



How to select a

# stone professional



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## **How to select a stone professional**

Stone Federation Great Britain is the official trade association for the natural stone industry. The Federation co-ordinates all aspects of the industry and provides specifiers and users with a first point of contact for information, advice and guidance in sourcing an appropriate material and a reliable service.

Stone Federation represents employers, liaises with government on legal affairs, health and safety, technical standards, craftsmanship, training and education.

Make Stone Federation and its members your first point of contact for choosing and using stone and for quality assured advice, material and specialist services to ensure success.

Stone Federation provides a one-stop shop for product information, technical guidance and advice on all aspects of specifying and working with stone.



## **Why clients should use Stone Federation members**

Members of Stone Federation have to meet the high criteria set down to join. When you use a Stone Federation member you can be assured that they:

- employ a trained workforce
- carry the correct insurance cover
- follow the codes of practices set down by the Federation
- adhere to all the relevant British Standards
- have a current health and safety policy in place

Any client who requires a company to either supply, design, fix, restore or construct in natural stone can benefit from the services supplied by a Stone Federation accredited company.

It is recommended that all organisations, whether professional, commercial or Government bodies specify Stone Federation members as a condition of their tenders.

Clients can have the confidence that by employing a Stone Federation member they are dealing with a company who has reached the high standards demanded by the Federation and in the unlikely event of any difficulties arising, they can contact the Federation for assistance.



Stone Federation has prepared a number of guides to assist clients in their choice of natural stone in a domestic setting.



### **Code of Practice for the Design and Installation of Kitchen Worktops**

This Code gives recommendations for the design, manufacturer and installation of natural stone for use as kitchen worktops and other similar surfaces and has been described as the essential document for anyone wishing to use natural stone in this area.

This Code is available now and is priced at £45.00 (£25.00 for Stone Federation members) including postage and packing (postage charge for overseas members).



### **Code of Practice for the Design and Installation of Internal Flooring**

Based on the relevant parts of a number of British Standards relating to the design and installation of natural stone floors, this Code also incorporates the requirements of the latest European Standards and current good practice.

It sets out the principal factors involved when deciding to use natural stone as flooring and considers stone selection, design, laying, protection and maintenance, to assist in avoiding or disappointment with aesthetic results. This code will prove invaluable if you are intending to use natural stone in any type of flooring situation.

The Code is £50.00 (£30.00 for Stone Federation members) including postage and packing (postage charge for overseas).



### **Guide to Best Practice on the cleaning of internal and external masonry surfaces (including stone, brick, terracotta, concrete and faïence).**

The Guide covers all aspects of cleaning external and internal masonry surfaces, including stone, brick, terracotta, concrete and faïence, and is available to clients, architects, specifiers and Stone Federation members only.

This code is £20.00 (£15.00 for Stone Federation members) including postage and packing (postage charge for overseas).

Stone Federation also have a range of Data Sheets available which include the installation of Natural stone fireplace surrounds.

Guides to wet rooms and natural stone swimming pools will also be available shortly.

## A professional service



### **Stone Specifiers Guide**

The Stone Federation Stone Specifiers Guide will help you in selecting a Stone Federation member to assist, advise, supply material or undertake your project, whether it be newbuild or restoration, whatever its size or location.

Stone Federation wants to make it simple for you to locate the member company that is appropriate to your circumstances as choosing the right advisor, supplier or contractor can make all the difference to your project.

This directory, which is free of charge, is an invaluable guide for architects, other professionals, clients, specifiers and domestic clients. It lists all the companies who have met our strict criteria for membership. You can be sure you are using a competent natural stone professional who is backed by the services offered by Stone Federation, the Trade Association for the natural stone industry.



### **Stone Federation website**

As well as this printed guide we also offer an online search facility on our website at [www.stonefed.org.uk](http://www.stonefed.org.uk). So, the message from Stone Federation is that whatever the size of, or nature of your natural stone project, whether it be a fountain or a church, newbuild or restoration, there is a member company available to assist and advise you at every stage of the project.

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This service is available to Stone Federation members, architects, specifiers, commercial and domestic clients, designers, engineers and other professionals.

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