



# the natural choice



Unlock the potential that only a construction product with such natural beauty, strength, durability and a superb choice of colours and finishes as Petrarch, can give you. This reconstituted stone cladding panel offers you all of these, which is why Petrarch continue to be the choice of architects and specifiers for nearly 50 years.

With Petrarch, beauty is more than skin deep and, just like a material made by nature, it is equipped to endure the worst that nature can throw at it. And just like a natural material, it can cleverly blend with its surroundings or provide a stunning contrast as your design demands.

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#### **□** Petrarch

# introduction

Architectural Panel Solutions is a leading UK manufacturer and supplier of rainscreen cladding panel and framing solutions.

Petrarch is a man-made alternative to natural stone cladding which offers all the same attributes whilst providing some key benefits such as ease of use and flexibility in design.

Our expertise and experience in both manufacturing and supplying cladding systems enable us to meet or exceed all the requirements of today's demanding building designs and specifications.

Petrarch cladding is aesthetically pleasing, easy to design, easy to fit and will last year after year, after year.

This, together with our understanding of your requirements, also means that as a supplier, we are as easy to work with as our product range. We'll advise you on any technical or commercial aspect of cladding, help you conform with the most stringent specifications and also assist you in achieving the most economical solution, even when specifying bespoke panels.

#### With safety at the forefront of everything we do

Architectural Panel Solutions has embarked on a programme to demonstrate that Petrarch has exceptional fire performance, particularly for use in high-rise new build and in over-cladding applications.

Petrarch is fully BBA approved and has achieved a Class O (or low risk) for UK standards. The test indicates that the product is low risk with minimal contribution to the fire load. In addition, Petrarch has been tested in accordance with the European classification EN13501-1 as Class A2-s1, d0.

Petrarch, as part of a standard assembly, was tested in accordance with BS8414 part 2 as part of the BRE 135 guidelines.

In the US, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 285 fire test has become the benchmark for establishing the flammability characteristics of non-load bearing wall assemblies and has become a mandatory requirement in many states for buildings over 40ft high. Petrarch was tested as part of a standard façade assembly and passed in accordance with NFPA 285.

cutting-edge aesthetics and superb durability in even the most severe environmental conditions makes Petrarch the natural choice.









Petrarch is BBA accredited and is manufactured in Hastings under ISO 9001 quality management system.



so naturally beautiful and rugged, yet light and easy to install Architects and specifiers have long been aware of the advantages of man-made reconstituted stone panels over natural stone. With Petrarch, we've developed and perfected the art of producing this alternative.

Petrarch enables you to design in individuality and style combined with environmental durability, high impact resistance and freedom from maintenance.

Petrarch is available in a wide range of colours and finishes with two different thicknesses, so there's bound to be one that's perfect for your application. If not, we can create your project specific colour and finish, giving you unlimited design possibilities and freedom.

Petrarch is considerably lighter in weight than its natural stone counterparts, driving down construction time and costs.

The installation cost is usually a fraction of that of stone, allowing striking finishes to be achieved within realistic construction budgets.

**Ω**Petrarch colours textures riven, smooth, smooth matt or riven matt... an almost unlimited Think of a colour... beautiful but practical textures range of colours... With an astounding 1,500 colours in the Petrarch a plethora of with individual style Palette to date, there's a very good chance that you will find what you're looking for. Whether used creative possibilities outside or inside, all are designed to enhance the Because of how it's formed, quarried and weathered, Every finish is available in all of our 1,500 natural environment of a building and complement the natural stone comes in different surface finishes and colours or any bespoke colour, providing an landscape - or create a startling statement. textures. Why should man-made materials be any almost unlimited number of combinations to satisfy your creativity. And as if 1,500 colours weren't enough, we can also manufacture Petrarch in a virtually unlimited With Petrarch, you get a choice of four different range of custom, or colour matched hues to meet the standard finishes to lend even more individuality with a range of factory applied coatings. most challenging architectural brief and complement and style to any building. Choose from a traditional These coatings can be used to provide exceptional your creative thoughts. riven finish that replicates the surface of slate, a anti-graffiti properties or simply seal and enrich the contemporary smooth finish and a textured matt panel surface. finish to either. Ask us about our new custom 3D surfaces adding Choice of texture adds a tactile dimension to product selection. By designating the surface finish and patternation the colours gain additional character and depth. smooth matt riven matt smooth riven



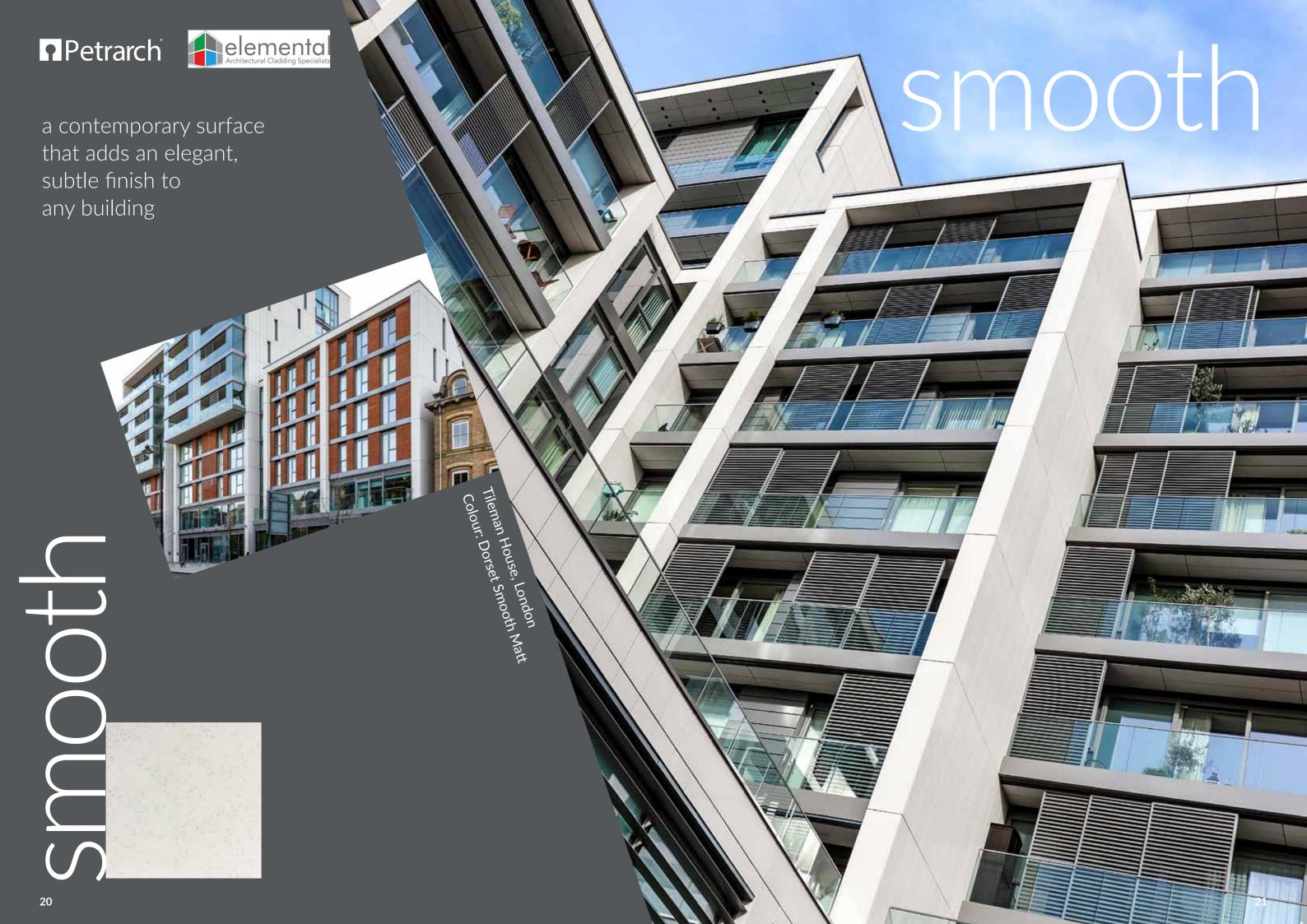
















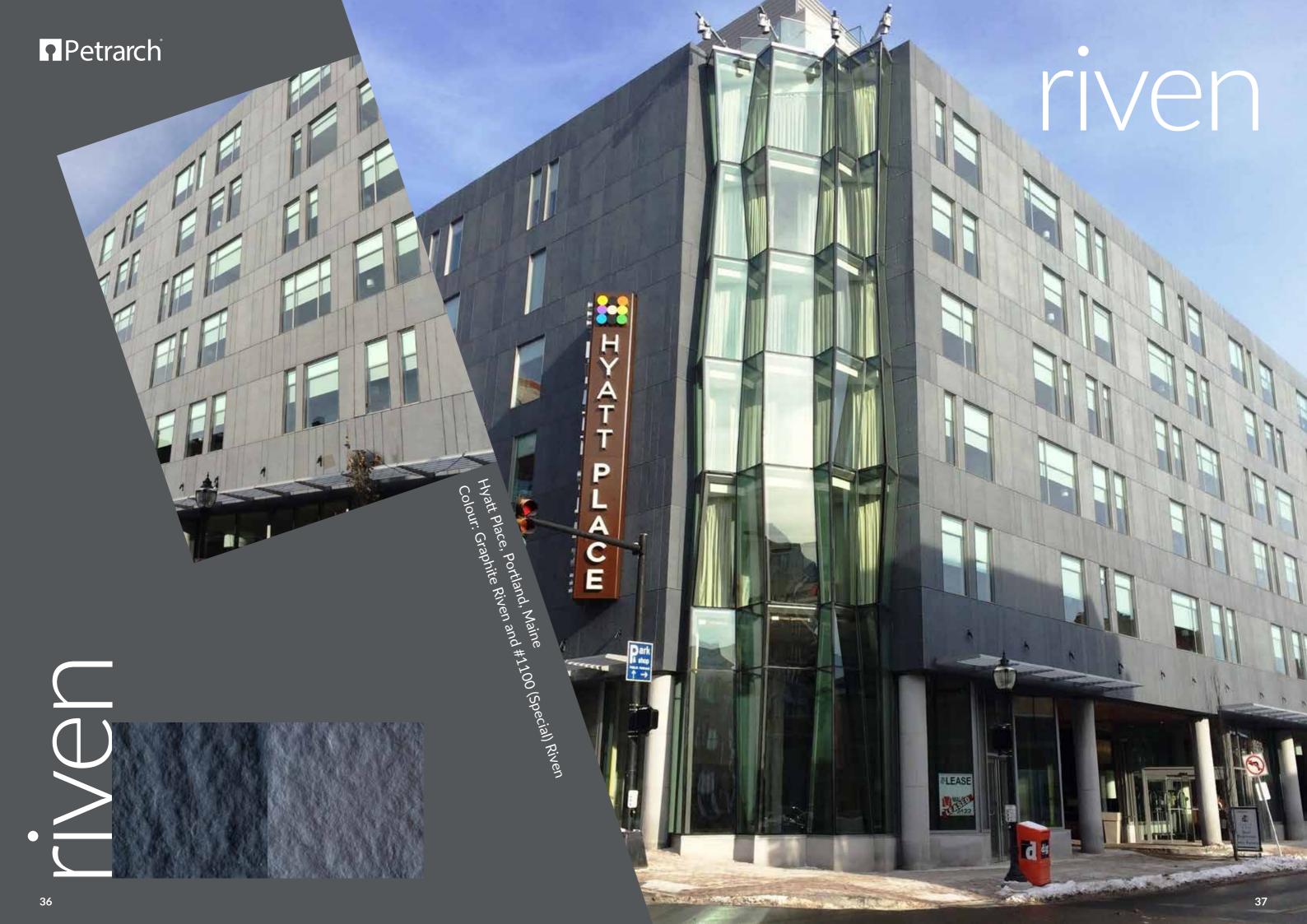






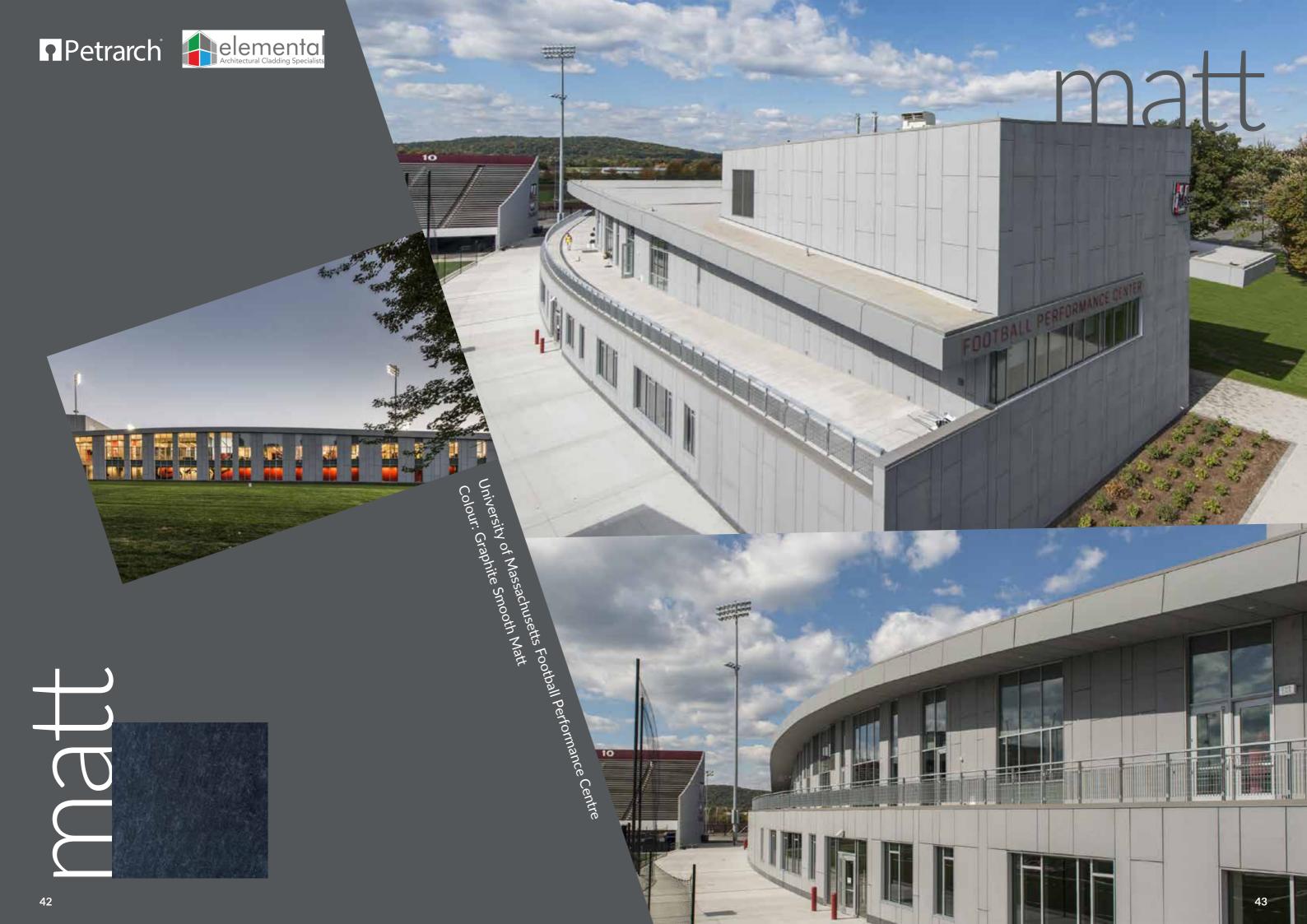














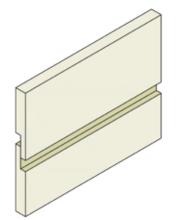


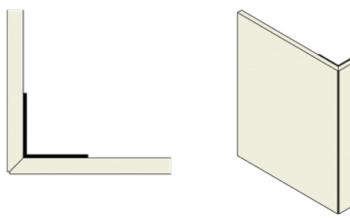
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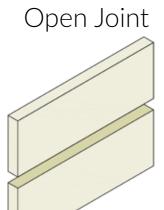
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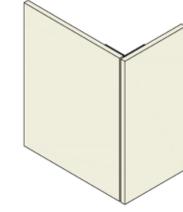




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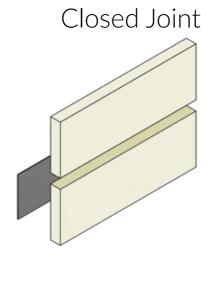


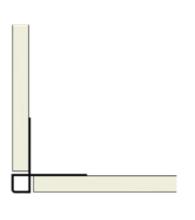


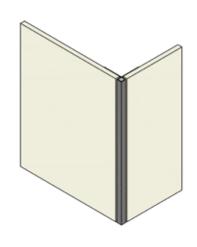


Open corner









Closed corner





# colour & texture



#### Set your designs free

Choose from a range of 1,500 beautiful standard colours and textures or set your designs free with unlimited bespoke colours.







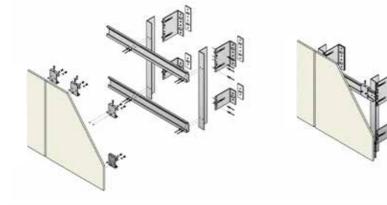
# fixing & framing

Petrarch panels can be fixed to rainscreen framing easily using a mechanical secret fix to brackets or face fixed with rivets.

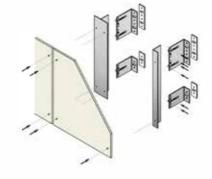
Architectural Panel Solutions have many suitable types of rainscreen support systems which have been developed to suit Petrarch.

Visit www.architecturalpanelsolutions.com to find out more.

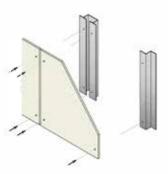
Mechancial Secret Fix



Face Fix – rails and brackets



Face Fix - omega and zed sections





# performance

The performance and physical properties of Petrarch – particularly durability, flexural strength and weight savings – offer many benefits over natural stone, slate, terracotta, precast concrete and glass reinforced concrete.

The main characteristics are detailed below.

DIMENSIONS			
Normal Thickness	7 mm	10 mm	
Sheet Sizes	2400 x 1200 mm	2400 x 1200 mm	
	3000 x 1200 mm	3000 x 1200 mm	
PROPERTIES			
Weight	15.7kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22kg/m²	
Flevural strength	25MP2	25MPa	

Hexural strength 11,000 MPa Modules of elasticity 11,000 MPa Moisture absorption Impact resistance 2.0J Coefficient of expansion 22 x 10<sup>-6</sup>/°C 2 x 10<sup>-6</sup>/°C A2-s1, d0 | EN 13501-1 Building material class A2-s1, d0 | EN 13501-1 Class '0' | BS 476 Part 6 & 7 National fire rating Class '0' | BS 476 Part 6 & 7 Assembly fire tests BS8414 part 2, assessed by BRE135

NFPA 285 – Pass

WEIGHT KG/M <sup>2</sup>										
		0	25	50	75	100	125			
MATERIAL	THICKNESS									
High pressure laminate	6									
Fibre cement board	6									
Glass	6									
Petrarch	7									
Petrarch	10									
Marble	30									
Granite	40									
GRC (Glass Reinforced Concrete)	15									
Slate	25									
Precast concrete	100									





## environment

#### our commitment

At Architectural Panel Solutions we realise the important part we play in protecting our environment for future generations, which is why we are doing everything we can to minimise our carbon footprint. Not only in the manufacture of our products and the sourcing of raw materials, but also in their application and long term impact.

# manufactured in the UK

Petrarch has been manufactured in the UK for nearly 50 years, and panels can be ordered cut to size at the factory and fully fabricated, reducing offcuts and waste at the construction site.

#### recycling

When packing the panels for transport to the site, we use the minimum of packaging materials, which consist of recycled cardboard and wood for a pallet base allowing for easy recycling.



# contact & support

#### Enduring beauty

Choosing Petrarch brings you individuality and style combined with extreme environmental durability and low maintenance. Petrarch's wide range of colours and textures enables architects and designers to create beautiful buildings in a sustainable and eco-friendly way – and at a fraction of the cost of its natural stone counterparts.

# Complementary samples

We are happy to send you free samples of this stunning material. Please contact our dedicated customer service team on +44 (0)1424 852641.



#### Workshops

If you would like to find out more about Petrarch and our other rainscreen products, why not book a CPD workshop with Architectural Panel Solutions expert advisers.

During the workshop you'll find out all the crucial information you need when specifying Petrarch and our other rainscreen panels and systems, including key performance characteristics, benefits and maintenance.

Call us today on +44 (0)1424 852641 for quotations, advise and information.

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Architectural Panel Solutions reserves the right to make substitutions and modifications to the specifications of any of its products without prior notice. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the company's products are correctly installed and that they are suitable for the customer's particular requirements and application.

The company undertakes business only upon its standard terms and conditions

For project specific samples or technical assistance please contact our technical department on enquiries@architecturalpanelsoultions.com.

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