

mosaics Décor and mosaics were very much in evidence. 'I'm happy that our new mosaic range is in line with current trends,' comments marketing manager Kate van Niekerk. Borders and listelli featured floral motifs, while others were textured or had metallic and lustre prints.

INK-JET TECHNOLOGY

In terms of finishes, the most important influence was in the extensive use of ink-jet technology on porcelain tiles, portraying mainly natural stone and realistic marble finishes.

sizes and shapes

There was a great deal of variety in the sizes and shapes of tiles, with some tiles that went up to 1.2x1.2m in size. Most noticeable was the use of rectangular-format tiles, typically applied horizontally on walls.

TRENDSETTING

tiles

TILE AFRICA reports on the latest trends in tiles, as experienced firsthand at Cersaie, the annual ceramic show held in the city of Bologna, Italy

new innovations

'Thin technology porcelain tiles were incredible with some tiles 1x3m in size and only 4mm thick,' says van Niekerk.

colours

showed a tendency towards cement-tone hues, with blues and greys being present on many of the stands. In addition, the natural-stone-effect porcelains were mainly found in earthy colours.

WOOD EFFECT

There is a move towards very long and thin tiles, particularly in the ultra-realistic wood-effect finishes, such as 800x100mm plank-like formats, with a realistic wood-grain relief.

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