

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Launch of 20th round of Stone+tec:  
stone trends from all over the world on display in  
Nuremberg**

From Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 June, stonemasons, stone engineers, restorers, architects and all other professionals who work with stone will visit the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg. At Stone+tec 2018, the international trade fair for natural stone and stone technology, they can experience the latest trends and new products relating to this material. No less than 338 exhibitors from 28 countries will be showcasing a wide range of machines, tools, accessories and stone. The special show “Our natural stone” puts the spotlight on native stone, while a comprehensive supporting programme will explore various topics of interest including developments in the cemeteries segment, machine trends and new uses for stone.

More than half of the exhibitors at Stone+tec travel to Nuremberg from outside Germany. After Germany, the countries sending the largest numbers of exhibitors are China, Italy, Turkey and India. “For the 20th anniversary of the trade fair we are looking forward to stone trends from all over the world and a wide-ranging supporting programme,” says Beate Fischer, Exhibition Director Stone+tec at NürnbergMesse. “Together with our sponsors BIV and DNV and many other partners and supporters we have specifically designed Stone+tec 2018 to reflect the top issues and needs of the German-speaking and European stone sector. This is where the stone community has its very own platform for shop talk and informal discussions, innovations and new discoveries.”

**Comprehensive range, interesting presentation topics**

In four halls and on an area of around 12,500 square metres, exhibitors will present their innovations, from large high-tech machines to ultra-thin gold leaf for gravestone decoration. In the central forum in Hall 9 there will be

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daily discussion panels on machines and stone technology. On Friday 15 June a series of presentations organised with the support of the German Natural Stone Association (DNV) will explore the sustainability aspects of natural stone. On the second day of the fair, the Association of German Stonemasons (BIV) has organised the Cemetery Forum. In keeping with the theme of this important field of activity for stonemasons, the 4th Cemetery Culture Congress will also take place in Exhibition Centre Nuremberg on Friday 15 June.

### **Two competitions at Stone+tec**

For architects the first day of the fair in particular is set to offer a lot of excitement, because on the evening of 13 June they will find out which architectural firm has won the coveted German Natural Stone Award. The presentation of this important architectural award will be accompanied by a high-calibre programme of talks. All projects nominated will be presented in an exhibit during Stone+tec. Until the Friday, young stonemasons from all over Europe will be competing against one another in the young talent competition organised by the Association of German Stonemasons (BIV) on the forecourt of the exhibition centre.

Two special shows offer inspiration and orientation among the wide range of products and solutions: The special show “Technology and Chemistry: Workbenches” which is spread over various locations throughout the venue, brings together exhibitors specialising in machines and construction chemicals for kitchen workbenches and interior fittings. In Hall 9, the wide-ranging show “Our natural stone – working together for a sustainable future” will present native stone from Germany and neighbouring countries. On Friday 15 June from 18:00, the BIV once again hosts its big stonemason meet-up at the association's stand in Hall 9.

### **Almost 40 years of trade fair history**

Stone+tec is taking place for the 20th time this year. In 1979 the event was launched as the “German Natural Stone Meeting” (Deutsche Naturwerksteintage) and was renamed Stone+tec in 1991 to reflect the international nature of the trade fair. The next Stone+tec will take place from 17 to 20 June 2020.



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### **About Stone+tec**

Stone+tec, the international trade fair for natural stone and stone processing, is organised by NürnbergMesse with honorary sponsorship from the DNV (German Natural Stone Association) and BIV (Association of German Stonemasons). It also receives international support from Confindustria Marmomacchine, the Italian Association for Natural Stone Working Machinery and Equipment.

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