



THE HOME OF INNOVATIVE SURFACES



MORE THAN SURFACE DEEP

KARONIA is a market-leader in the worksurface industry bringing fresh ideas and innovation to product design, installation techniques and project delivery.

We have been involved in the solid surface industry from the early 1990s with experience in all aspects, from fabrication through to the development and manufacture of product ranges such as our pioneering 25mm thick MISTRAL worktops.

Our broad spectrum of customers range from distributors of our branded products to furniture manufacturers and building material suppliers. We also work with construction companies, developers and public sector providers on projects in education, healthcare and residential schemes.

OUR HISTORY

Karonia was born out of a previous business that supplied to the educational furniture sector where we were early champions of the performance and lifecycle benefits of solid surface worktops back in the early 1990's.

Towards the end of the 90's the popularity of the material as an alternative to iroko wood or compact laminate worktops was such that serious consideration needed to be given to how we could find more efficient manufacturing methods to reduce labour costs and lead times in busy school holiday periods. We used many different brands of solid surface sheet product along the way, all of which had their pros and cons, chief of which was the necessity of an MDF or particleboard substrate.

It was at this point we developed our 25mm thick, substrate-free worktop format and completely transformed our approach creating a higher quality, more cost-effective worksurface solution.

Key to this development was finding the right manufacturing partner who could bring the knowledge of the manufacturing process and raw materials in order to hone the composition of the solid surface material. Using other solid surface brands helped us to decide on our checklist of qualities that we wanted in our worksurface in terms of performance and workability, and we needed someone who understood how to achieve this.



A PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

Our search took us from the UK to Ireland, across to Italy then finally to China. With the proximity to raw materials, the concentration of solid surface manufacturers is higher in China than anywhere else in the world. Despite the volume of companies, there were only a few who we felt engaged wholeheartedly with our development ambitions. After extensive meetings, discussions and hundreds of emails back and forth, we decided on our manufacturing partner.

We are proud to say that this partnership is now over 20 years old and continues to strengthen as we work together to attain the highest standards and simultaneously look to the future with developments in both product and process. We are out in China at least 5 times a year for meetings on manufacturing improvement studies and implementations, customer feedback for improvement, and our latest product developments.

After five years of this product being used successfully in the educational projects we decided that the next step was to formulate a consumer product range for the Kitchen and Bathroom market. As a result of this decision Karonia was incorporated in 2005

Over 15 years on, Karonia has gone from strength to strength and continues its commitment to development and innovation. Importantly, the company remains a wholly family-owned business so, in addition to our highly professional operational standards, we also retain a dynamic decision-making process. that has proved invaluable to our Clients operating in fast-paced, deadline-driven project environments.

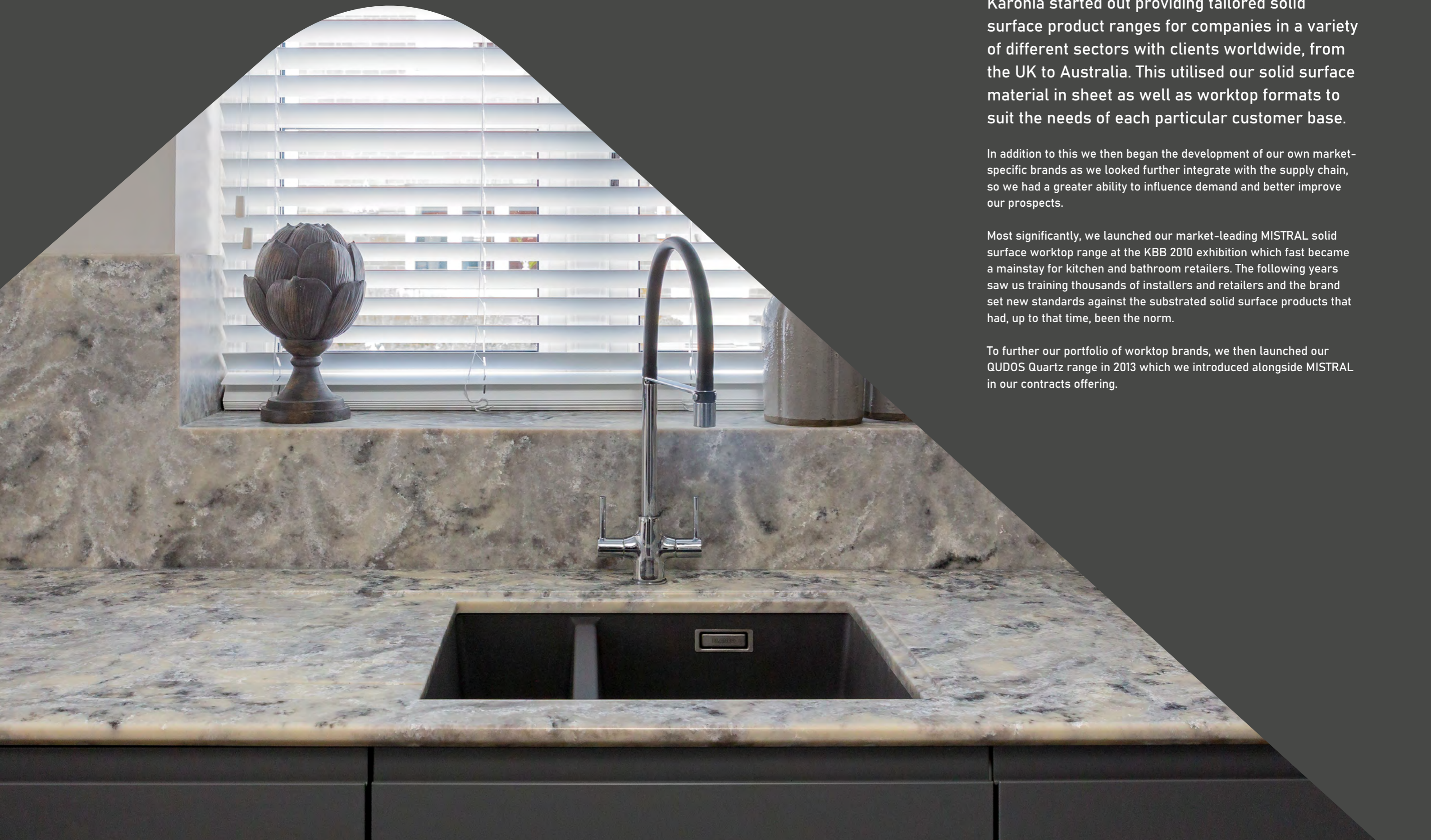
WHAT WE CAN DO

Karonia started out providing tailored solid surface product ranges for companies in a variety of different sectors with clients worldwide, from the UK to Australia. This utilised our solid surface material in sheet as well as worktop formats to suit the needs of each particular customer base.

In addition to this we then began the development of our own market-specific brands as we looked further integrate with the supply chain, so we had a greater ability to influence demand and better improve our prospects.

Most significantly, we launched our market-leading MISTRAL solid surface worktop range at the KBB 2010 exhibition which fast became a mainstay for kitchen and bathroom retailers. The following years saw us training thousands of installers and retailers and the brand set new standards against the substrated solid surface products that had, up to that time, been the norm.

To further our portfolio of worktop brands, we then launched our QUDOS Quartz range in 2013 which we introduced alongside MISTRAL in our contracts offering.





QUDOS QUARTZ WORKSURFACE

QUDOS quartz surfaces are formed by combining natural quartz aggregates with pigments and resins. This process results in a luxurious finish that is as beautiful as it is hard-wearing and practical.

With these aesthetic and practical advantages, QUDOS is an ideal surface choice for kitchen and bathrooms in both residential and commercial projects. It is also suitable for other interior surface applications such as wall panelling.

Design Possibilities

QUDOS can be fabricated to fit the imagination of the designer and create unique features within each project. This may be done by shaping the surface with angles and curves or by adding surface details like drainer grooves and recessed sink areas. All the creative touches that go to incorporate the surface with the other elements of a room design serve to enhance the stunning appearance of QUDOS as it harmonises with the other colours and textures around it.

Product Benefits

The high levels of resistance provided by the natural quartz material make QUDOS an extremely practical surface that is easy to live with. Here are the key features of our QUDOS Worksurfaces:

- IMPACT RESISTANCE
- SCRATCH RESISTANCE
- HEAT RESISTANCE
- STAIN RESISTANCE
- EASY TO CLEAN
- 15 YEAR WARRANTY

MISTRAL SOLID SURFACE

MISTRAL is a worktop range that gives the look of natural stone with the day-to-day benefits, design flexibility and great value of our enhanced acrylic solid surface. Its 25mm thick format maximises all these advantages and makes it extremely efficient to work with.

Crafting a Solution

The key feature of MISTRAL is the way it can be seamlessly jointed to form one continuous surface that flows around the room as if moulded from one piece. Combined with its ability to be effortlessly shaped to suit the space, this really does give designers the flexibility to incorporate both creativity and practicality into their layouts.

MISTRAL's surface can be detailed with the addition of drainer grooves, recessed areas and edges profiles to create unique design statements within the overall scheme.

Whatever the colour, shape or style of the project, whether it is being utilised in a kitchen or bathroom, MISTRAL can be used to create the ideal solution without compromise.

Product Benefits

The inherent performance benefits of our solid surface material and the practicalities given by the 25mm thick format make MISTRAL a great surface option. Here are the key features of our MISTRAL worktops:

- SEAMLESS
- DURABLE
- LIMITLESS DESIGN
- HYGIENIC
- REPLENISHABLE
- 15 YEAR WARRANTY





CLIENT BENEFITS

Our dynamic approach is centred on our aim to understand your specific requirements in order to deliver maximum project value as well as success.

Supply Only, Fabricate, Install

The overall composition of the service elements in each case is shaped by our clients' needs. We can operate on a supply-only basis with the option of fabrication services and on-site installation where required.

Project Engineering

From the project planning stage, right through to completion we can provide advice on design and installation planning, identifying potential cost-savings. An example might be a change to a design or installation process that, while relatively minor, can serve to increase efficiencies. These adaptations can allow a reduction in the number of different components required at the production stage or it could result in a reduction of on-site times.

Supply Management

Build programmes can be subject to many external factors that add unpredictability to project scheduling. We believe that as your supply source we need to be flexible so that you can mitigate the effects of these factors. We can provide you with the support to be able to do this by holding buffer stock, even of fabricated items, where initial lead times allow us to get ahead of the programme.

PROJECT TYPES

Our products can be used in a many different applications such as kitchens, bathrooms, laboratories and commercial environments.

In many cases the projects we are involved with utilise our products in several different ways. This versatility has enabled us to provide solutions for projects in a range of different sectors including the following:



Student Accommodation



City/Urban Apartments



Housing Developments



Hotels and Leisure Facilities



Schools and Education

SHAPED FOR EVERY PROJECT

Every project is multi-faceted having layers of detail and complexity, with no standard blueprint to cover all aspects adequately. We are dedicated to tailoring solutions for clients based on the demands of each individual project.

Pour to Size and Save Waste

Your designs and layouts should not be prescribed or, worse still, hindered by our product sizes. We believe that our product should be tailored to meet your needs. A key tool in delivering this is our flexibility in production to make the sizes that best suit each of your projects.

Our worktops are created using a mould that can be adjusted to the dimensions required and the solid surface material is then poured to size. This dramatically reduces the waste that comes from using standard size product and ensures you only pay for the material you use.

Layout Considerations

The capabilities of our products and the benefit of our fabrication abilities give you the flexibility that makes layout planning easy. The demands of the application, any appliances, sinks or taps may need to be considered, but all can be met.

Sometimes it could even be the physical constraints of the room itself that require an unconventional solution. Whatever the shape, our products can be crafted to suit, without a dramatic rise in costs.

This adaptability also means that our products can work with furniture from all different manufacturers so you can still have the benefits of our products whoever your supplier.

Colour Creation

Sometimes the key to winning a project is the ability to offer something different to your client. Along with material choice, colour can create the signature look that designers seek. We are constantly evolving product palettes with the use of our technologies as well as creating new colours based on requests from clients for specific projects.



YOUR NEXT STEP

Make sure you are getting the best deal

Let us demonstrate how you can benefit by working with us. Send us a project to quote, even if it is one that has already started/finished. We will show you what we could have done so you know for next time.

Request product samples and more information

We can send you samples so that you can get a physical example of what we are talking about, and any further information on our products.

Specify and use our products now

Start offering your clients the extra USPs of both design and practicality of our solid surface products.



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