

Luxury Italian marble specialist makes a move on London

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One of Italy's top marble and onyx interiors suppliers is opening a lavish showroom in central London in October.

Verona-based Elite Stone was founded by Tetyana Kovalenko in 2000, and has gone on to provide some pretty opulent rock formations for luxury interiors projects around the world, including a 3,500 square metre back-lit wall at the Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg, a spectacular staircase for 50 St James's, and a cavernous basement spa in Surrey – as well as private residential and hotel projects in New York, Paris, the Cote d'Azur, Russia, Rio de Janeiro, Canberra, Lagos and Jerusalem.

The firm started out in Rome, before moving to the home of marble, Carrara, and then to a vast campus just outside Verona in 2013. It's now launching a lavish 200 square metre London showroom, at 74 Margaret Street, to show off some of its more innovative design concepts using marble, onyx, semi-precious stone, and back-lit panels.

Kovalenko's using the new space to flex her latest innovation, which she's calling "the E-Light System": thin sheets of marble and onyx layered on LED lights embedded in transparent glass. Apparently the patented system it "adds a theatrical effect to kitchens, cabinet doors, room dividers and front doors", and has taken ten years of research to get right.

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Tetyana Kovalenko, founder of Elite Stone