



MANY HAPPY LANDINGS

CATEGORY: BEST COMMERCIAL PROJECT TILE & STONE

The cool, white expanse of resin-bonded Italian marble tiles, accented in parts with earthy, natural decorators, creates a welcoming impression to visitors to the new Adelaide International Airport.

The 14,357 square metres of 400 x 400 x 12 mm Arebescato Bianco special chip size, honed, resin-bonded Italian marble floor tiles give the terminals public areas a light and open feel.

The subtle inclusion of Arebescato and Botticino normal chip marble tiles highlight traffic flow and combine well with the use of large glass walls and light timber panelling.

In keeping with the neutral colour scheme used throughout the terminal building, the 600 x 300 x 10 mm rectified white wall tiles minimise joints and create a contemporary monolithic appearance.

While both the Qantas and Virgin passenger lounges feature the same white wall tiles, each lounge is uniquely decorated. The Qantas lounge features Caesarstone Snow White quartz on the vanity tops, tables and reception desks and a contrasting porcelain floor tile in rich mocha.

Meanwhile, the wall tiles in the Virgin administration area and lounge feature a splash of taupe and chocolate culture stone. The off-white polished porcelain floor tiles continue the neutral tones.

Faced with very tight time constraints, a team of 25 tilers took a mere eight months to complete the project without a hitch.

Note the use movement joints, which are an essential ingredient of any extensive floor tiling concept.

Integration of appropriate perimeter movement joints must not be overlooked.

In issue 53 of *Tile Today* (Tile Files - page 92), we inadvertently stated that this project was completed by International Ceramics in preference to Commercial Ceramics & Stone. We apologise for that oversight.

PROJECT:
Adelaide International Airport

ARCHITECT:
Hassel Architects

TILE MANUFACTURER:
Santa Margherita

TILE RETAILER/FIXER:
Commercial Ceramics & Stone

TILE DESCRIPTION:
14,357 square metres of Arebescato Bianco 400 x 400 x 12 mm special chip size Italian marble tiles highlighted with 3,088 square metres of 400 x 400 x 12 mm Arebescato, and 778 square metres of 400 x 400 x 12 mm Botticino, normal chip size, honed, resin-bonded Italian marble tiles

ROOMS/AREAS TILED:
18,233 square metres across main public areas, including passenger lounges/check-in/baggage collection area/departure hall

LOCATION:
Adelaide, South Australia