

Paola Blasi



Profession

Stone specialist

Current Position

Associate

Joined Arup

2014

Years of Experience

27

Nationality

Italian

Qualifications

Master Degree in Geological Sciences, Perugia University

Professional Associations

European Federation of Geologists

Fellow Geological Society

Committees

Chair CEN TC246 Natural Stones

Member CEN TC178 WG2
Paving units and kerbs in natural stone

Member CEN TC351 WG3
Construction Products:
assessment of release of dangerous substances - Radiation

Member ASTM C18
Dimension Stones

Publications

1. Technical Standards for natural stones – F Stone Magazine – II, n. 4 Sept.2011
2. To each its own (name) – F Stone Magazine – II, n. 2 February 2011
3. The beauty of stone – F Stone Magazine – I, n. 1 Sept. 2010

Paola is a professional geologist with a strong background in stone extraction and processing with many years of experience advising on the selection and use of stone in architecture.

She has extensively travelled, visiting stone quarries and factories and has given lectures to architects and designers on the use and characteristics of stone materials in many parts of the world.

Paola is the Chair of CEN (European Committee of Standardization) TC 246 Natural Stone since 2009. She has carried out various Research & Development projects relevant to the application and conservation of natural stones.

Paola has 27 years of experience in the stone sector and has assisted architects, planners and companies in many parts of the world.

Audley Square House, London, UK

Paola is assisting with sourcing and selection of stone for façade, interiors and landscaping of this large and highly prestigious residential apartments building in Mayfair. Architect: RAMSA

1 Grosvenor Square, London, UK

Paola is assisting with selection and specification of the new stone for the façade refurbishment of a high end residential development on a prominent plot within the prestigious Grosvenor Square. Architect: Eric Parry Architects

Confidential office development, London, UK

Paola is assisting on stone selection and specification for the façade and fit-out of this new prestigious office development in the City of London. Architect: KPF

Triton Square, London, UK

Paola is assisting with the sourcing of the stone for the refurbishment and extension of Triton Square during the design stage. As the original limestone is no longer available, we are researching stones that are both aesthetically and mechanically appropriate. Architect: Arup Associates.

Confidential residential development, London, UK

Paola is assisting on stone and cast stone selection and specification for the façade of this new residential development in west London. Architect: Paul Davis and Partners

The Parabola, London, UK

Paola reviewed the design and specification of the Jura limestone for the renovation of the Grade II* listed Commonwealth Institute currently being refurbished to create a new home for the Design Museum. Architect: OMA/Allies & Morrison

4. The Tuscan Marble & Stone Identities – Toscana
Promozione 2009-2010

5. The Carrara Marbles (Alpi Apunae, Italy): a geological and economical updated review – Z. dt. Ges. Geowiss, 158/4 2007

New Metropolitan Police HQ, London, UK

Paola assisted with the specification of the Portland stone for the refurbishment and new build elements of the historic Curtis Green Building, which is the new home of the Metropolitan Police. Architect: AHMM

Garden Bridge, London, UK

Paola is assisting in the stone selection of the paving of this planned pedestrian bridge over the River Thames. Architect: Heatherwick Studio/Arup

Abu Dhabi International Airport, Midfield Terminal

Paola is assisting on granite selection and specification for 200,000 sqm of flooring for the new terminal building. Architect: KPF