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Stone+tec Nürnberg continues to grow

Stone+tec 2024 has grown in all areas and is thus aiming for continued positive development. Both the number of participating exhibitors (+ 20 per cent) and the number of visitors (+ 12 per cent) increased compared to Stone+tec 2022. The mood was good on all four days of the trade fair, and the first registrations for Stone+tec 2026 have already been received.

Nuremberg – Stone+tec continues to grow: over four days, around 250 exhibitors from over 20 countries presented their products, services and innovations at Stone+tec in Nuremberg. Around 10,800 visitors came to Stone+tec 2024, most of them from Germany and neighbouring countries, but also from Italy, India and China.

The large product areas "Building with Natural Stone", "Equipment for Professionals", "Place of Remembrance" and "Design with Tiles" attracted a good level of visitor interest. The highlights of the programme were the presentation of the German Natural Stone Award and the competition for young talent organised by the Federal Association of German Stonemasons (BIV), whose winners were honoured at the ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the BIV at Stone+tec.

Division Manager Michael Löffler is satisfied with the response to Stone+tec 2024: "It's great that more visitors have come to Stone+tec again, and discussions with our exhibitors have shown that the quality of the visitors was also impressive. I am particularly pleased that some non-exhibitors from Stone+tec and Tile+tec were also at the trade fair and showed interest in exhibiting next time."

Stone+tec is regarded as the international competence forum for natural stone and stone technology and takes place every two years at the Nuremberg Exhibition Centre. The exhibition was

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accompanied on three days by the Stone+tec Congress, which provided specialist information and offered opportunities for further training and networking. The number of participants at the Stone+tec Congress increased compared to the previous event. The living workshop, as a stage for specialist lectures, demonstrations and workshops, complemented the trade fair programme.

The managing directors of trade fair organisers AFAG, Henning and Thilo Könicke, draw a positive conclusion for Stone+tec and Tile+tec: "The concept of the event has been a success and the combination of Stone+tec, Tile+tec and Congress has worked well. We would like to thank the industry associations and exhibitors for their strong commitment and are delighted with the support from the industry. We are proud of what Stone+tec has become and are continuing to work on further developing the trade fair in the interests of the industry."

New: Tile+tec offers tiles for the first time

Tile+tec took place for the first time as part of Stone+tec and expanded its range to include tiles. Some companies were still cautious at the start, partly due to the economic mood in the industry. Nevertheless, the organisers described the start as a success, with divisional manager Michael Löffler holding numerous discussions during the trade fair: "Tile+tec has got off to a good start and we are confident that we will be able to significantly increase the range of products and services relating to tiles and design at the next edition of Stone+tec. The interest in a platform for the tile market is there."

Save the date: Stone+tec and Tile+tec 2026

The next edition of Stone+tec and Tile+tec will take place from 17 to 20 June 2026 at Messe Nürnberg, and the first exhibitor registrations for the upcoming Stone+tec have already been received.



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