

# Lusting for luxury?

## 5 Star hotel marbles now hot for homes

(NC)—For most of us treating ourselves to a stay in a five star hotel suite is all about basking in the lap of luxury. We want to escape our daily routines and stale living environments to experience, if only for a brief moment, the "good life" in its glorious splendor.

Unfortunately, these short moments of bliss always leave us wanting more and lusting after the luxurious elements of these enchanting suites – the king-sized beds with cozy duvets and pillows, the sensuous Egyptian cotton bedding and most importantly, the magnificent bathrooms with exquisite exotic marble adorning every inch of the walls, counters and floors.

"I could actually live in those bathrooms," smiled Marie François, a professor from Montreal who every year spends a few weeks abroad in 5-star hotels to experience "the ultimate in luxury."

"I love the way they use marble to decorate those suites, it's just breathtaking.

It's an absolute dream décor for my own home."

Thanks to the latest trend in marble tile this lavish dream décor is becoming a reality for François and countless others like her who desire hotel-style luxury at home.

More and more top hotels across North America are now specifying a new leading edge marble tile collection called Accolade Premium RF because its latest technology enables it to install much more efficiently than regular marble and can be used in large vertical wall installations with confidence. This same unique marble tile is now also available to consumers for price points that are equal or below regular marble.

Unlike first generation marble tile, Accolade is a precision engineered refined marble tile collection that uses the latest gauging technology to bond high quality porcelain to its marble for significantly superior strength, enabling it to meet the most demanding specifications with

unparalleled beauty.

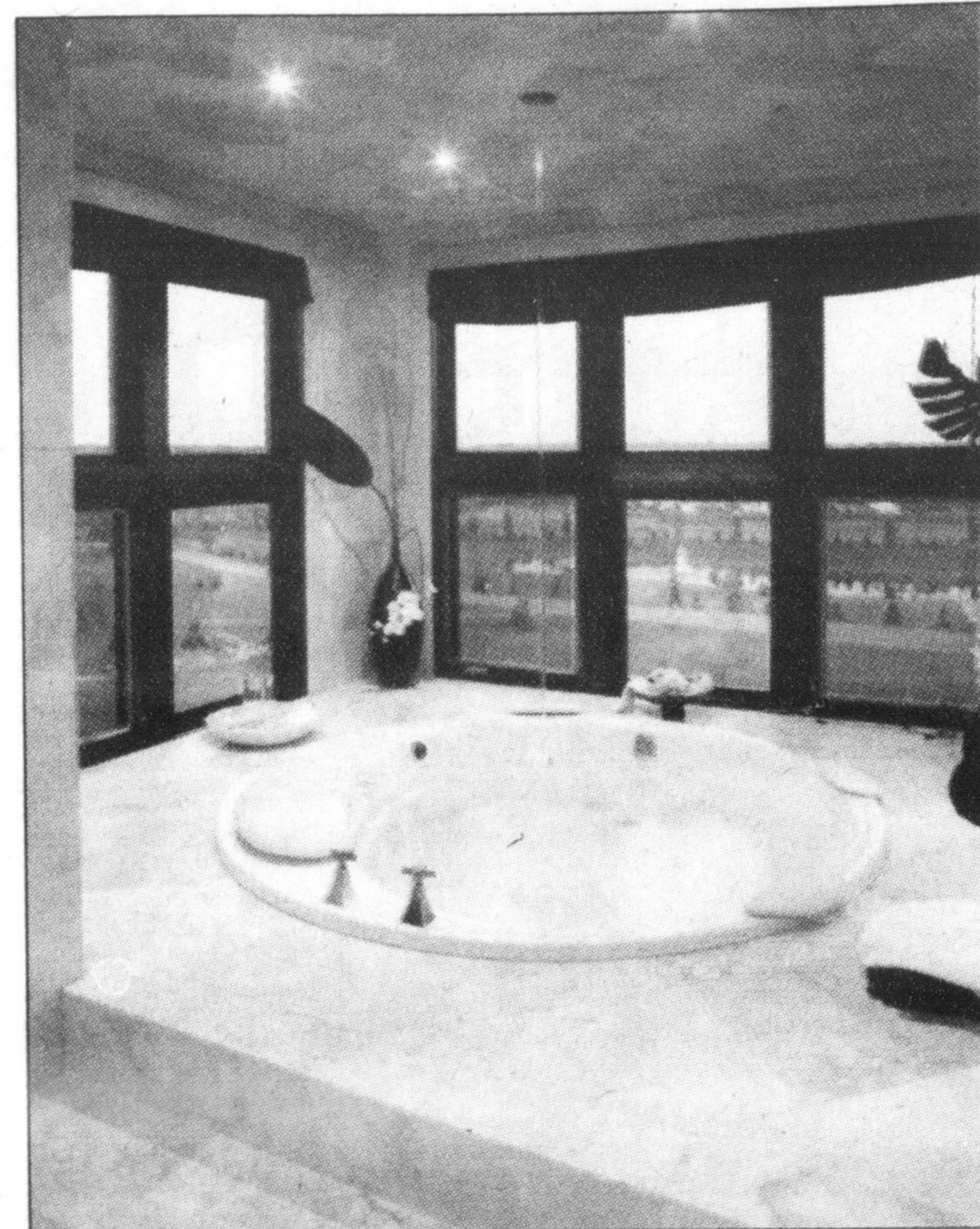
This innovative technology also allows these beautiful marbles to be bonded to honeycomb aluminum for large wall panel applications, a first in the industry.

"You have to be very careful when installing regular marble, because of its weight and fragility," explained Mark Hanna President of Leeza Distribution Inc., (leezadistribution.com) one of North America's leading distributors of premium surfaces including the new Accolade Premium RF Collection. "It's not always the best option for vertical installations which often lead to breakage and waste."

This isn't the case with Accolade he added. "It's so easy to install it's quickly becoming the preferred choice of tile setters and luxury hotels across the country."

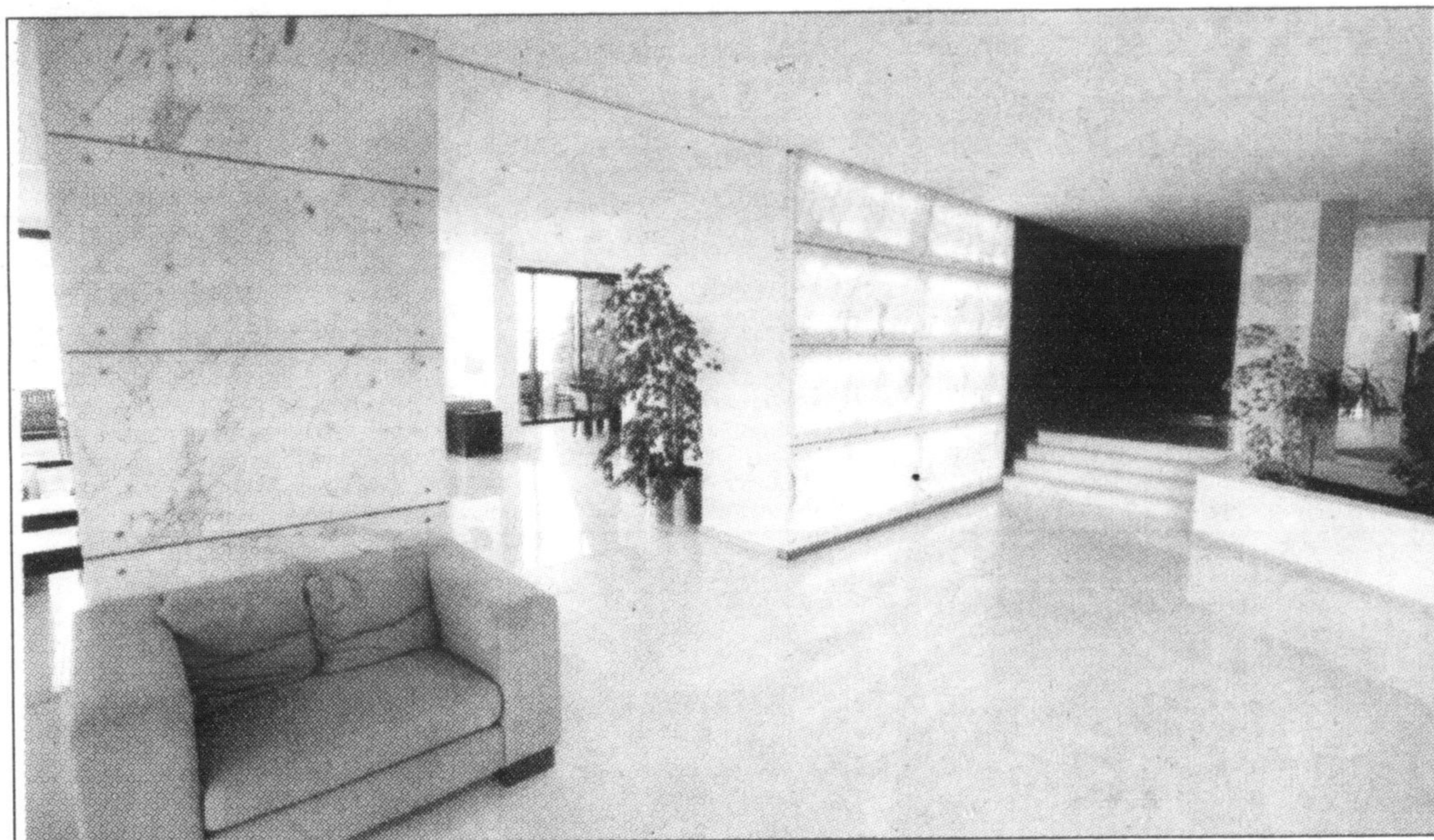
This industry breakthrough also has designers and architects inspired by its limitless design potential.

"It's very exciting to finally be able to use marble on vertical surfaces with confidence," said Toronto-based designer



Andrew Pike of Andrew Pike Interiors. "The aluminum backing also reduces the weight for applications with load restrictions that previously couldn't have used marble. It opens a whole new range of possibilities for designers and architects."

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