booth of Carrières du Hainaut (Area D-531).**

Blue Limestone of Hainaut<sup>®</sup>, a non-porous natural limestone, has established itself as one of the premier building and design materials in the world, mainly because of its enduring quality. Beauty and perfection are often associated with each other. But what about imperfection? Is it possible to think and realise beautiful projects with material usually rejected during the cycle and for traditional applications because of their specific features such as white veins, white spots, veins, high density of fossils...?

Carrières du Hainaut believes it is possible ! That's why the quarry of Belgian Blue Limestone has launched a call for creative ideas and projects by organizing a new edition of the Blue Stone Awards – based on the success of the first edition in 2013 –, an international competition for architects, interior architects, landscape architects, designers, stone and marble masons and students. With the theme 'Explore blue limestone in a new way', Carrières du Hainaut invites designers to think, to develop and to work in new ways with those specific pieces of blue stone.

Numerous of creators and stone professionals have been tempted by this architectural competition, organised in collaboration with Archi-Europe. More than fifty projects and concepts have been submitted by the end of July 2017. A jury of well renowned designers – as such as landscape designer Peter Wirtz of Wirtz International Landscape Architects, designer Geert Buelens of EER Architectural Design and interior designer Kurt Wallaeyes of Wallaeyes Designers – has selected 5 creative projects, one for each category, which will be awarded on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, at 11 am, during a Grand Award Ceremony at the Marmomac fair, on the booth of Carrières du Hainaut (Area D – 531). The ceremony will be followed by a drink and a degustation of local cuisine enabling to meet and discuss with the winners on a festive and enjoyable manner.



**Practical information :**

**Date :** Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, at 11 am

**Lieu :** Verona, Marmomac fair, on the booth of Carrières du Hainaut (Area D – 531).

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