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# THE ART OF STONE

Armina Stone founder Emre Basman travels the world to bring nature, beauty, and function into Pennsylvania homes



When first-time customers walk into an Armina Stone showroom, they often pause at the door to take it all in: huge, magnificent slabs of granite, marble, quartzite, quartz, gemstone, and more, from every corner of the globe.

"We are a gallery of stone," says Emre Basman, owner. "Everywhere you look, you see something beautiful."

Many Armina Stone clients, inspired by celebrity kitchens, are delighted to find a stunning array of natural stone including Tuscany-sourced Calacatta marble, known for its distinctive, often colorful veining. Alongside myriad materials, ranging from granite to quartzite, plentiful finishes and hues accommodate different lifestyles and aesthetics.

Basman founded Armina Stone in 2015. Today, it's a growing industry leader with three locations in Greater Pittsburgh. Basman regularly travels throughout Italy, Spain, Turkey, India, Africa, and Brazil to source and import the luxe, one-of-a-kind stone his customers desire. His team then utilizes leading-edge laser templating and fabrication technologies to transform

the raw slabs into gleaming kitchen and bath countertops, backsplashes, fireplace surrounds, and more.

"Our team can take on the most challenging installation," says Basman. "Their skill and craftsmanship is unsurpassed. The magnificent, natural stone we offer our clients travels thousands of miles to rest in the homes of our customers; there is no room for error."



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Encompassing the full achromatic spectrum, a palette of whites, blacks, and grays provides harmony and contrast in a penthouse kitchen. A built-in trough sink makes a custom Arabescato island the perfect landing place for friends and family. Dark leathered granite echoes the masculine energy of an intimate living space. A vertically staged black marble slab frames a sleek, modern tub with a timeless touch.