



Apartments IN DUBAI

THE APPEAL AND QUALITY OF ITALIAN CERAMIC TILES ARE THE UNIFYING ELEMENT OF THE INTERIORS AND EXTERIORS OF PIER 24

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If you want to see a country where anything is possible you should go to Dubai. There, in the middle of the desert, there is an air of energy and enthusiasm. The cranes challenge the storms of crisis and – although the current economic situation is inevitably causing slowdowns and changes of plans – they continue to proliferate, constructing artificial islands, shopping malls, super-equipped hotels and buildings of all shapes, sizes, colours and materials.

At Dubai Marina – the heart of the tourist area with a small leisure harbour, shops and cafés – the appeal of Italian products is much in evidence. The twenty floors of the VQ Radisson Sas Residence stand out for their typically Italian elegance, a sense of luxury that does not need to be ostentatious because it is part and parcel of the materials, along with attention to detail and choice of furnishings.

The project was assigned to the architecture and interior design firm of Matteo Nunziati, renowned the world over for his experience and tireless capacity for research in projects such as villas, hotels and wellness centres.

"I worked for three years on the project for this building, which was opened recently at a party with a magnificent firework display," the architect explained. "In a country like Dubai where so many designers aim to achieve very high standards but opt for Chinese products and furnishings that imitate Italian taste, for the VQ Radisson Sas Residence I wanted to use exclusively high-quality Italian products, with no half-measures. I believe that architects have a responsibility to educate, and this is particularly true of the

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TILES

Floor Gres



TOP IMAGE:
THE ENTRANCE ARCADE TO
PIER 24 AT DUBAI MARINA

FROM LEFT: A DETAIL OF
THE BUILDING'S FAÇADE,
THE "PERGOLA" WITH THE
BAR-RESTAURANT
ALONGSIDE THE
SWIMMING POOL WITH ITS
EXTRAORDINARY VIEW OF
THE DUBAI SKYLINE.
THE FLOOR AND WALL
COVERINGS OF THE
EXTERIOR SPACES CONSIST
OF LARGE-FORMAT
PORCELAIN TILES