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of excellence

GREEK MARBLE

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THE GREEK MARBLE ASSOCIATION

The **Greek Marble Association of Macedonia-Thrace** was founded in 1972 and is based in Kavala representing the Greek marble industry. Eastern Macedonia and Thrace is the most important area of Greek marble development and business. 80% out of total Greek primary marble production is quarried in the wider region of this area where most of our Association's companies are located.

Over the years, Greek marble has been defined by its quality and whiteness and it is these features that lead to a continuous increase in its exports in recent years. An increase that ranks Greece 4th in the world in exports of raw material despite the steep recession the Greek economy has suffered over the past decade. Our industry is purely outward-looking and exports 76% of its marble production to more than 120 countries.

Our sector's contribution to the Greek economy as a whole is estimated at 1.27 billion euros, representing 0.33% of the country's GDP and 2% of national exports. In particular, 670 companies are

active in the Greek marble industry, which directly employs 6,500 employees while total participation in employment amounts to 18,000 employees.

Over the last decade, due to the recession in the Greek Economy, our industry has had to redefine its role and change its strategy addressing, mainly, the global market. Therefore, by investing in innovation and openness, it has successfully responded to the growing demand by foreign markets. As a result, Greek marble exports have tripled. The figures confirm this upward trend with (raw and processed) marble exports climbing to 514 million dollars in 2018 from 320 million dollars in 2016.

Equally successful was the global natural stone industry from 2016 to 2019, something which was reflected in almost every country's figures, proving the industry's enormous dynamics. However, the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has halted this upward trend. It is true that the pandemic has violently changed our perception of many issues both on a personal but also on a business level. But what this

crisis has taught us, above all, is to stop taking certain circumstances for granted as everything can be overturned.

Expecting the Greek economy recovery we shouldn't neglect taking actions supporting the companies that have suffered the consequences of the pandemic and the new energy crisis. The Greek marble sector has demonstrated resilience over the years, and we are certain that our initiatives coordinated actions will enable us to successfully overcome all challenges.



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WHAT IS GREEK MARBLE?

It is a metamorphic rock composed after a carbonate sediment, mainly limestone or dolomite, has been exposed to high temperatures and strains.

Marble is not a typical decorative “stone”, it has a personality. It is the stone that shines, that illuminates. The word derives from the ancient Greek word “marmairo” i.e. “to sparkle”. And not only does it sparkle, but it can also be carved into architectural and sculptural works with relative ease.

GREEK MARBLE is found everywhere in our country. To quote Yiannis Ritsos at his poem “Romiosini” (ie “Greekness”), “[.] Trees, rivers and voices turn to marble in the sun’s white-wash. The root stumbles on the marble.[...]”

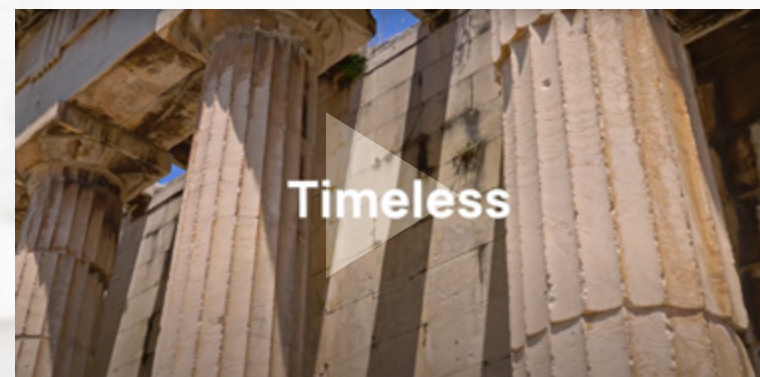
Its many comparative advantages, both technical and aesthetic, have helped it stand out, from the antiquity to the present day. The Greek flair for business and innovation has

made good use of these elements and, along with the implementation of pioneering methods of mining and processing, has elevated the **GREEK MARBLE** to an atypical yet globally renowned brand name.

These works have been travelling to the ends of the world for 5 millennia and advertising us with their uninterrupted presence.

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GREEK MARBLE MAP

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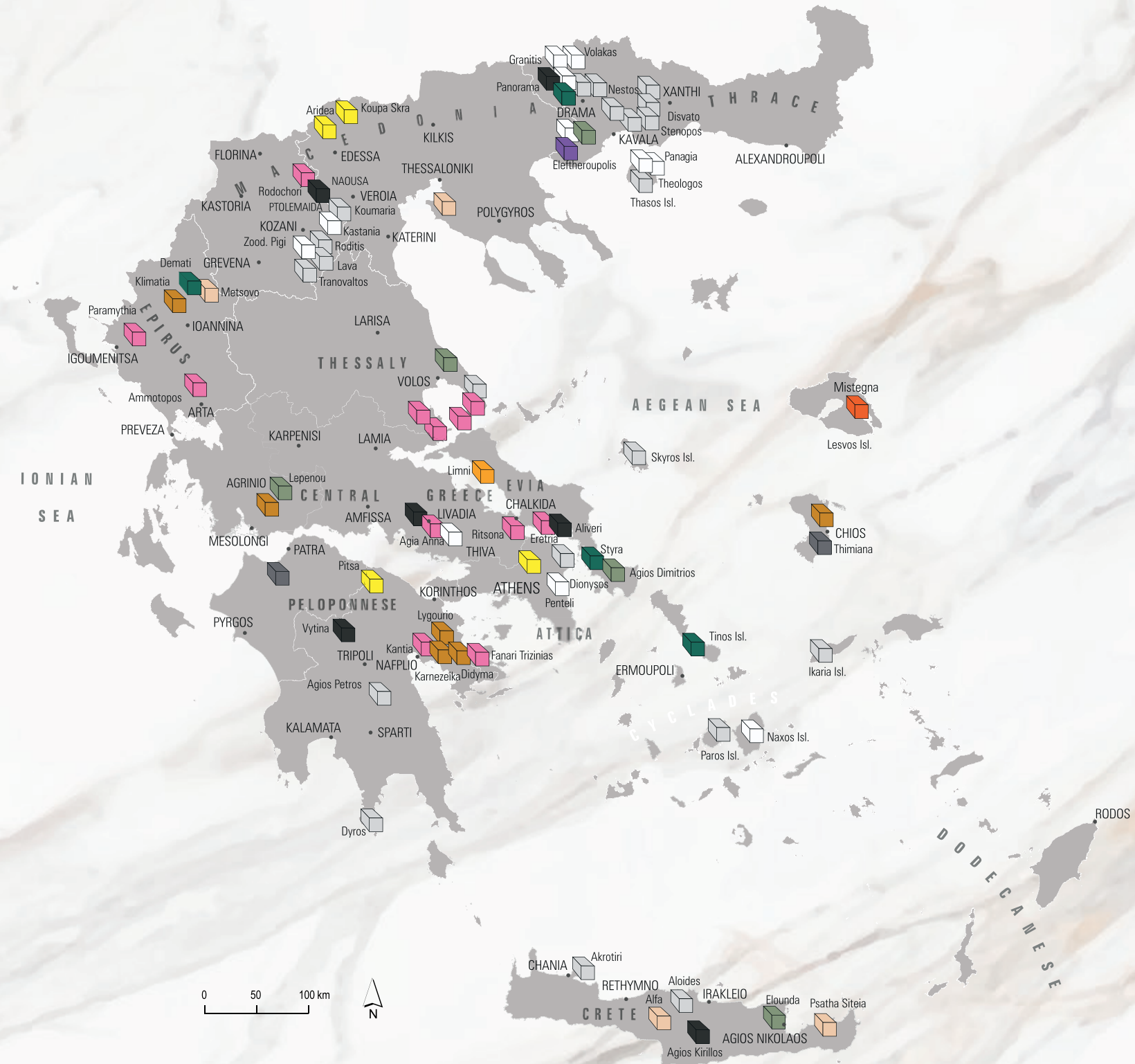
-  White
-  Semi-white
-  Black
-  Brown
-  Pink
-  Green
-  Multicolored
-  Yellow
-  Orange
-  Gray
-  Black & White
-  Red
-  Beige-Gray

Characteristics

- Translucent
- With Veins
- Crystalized
- Monochrome

Type

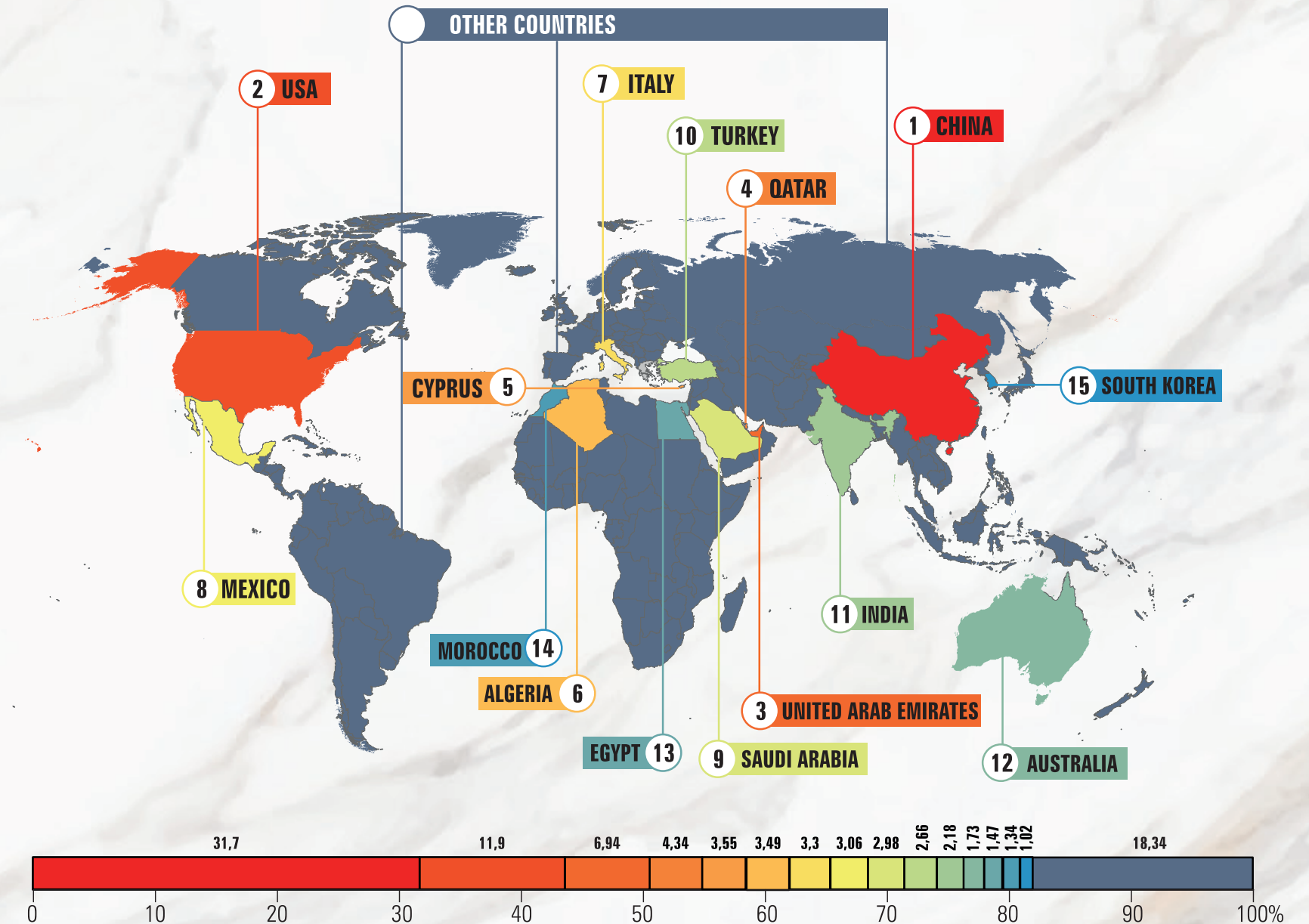
- Shale
- Granite
- Onyx
- Marble
- Travertine
- Quartzite
- Sandstone
- Dolomite
- Basalt



COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES	LARGE PROJECTS SUCH AS	SMALL PROJECTS SUCH AS
Greek Marble Reserves / High Quality Stones	Landmarks	Indoor & Outdoor spaces
	Commercial buildings	Living Rooms
	Hotels	Bathrooms
	Temples (of various religions)	Kitchens
Mining & Processing Expertise	Office buildings	Floors
	Luxury residences	Walls & Surfaces
	Superyacht interiors	Artistic applications

WORLDWIDE EXPORTS

YEAR	VALUE (€)	QUANTITY (TONS)	COUNTRY	VALUE (€) 9 months 2022	MARKET SHARE %
2022 (9 months)	225.015.000	593.200	China	71.121.730	31,61%
			U.S.A.	26.046.730	11,58%
2021	360.748.000	936.000	U.A.E.	16.159.400	7,18%
			Quatar	8.949.410	3,98%
2020	288.720.000	798.300	S. Arabia	8.671.970	3,85%
			Algeria	7.718.150	3,43%
2019	395.358.000	1.037.500	Italy	7.546.650	3,35%
			Cyprus	7.261.650	3,23%
2018	513.834.000	1.100.000	Mexico	6.331.880	2,81%
			Turkey	5.889.480	2,62%
2017	463.849.000	1.134.495	India	4.887.340	2,17%
			Australia	3.621.720	1,61%
2016	319.325.000	803.580	Egypt	3.215.900	1,43%
			Morocco	2.731.690	1,21%
			N. Korea	2.699.850	1,20%
			Russia	2.202.900	0,98%
			Thailand	2.065.890	0,92%
			Singapore	1.951.980	0,87%
			Romania	1.746.810	0,78%
			Spain	1.666.420	0,74%



Source: Stonenews, Greek Marble Exports 1st Semester 2022*

*This is a depiction of the total exports of processed and unprocessed Greek Marble, worldwide. It depicts a specific moment in time and is dynamic, with new countries constantly entering the pool of Greek Marble importers.

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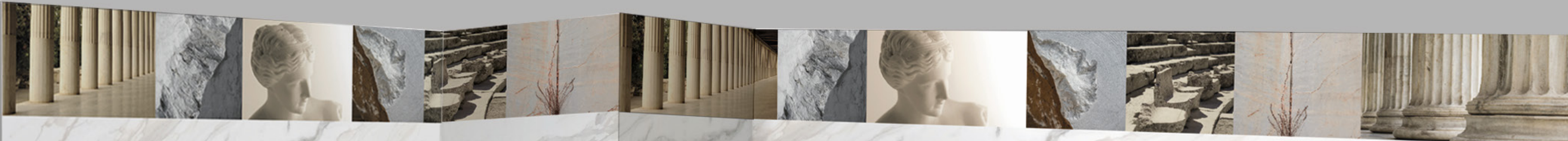
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