



## Embracing the stone

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Project:**

Santos Place, Brisbane

**Architect:**

Donovan Hill, Brisbane

**Builder:**

Hutchinson Builders

**Installation**

Tilecorp, Qld

**Stone:**

Orazia Gold marble

**Stone supplier:**

Cairns Marble

Architect's Donovan Hill of Brisbane were engaged in the construction of this building which was built over a four year period.

In excess of 600 square metres of Cairns Marbles fabulous Orazia Gold marble was installed by Tilecorp to internal walls and floors. The architects accepted the vagaries of this superb material without question, which is probably an ideal approach to getting the best outcome in regard to any project where natural stone is a key element in the overall design proposal.

Carol Spralja of Cairns Marble commented, "The architects fully embraced the beauty of the stone by combining cut tiles with irregular shaped slabs and boulder ruins which were employed as unconventional seating in in the foyer."

The predominant size of the stone is 150 x 450 x 20 mm. Honed and polished tiles are combined to

create interesting textural effects. Extensive tiling work was carried out in the foyer and lift lobby areas.

The stone was installed in a suitable sand and cement screed which accommodated any variance in thickness of the material and overcame any variations in the substrate. The big boulders were brought into the building on a fork truck and positioned on timbers before most of the floor tiling was completed. The timbers were eventually removed and a mix of sand and cement was employed to secure the final position of these giant pieces of stone. All the marble was sealed with Rockstar penetrating sealer.

The wall tiling was adhered with Laticrete's acclaimed Latapoxy 310 adhesive which can also be used externally to adhere heavy pieces of stone to building facades. Four stone masons completed the project to everyones satisfaction in less than 4 weeks. 

