





# The GB Masonry story

GB Masonry Collection has been a symbol of quality in the masonry industry since 1978 when GB Masonry was founded. After many years producing standard grey masonry blocks, the business' founders came up with the idea to develop a concrete block resembling natural sandstone.

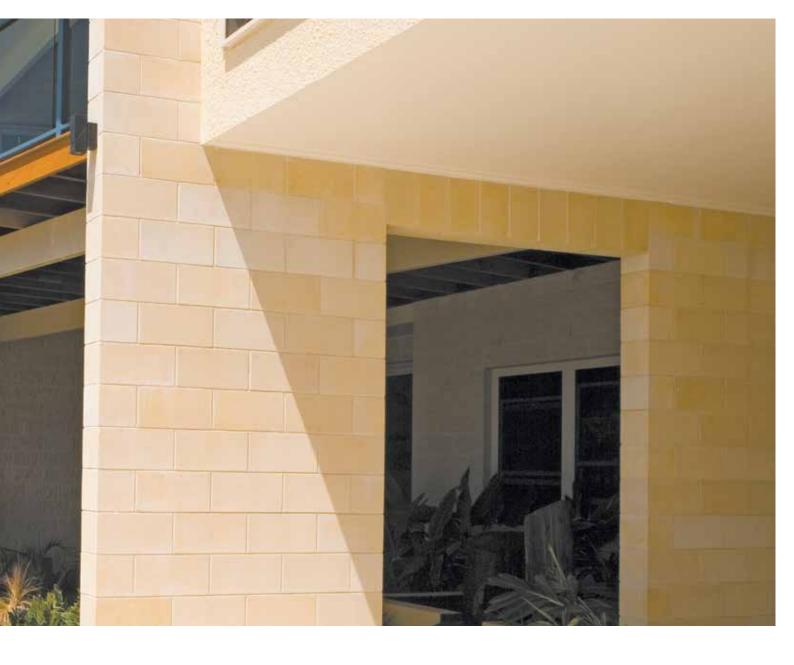
With the idea in place the innovative team at GB Masonry brought the idea of sandstone styled concrete masonry to life and never looked back. GB Masonry quickly carved out a niche in the market by specialising in sandstone style concrete blocks with distinctive veins of colour in the block

used to create an authentic sandstone appearance. With the launch of the sandstone range GB Masonry developed a strong reputation for quality, style, and unmatched attention to detail which became the hallmarks of its brand.

Today the products made at the plant have expanded but those same hallmarks remain with a strong focus on quality achieved by carefully sourcing the finest sands and aggregates and combining them in the Gympie plants unique oxide and sand mixing process to create blocks that are unequalled

in the market. Industry leading machinery is combined with masonry manufacturing techniques that have been used for over a century to create a truly distinctive concrete block. While many factories exclusively use mechanised bolstering (or chiselling), GB Masonry combines state of the art machinery with manual chiselling to produce the hand crafted sandstone products on which the business made its name.

For products that show the skill of master block makers there is no rival to the GB Masonry Collection of premium concrete masonry blocks.



# The GB Masonry difference

#### The best quality sands and aggregate

GB Masonry source on the brightest white sands and mix these with quality aggregate to create blocks with striking colours and finishes. Thanks to the fine grain of the sands used in manufacturing, each block has sharp lines and is finely formed. The aggregates used are specifically selected to ensure a luminous finish is achieved after the honing process.

### Unique and consistent oxide mixing

Quality oxides create vibrant colours that remain strong for the life of the product. The GB Masonry business has built its name on these distinctive colours and a specialised blending process that creates the Sandstone ranges. Once the finest oxides are sourced these are blended using customised mixing machinery developed on site. This blending process is critical to achieving the viens of colour that extend through our blocks and give them their sandstone appearance.

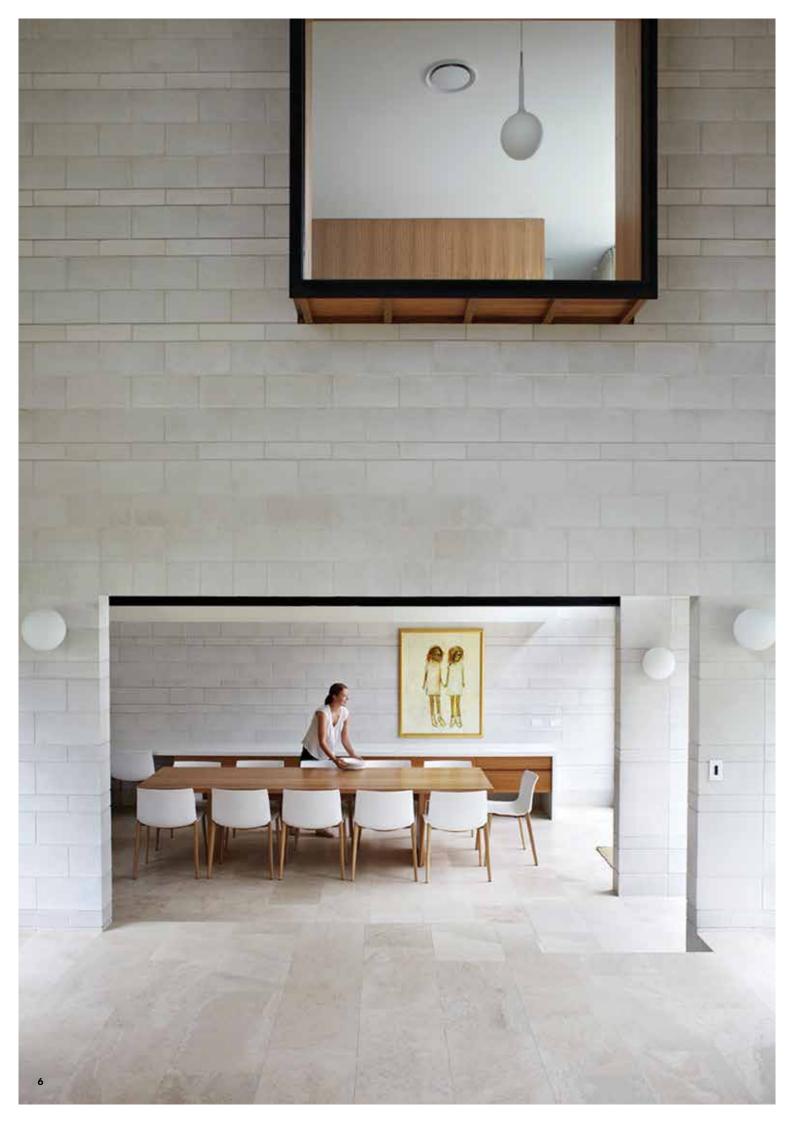
### Distinctive finishes

While many of our finishes are now created using state of the art technology, GB Masonry still carries on the master block makers craft by hand chiselling our unique rock face blocks for a truly authentic finish. Our honed ranges

similarly are honed in manufacturing and then manually honed when required to give a lustrous finish.

#### **Extensive** expertise

Quality products result from the knowledge and expertise of experienced people. GB Masonry has a long established team of concrete masonry experts whose years of experience and attention to detail result in a concrete masonry block that is unrivalled in the building industry.



# Benefits of masonry

When considering building products to use on your project its important to understand all the pro's and con's before making your final selections. But with concrete masonry products you know your making the right choice when you consider the host of benefits they offer including: sound insulation, thermal mass, environmental impact, colours and finishes, ongoing maintenance and many more. See the list of benefits below so you can build in confidence with concrete masonry.

#### **Sound insulation**

Due to their mass, concrete masonry blocks out noise better than traditional building materials, resulting in a quieter home environment.

### Range of colours and finishes

Concrete masonry products are available in a range of over 78 colour and finish combinations. This offers you a wide range of products to choose from to suit the style of your home.

### Thermal mass

Due to their mass concrete masonry products slow the transfer of external temperature fluctuations into internal living areas thereby reducing the need for artificial heating and cooling devices.

### **Affordable**

When comparing other products on the market concrete masonry is an affordable option. This is especially true when considering the complete building system as concrete masonry can reduce or negate the need for accessory products such as sarking and insulation.

#### Low maintenance

When you build with concrete masonry products you are building with a material that requires minimal maintenance and upkeep so you have more time for the important things in life.

#### Lower energy costs

Concrete masonry products are high thermal mass products which slow the transfer of temperature fluctuations from the outside into internal living areas. This reduces the need for use of articial heating and cooling devices and thereby reduces associated energy costs.

#### Fire resistant

Concrete masonry products are made from non combustible materials so they are fire resistant and therefore ideal for bushfire prone areas.

### Weather resistant

Exterior Walls that will hold up to heavy storms, U.V. degradation, blistering heat, and sub-zero temperatures.

#### **Termite resistant**

Masonry walls wont be degraded by termites as there's no wood for the termites to eat.

### Low environmental impact

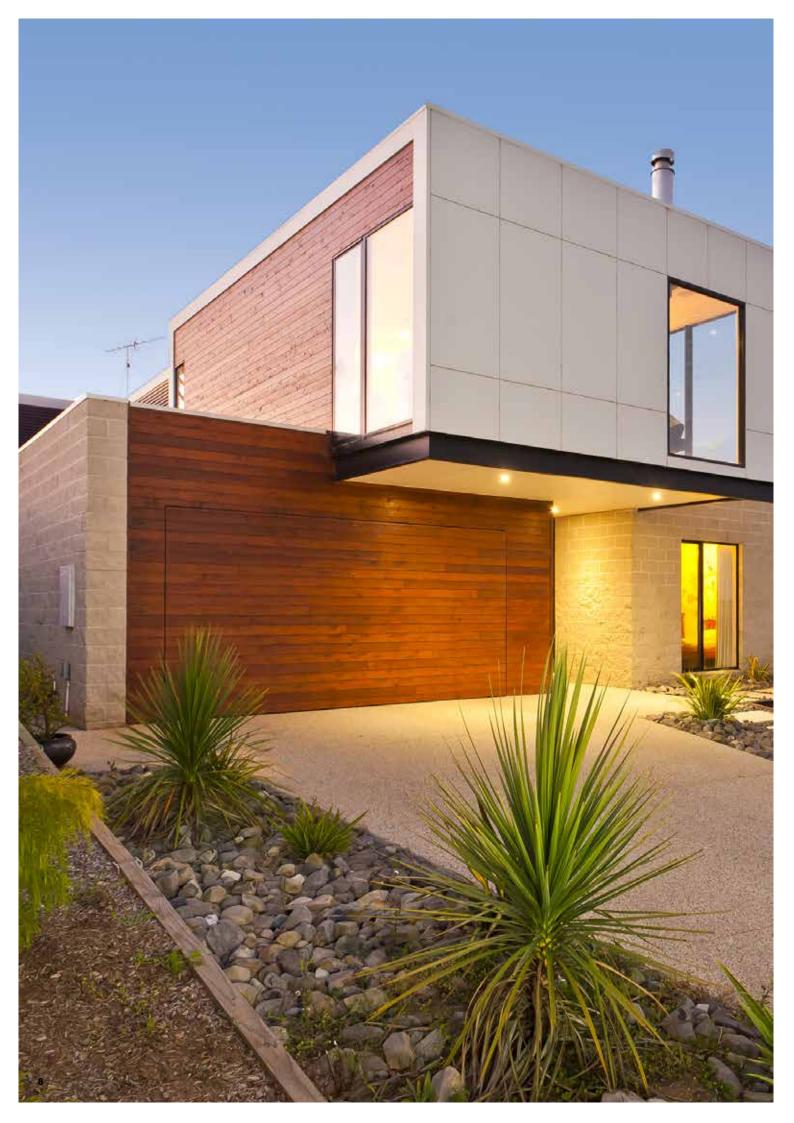
Masonry products production has minimal impact on the environment because they do not deplete precious natural and limited resources like many other materials. Concrete masonry products are cured in temperature controlled kilns with comparatively little energy used compared to kiln fired products.

### Impact resistance

Because masonry products are made from concrete they are strong and durable which means that they can endure significant impact from external forces with minimal if any impact.

#### **Speed of construction**

Concrete masonry products are much faster to build with than some commonly used walling materials and have the added benefit of being both structural and aesthetic.



# Finishes guide

The GB Masonry Collection is available in a range of finishes to suit your style and project.

#### Rock face



The rock face or bolstered finish results from a unique process called bolstering which chips the edges of the block face to give it a rocky appearance.

Available in:

**GB Sandstone Rock Face** 

#### Split face



The splitting process used to create these blocks produces a bold textured exposed aggregate finish.

Available in:

**GB Split Face GB Sandstone Split Face GB** Aspect Split Face **GB Veneer Split Face** 

#### **Smooth**



A finely textured finish created through the standard moulding process.

Available in:

**GB** Smooth **GB Sandstone Smooth** 

#### Honed



The honing process grinds 2-3mm from the block surface producing a matt exposed aggregate finish.

Available in:

**GB Honed** 

**GB Sandstone Honed** 

**GB** Aspect Honed

**GB Veneer Honed** 

#### **Polished**



Unique to Austral Masonry the Polishing Aggregate finish results from extra aggregate that's entered into the mix which is exposed through the Polishing process.

Available in:

**GB Stone Range** 

# Austral Masonry System

Austral Masonry offers a total protection system consisting of two seperate parts with an optional third:



### 1. GB Masonry collection of water resisting blocks

(dramatically reduces secondary efflorescence)

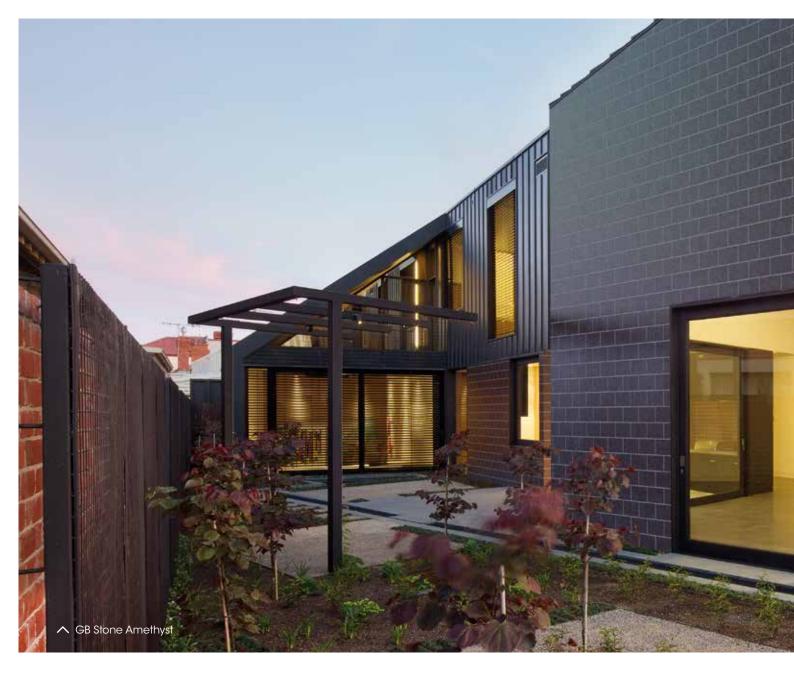
### 2. Aus-Lock mortar additive.

This works as a plasticiser, bondina agent and cement retarder slowing the setting time of the mortar giving more time to clean up. In addition, the additiive will impart some waterproofing property to the mortar giving an added resistance to lime leaching.

### 3. Aus-Seal and Aus-Shield

are an applied finish to further enhance the product and give some self cleaning properties.

Call your representative to discuss your requirements and learn more.



# **GB** Stone

The GB Stone range brings together a collection of neutral coloured blocks with a distinctive fine honed finish.

The polishing process reveals the aggregate used in the blocks composition, giving them a lustrous finish where the aggregate is revealed.



Jasper







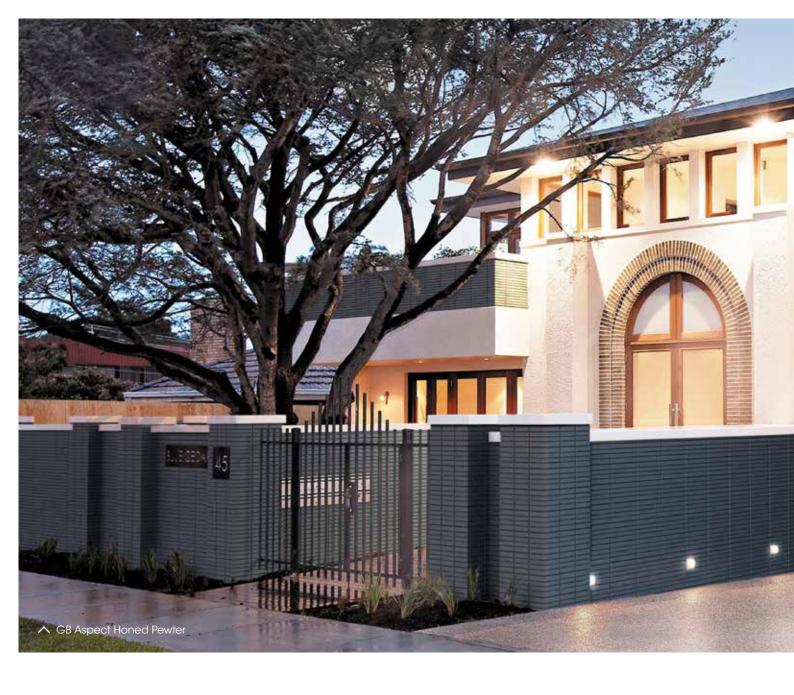




Pearl Jade



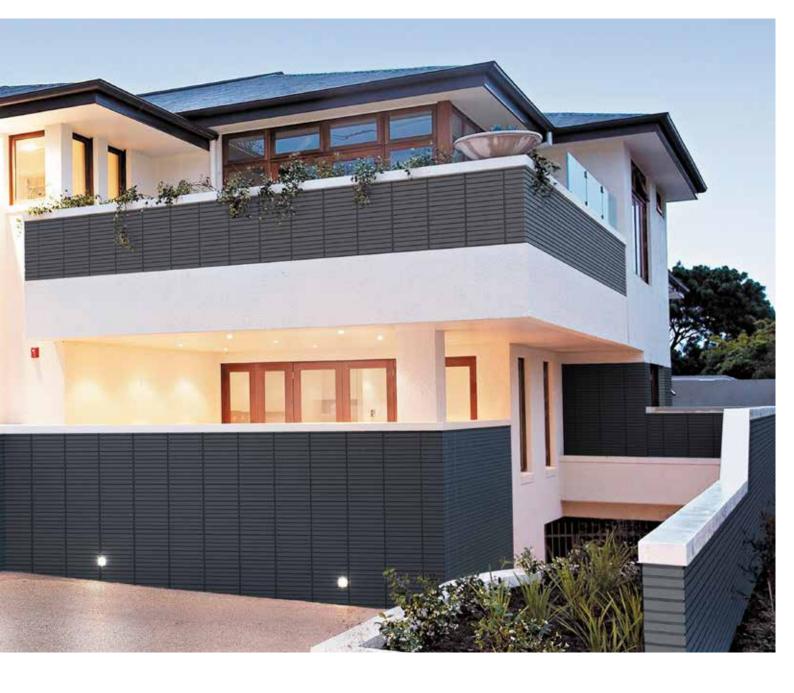
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# **GB** Aspect Honed

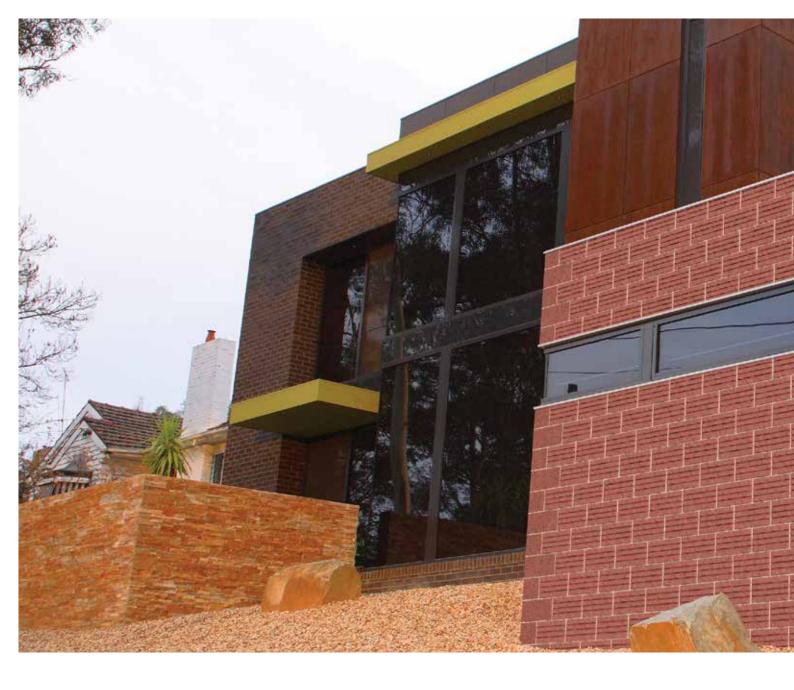
The GB Aspect Honed range features eight bold colours that are ideal for projects of distinction.

Three striking lines combined with the blocks smooth honed finish create a unique look that is ideal for creative designs.









# GB Aspect Split Face

The GB Aspect Split Face range combines a bold colour palette with the rough textured finish of the split face block.

Three striking lines makes this product ideal for use on feature walls as a distinctive finish to complement contemporary designs.







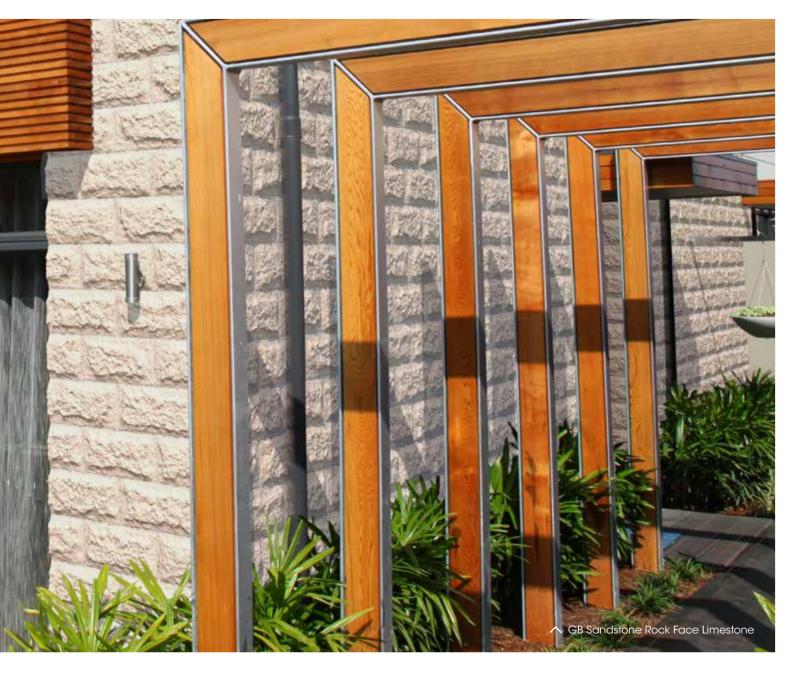
Split face



# GB Sandstone Rock Face

With a distinctive rock faced finish and an array of light sandy colours the GB Sandstone range is the ideal feature walling product for homes of distinction.

All colours in the GB Sandstone range feature unique veins of colour through the block which catch the eye.











Brisbane Blend

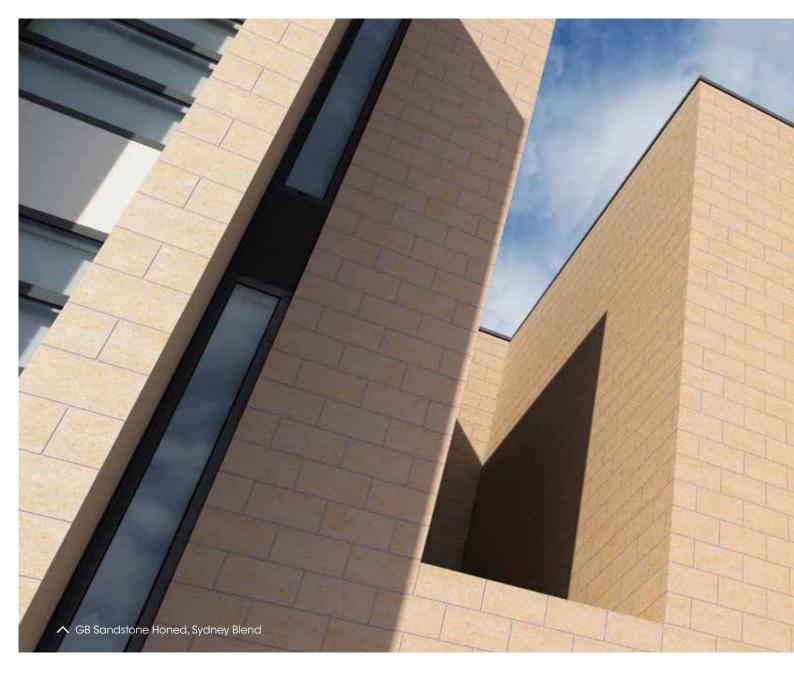
Endeavour Blend

Limestone

Sydney Blend



Rock face

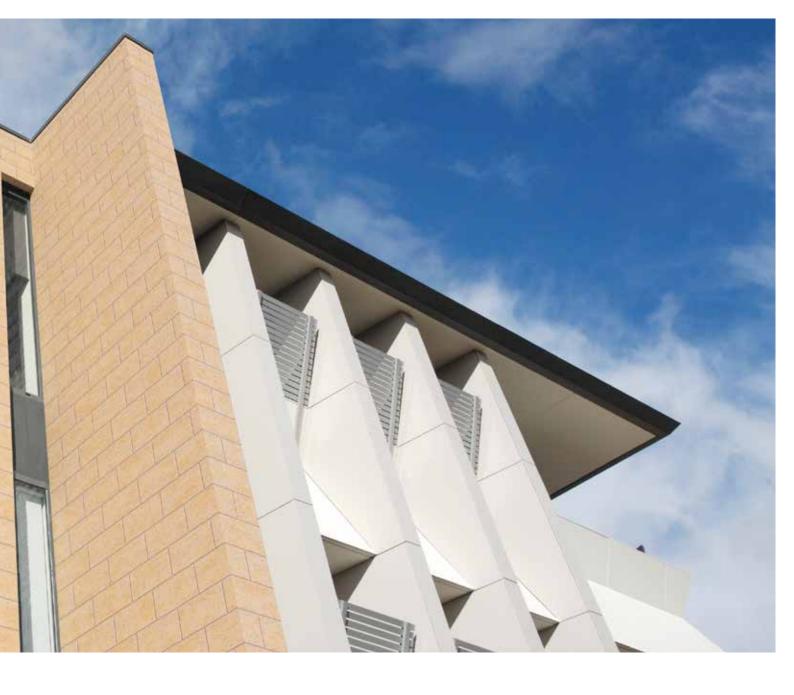


# GB Sandstone Honed

As the name suggests, GB Sandstone Honed sets a new standard for style.

Uniquely produced by exposing the face of blended sands. The result is the finish of natural sandstone with the design flexibility of masonry blocks.

Available in four unique blends be sure to incorporate GB Sandstone Honed into your next design project.











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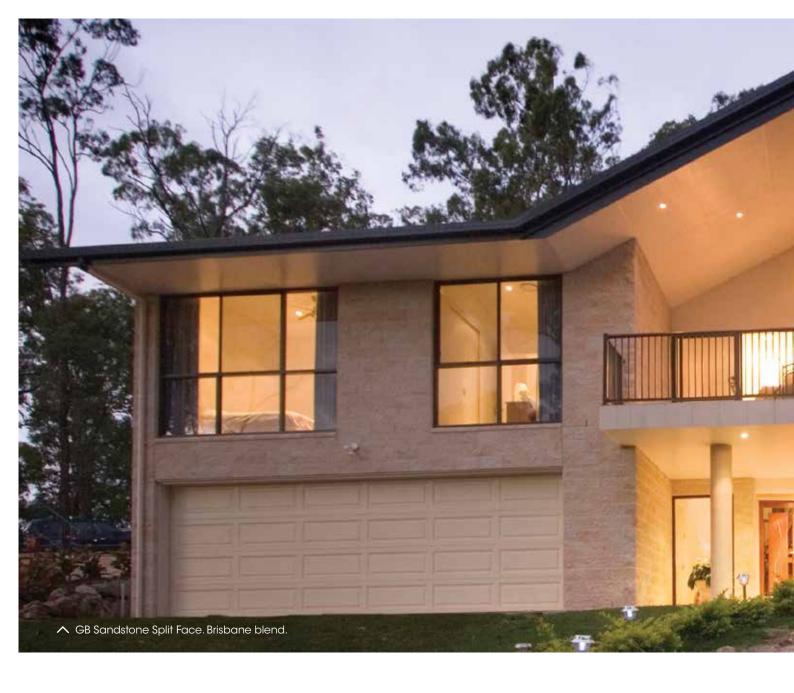
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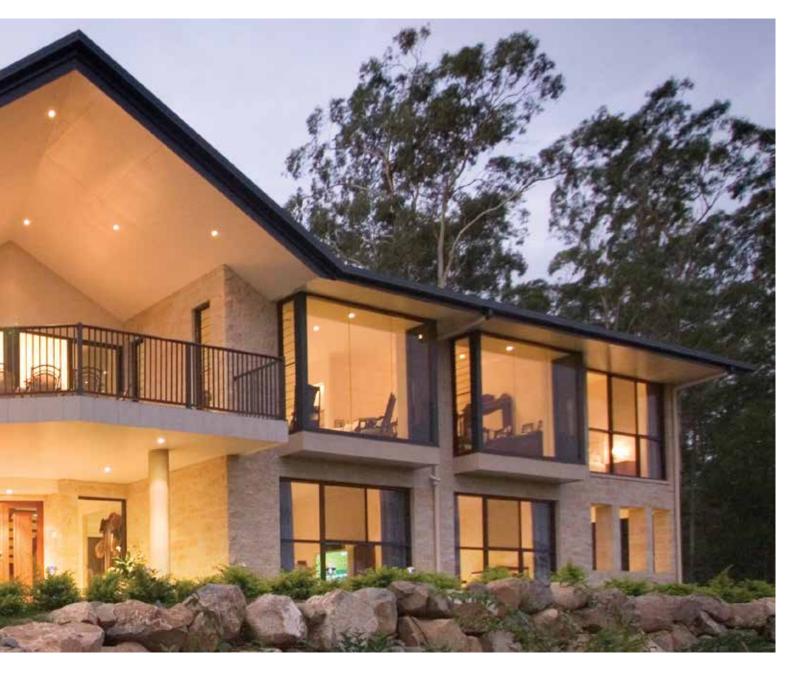
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# GB Sandstone Split Face

The colour schemes in this range beautifully evoke images of the quintessential Australian landscape.

Sandy, neutral colours available in a Split Face textured finish result in a block that blends beautifully with a range of architectural styles.











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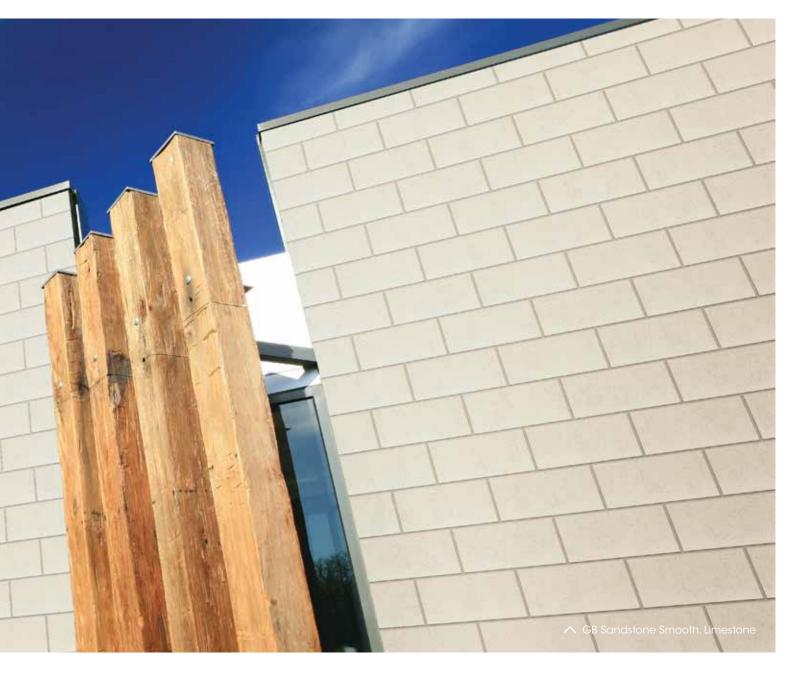
Split faced



# GB Sandstone Smooth

This premium product combines the unique colour and character of natural sandstone a sleek smooth finish.

Due to a high percentage of white sand, their fine surface finish creates a distinctive, natural look that complements both traditional and contemporary architectural styles.











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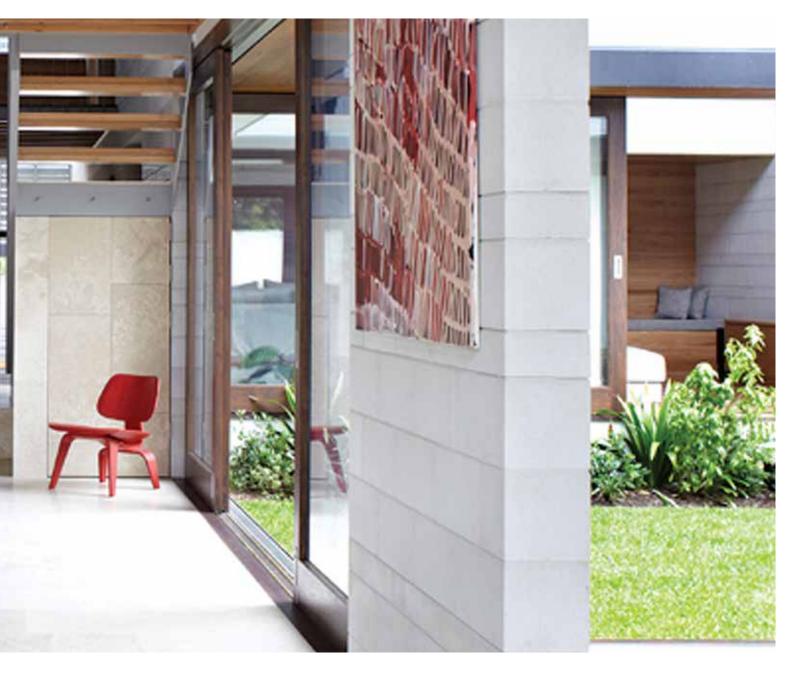
Smooth



# **GB** Honed

Embrace the elegance of this block as its subtle sparkle of natural aggregate shines through.

Limestone, Shale and Nickel are just a few colours that comprise the elegant and versatile colour range of GB Honed.







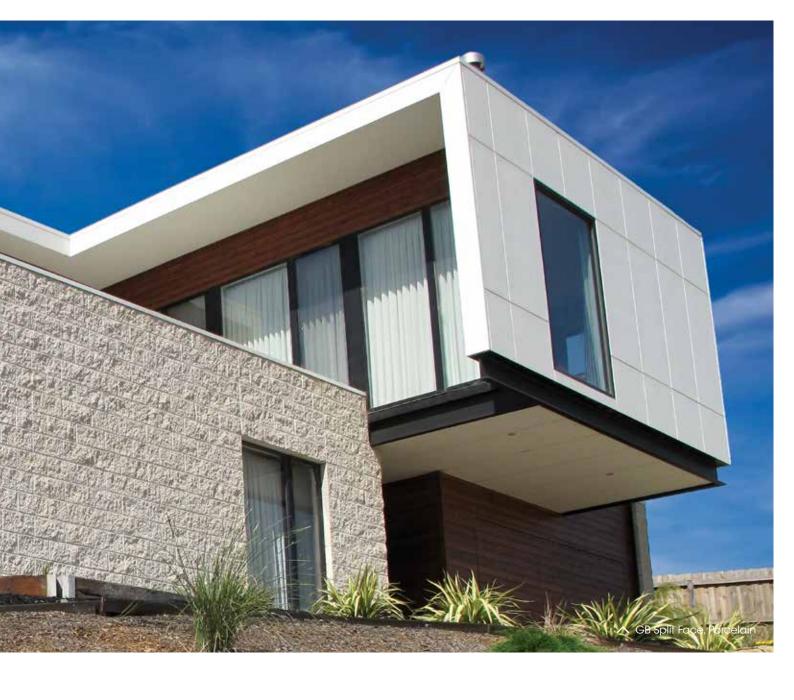
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# GB Split Face

The GB Split Face range features eight bold colours that are ideal for contemporary projects.

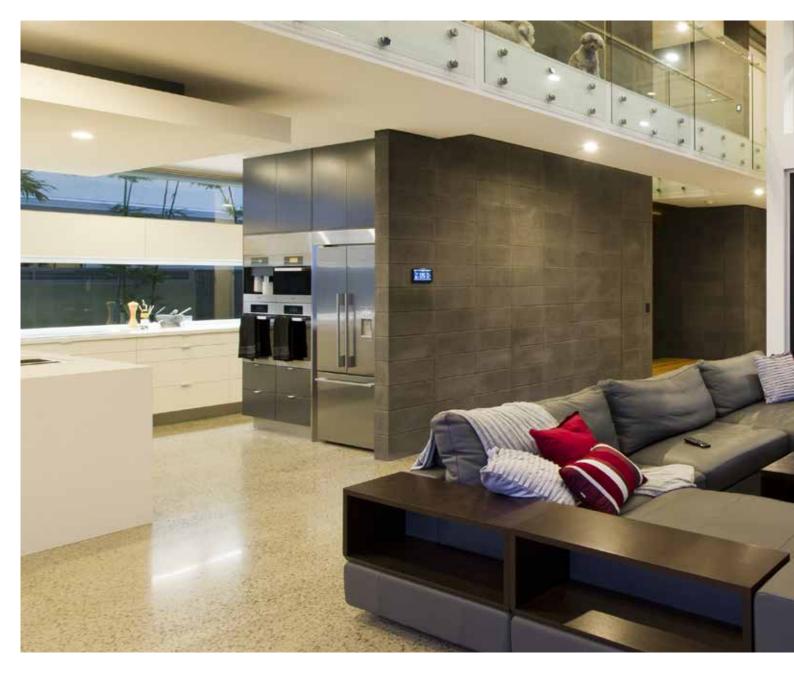
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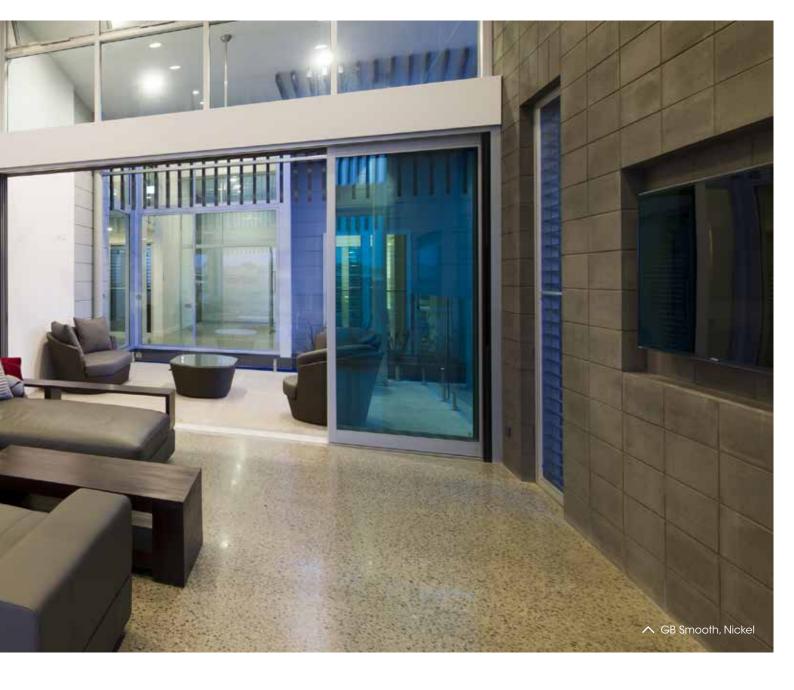
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# GB Smooth

If tried and true is what you're after then the GB Smooth range is for you.

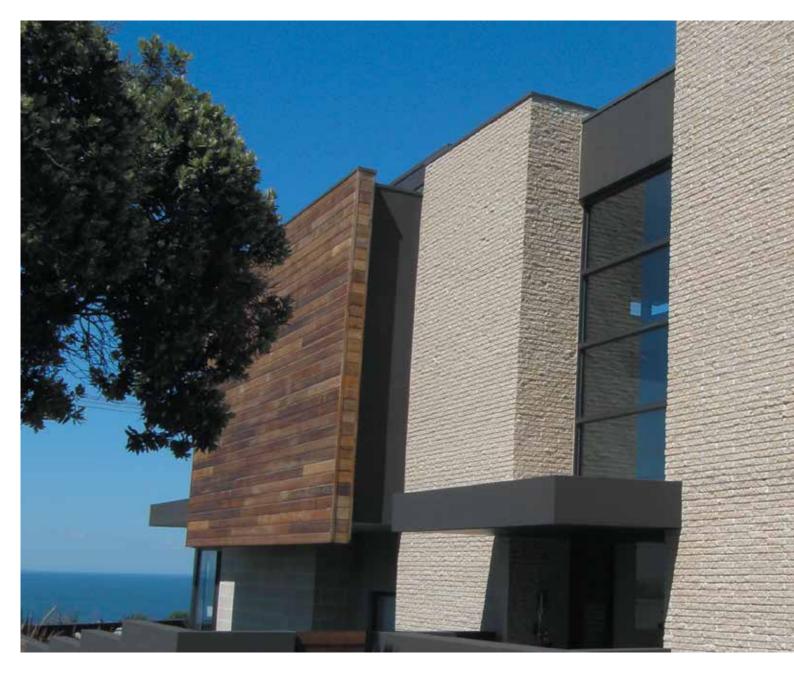
Its smooth surface gives a soft glow to any project. Offering colours such as Porcelain, Pewter and Sand – to name a few – there's an option to suit most locations.







Smooth

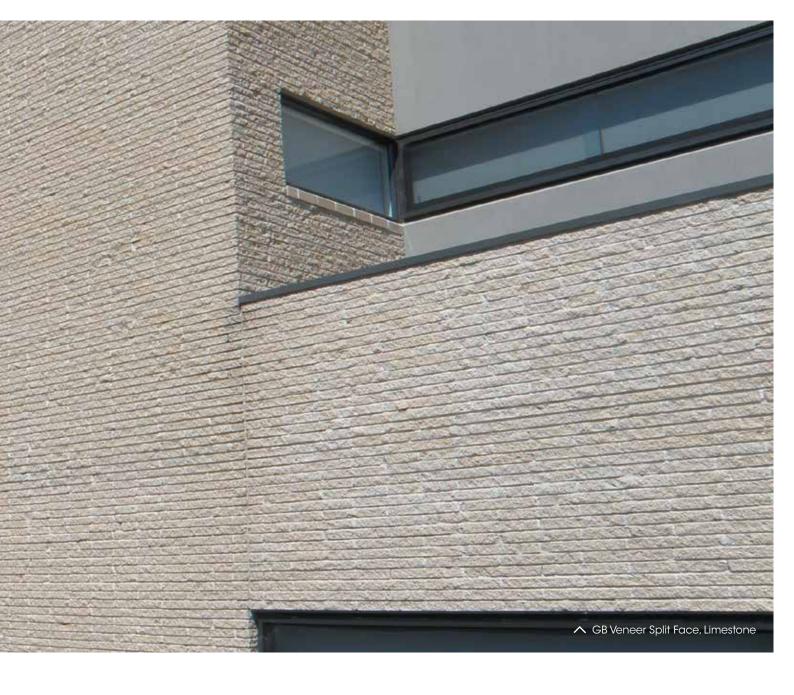


# GB Veneer Split Face

The GB Veneer range features a distinctive slimline size available in eight contemporary colours.

Available in the Split Face finish these product feature a bold textured, exposed aggregate finish.





# GB Veneer Honed

Contemporary colours, long slimline shape, and lustrous honed finish combine to create a distinctive style that can be used to develop an eye catching feature or add a modern flair to your home.









# Products and brands available from Brickworks Building Products™

# **BRICKWORKS**

Brickworks Building Products™ is one of Australia's largest and most diverse building material manufacturers.

Under the Brickworks Building Products™ umbrella are some of Australia's best known building materials brands.

Our products include bricks, pavers, masonry blocks, retaining wall systems, precast concrete panels, concrete and terracotta roof tiles, timber products and specialised façade systems.

With a broad product portfolio and manufacturing and sales facilities across Australia, Brickworks Building Products™

is uniquely placed to service the demands of the building industry.

With over 1200 staff across Australia and New Zealand, we pride ourselves on our commitment to product and service excellence and our leadership position.



Founded in 1908, Austral Bricks<sup>®</sup> is Australia's largest, best-known and most efficient clay brick and paver manufacturer.

Austral Bricks® add distinct style to any type of home. Their natural colours and textures enable you to create striking façade contrasts or more traditional neutral colour tones. By investing in new technology Austral Bricks® now produce bricks with a variety of surface finishes, exciting colours and different sizes.

The result is a wonderful range of bricks for you to build a stylish, contemporary home.



### **BOWRAL BRICKS**

When Bowral Bricks began production in 1922, a teenage Don Bradman was still scoring runs for the local side. Today their distinctive dry-pressed bricks are highly valued by discerning architects

and builders across the country.

The unique combination of traditional craftsmanship and modern technology

will ensure that the Bowral Bricks brand will remain the benchmark for brick excellence for many years to come.

# nubrik

With a heritage reaching back to 1862, Nubrik™ premium-quality bricks are still moulded the traditional way on century-old presses. Their time-honoured expression of authenticity and elegance is acknowledged by architects, builders and discerning homebuyers who also value their rich colour blends, solidity and crisplydefined edges.



Since 1853, Daniel Robertson® has helped build Australia with building products that combine craftsmanship with architectural excellence. In a world

of mass production, where qualities are constantly compromised, Daniel Robertson® premium-quality clay bricks are highly prized for their unique character, earthy appeal and individual charm.









Backed by a proud history of more than a century of brickmaking experience, NZ Brick Distributors™ offers New Zealand's most comprehensive range of high quality bricks and pavers in an unmatched palette of colours, textures and sizes, backed by a nationwide sales and distribution network.

# \*\*australmasonry

Austral Masonry™ is a leading manufacturer and supplier of concrete masonry products focused on providing functional but stylish solutions to the civil, residential, commercial and industrial building and construction markets.

Our passion is to create products to meet the technical and functional demands of the building industry, while also delivering architecturally striking and fashionable finishes to completed building projects. Our range of products includes standard grey concrete blocks, coloured architectural concrete blocks with a range of different finishes and a comprehensive range of retaining walls, pavers and garden edging.

# \*\*australprecast\*

In just a few years, Austral Precast® has become Australia's premier supplier of high-quality, innovative and customisable precast concrete product solutions.

Using state-of-the-art technology, production techniques and systems, our precast division produces a diversified range of wall, floor, column, and clientspecific precast solutions. To meet the construction industry's ever-increasing demands, the company operates from five plants located along the eastern seaboard and in Western Australia.

# bristileroofing

For almost a century, Bristile Roofing™ has delivered stylish and innovative roofing products for Australian homes. Bristile is now one of Australia's largest manufacturers and installers of quality roof tiles and the exclusive Australian distributor of La Escandella premiumquality terracotta roof tiles from Spain. Product innovation, manufacturing expertise and first-class service guarantee a strong, low maintenance roofing solution that will look great and perform superbly for generations.



From production facilities in Western Australia, Victoria and the ACT, Auswest Timbers® manufactures a diverse range of timber products. Jarrah, karri and chestnut timbers are processed into a range of decorative, seasoned products for furniture and joinery, flooring, decking, staircase components, veneers and fence screening. Green structural timbers are also processed for mine, wharf and rail track construction, as well as for floor joists, roofing timbers and roof tile battens.

# \*\*australfaçades

Façade systems are a cost-and time-efficient approach to cladding commercial and upscale residential buildings. The Terraçade™ system, developed in Australia by Brickworks Building Products™, combines the visual appeal and colourfastness of terracotta with the low maintenance and functional efficiency demanded in today's competitive market.

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