

GB Masonry Collection

Masonry Style Inspired by Design

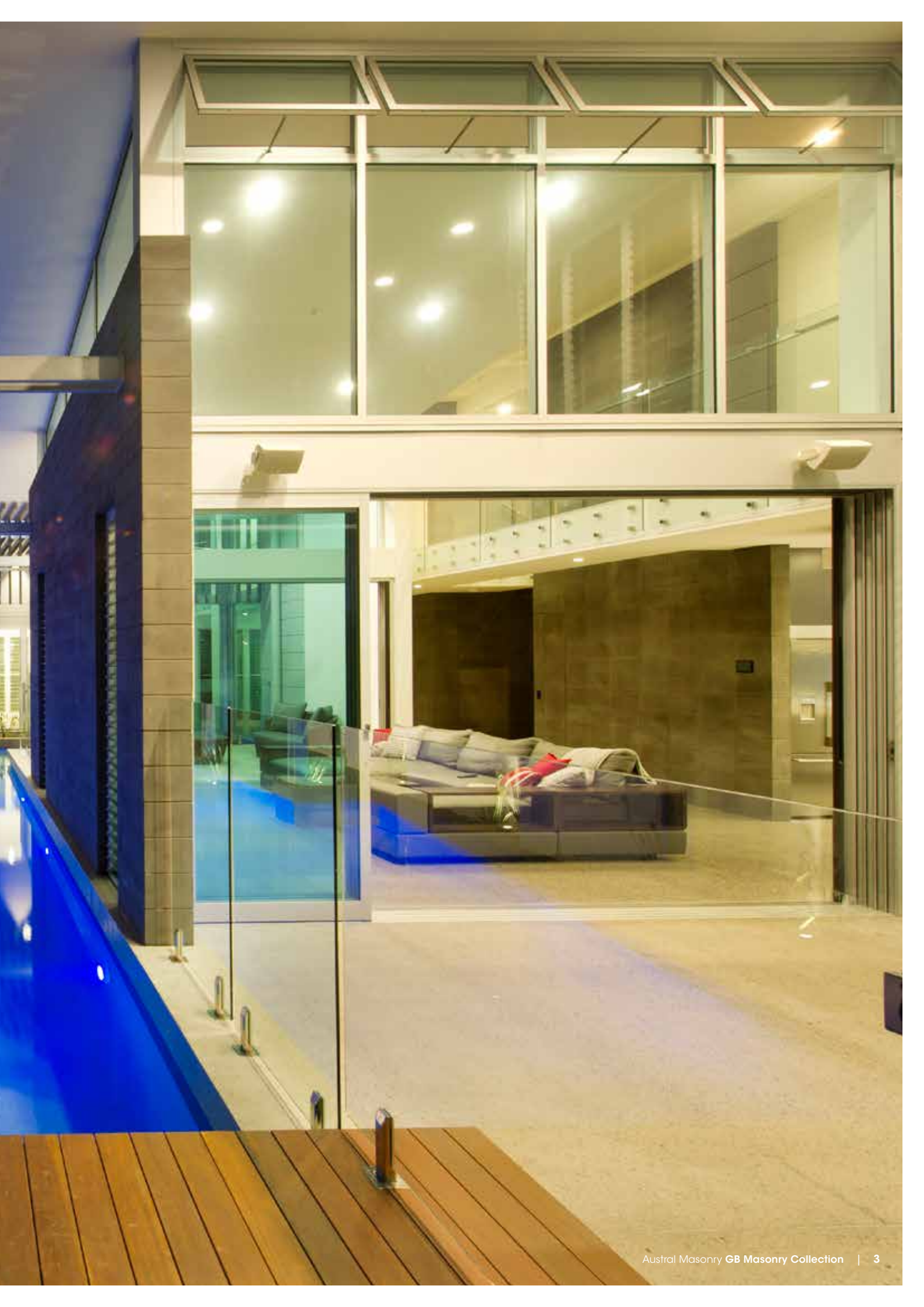
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The GB Masonry story

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.

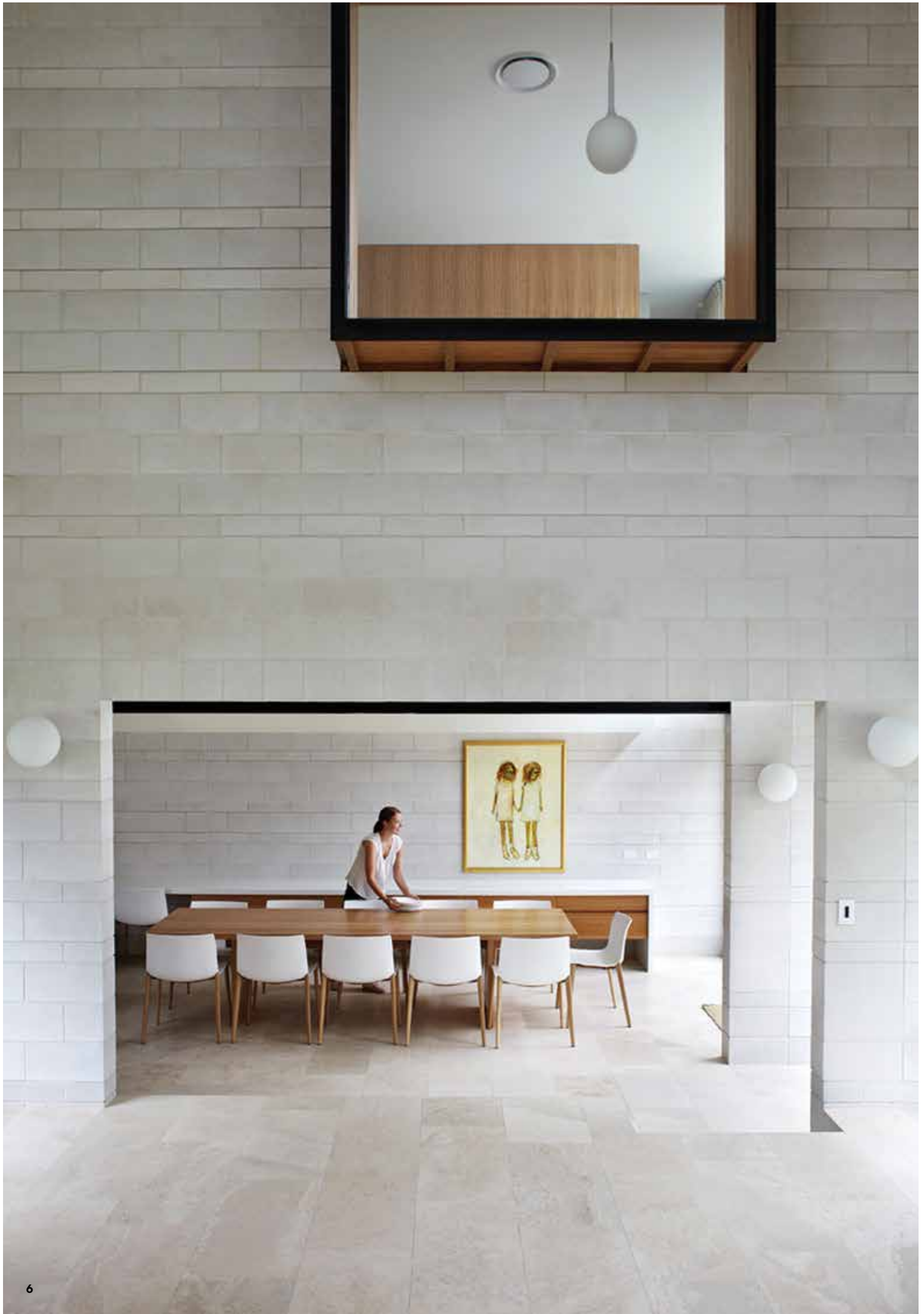
Distinctive finishes

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 it's important to understand all the pro's and con's before making your final selections. But with concrete masonry products you know you're 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 artificial 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 won't 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 separate 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, bonding agent and cement retarder slowing the setting time of the mortar giving more time to clean up. In addition, the additive 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.

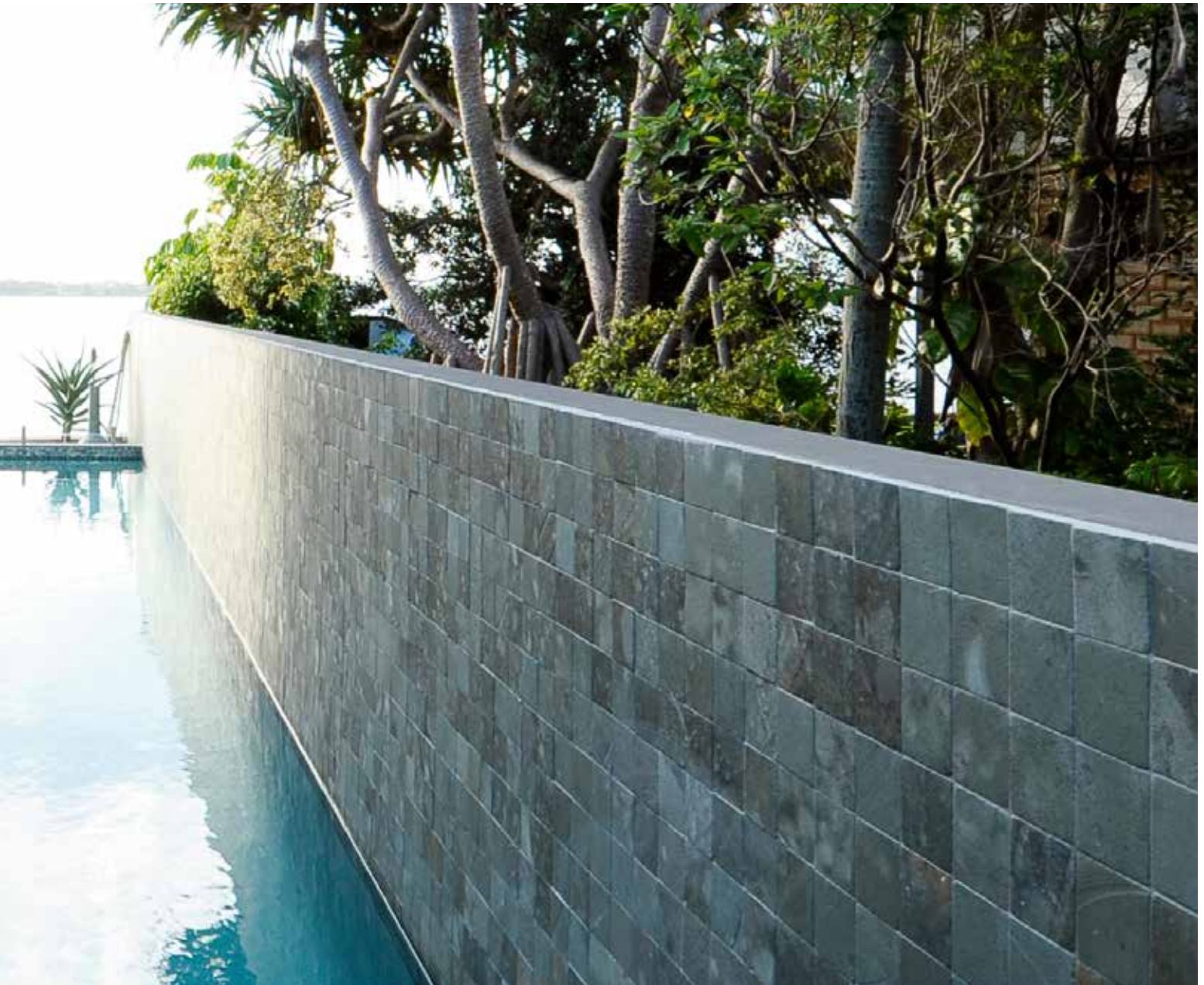
Call your representative to discuss your requirements and learn more.



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.



Colours Available



Jasper



Amethyst



Granite



Onyx



Pearl



Jade

Finish



Polished



^ GB Aspect Honed Pewter

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.



Colours Available



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



Honed



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.



^ GB Aspect Split Face Russet

Colours Available



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



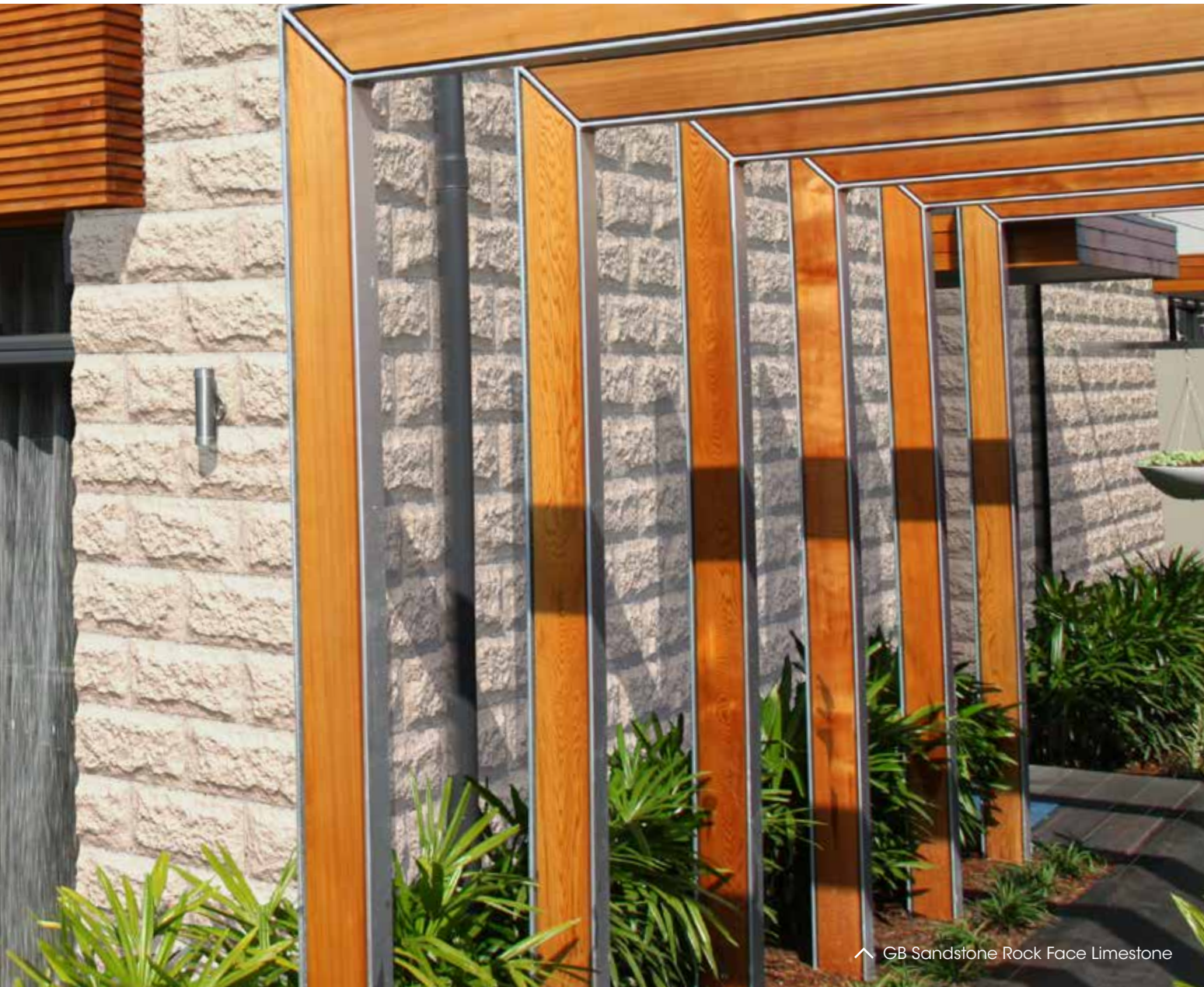
Split face



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.



^ GB Sandstone Rock Face Limestone

Colours Available



Brisbane Blend



Endeavour Blend



Limestone



Sydney Blend

Finish



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.



Colours Available



Brisbane Blend



Endeavour Blend



Limestone



Sydney Blend

Finish



Honed



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.



Colours Available



Brisbane Blend



Endeavour Blend



Limestone



Sydney Blend

Finish



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.



^ GB Sandstone Smooth, Limestone

Colours Available



Brisbane Blend



Endeavour Blend



Limestone



Sydney Blend

Finish



Smooth



^ GB Honed, Porcelain

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.



Colours Available



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



Honed



GB Split Face

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

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



GB Split Face, Porcelain

Colours Available



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter

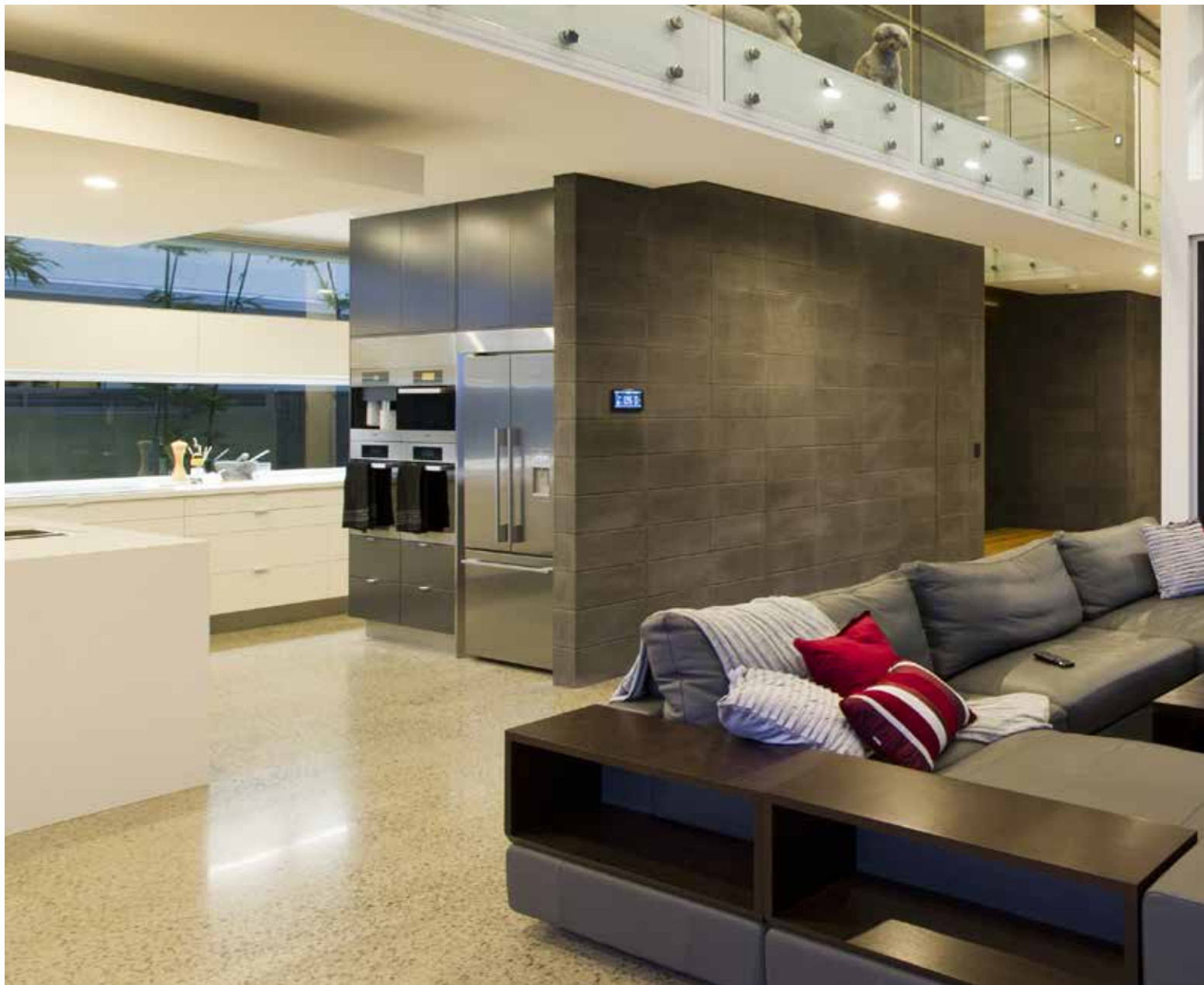


Limestone

Finish



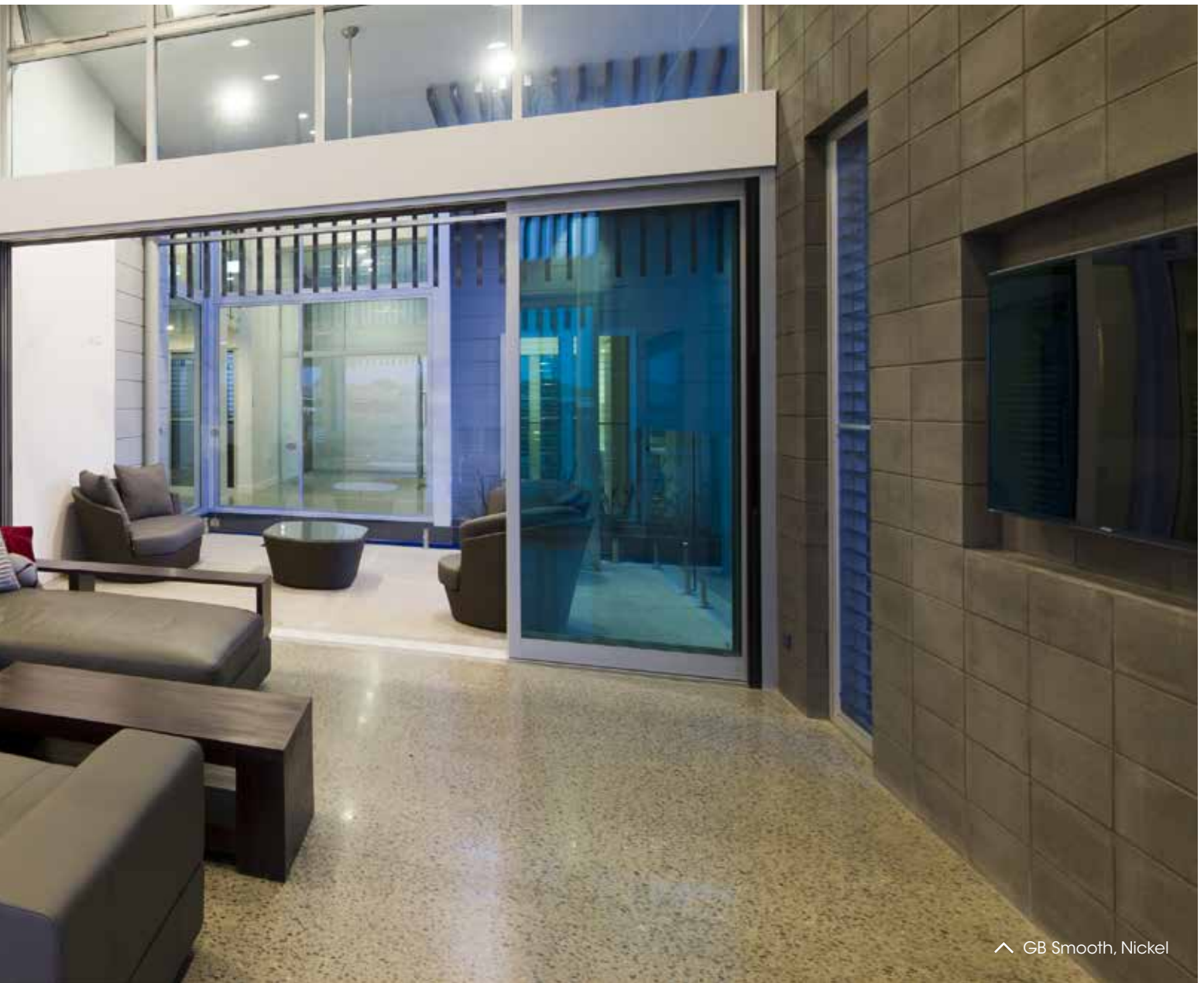
Split face



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.



^ GB Smooth, Nickel

Colours Available



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



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.



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



Split face



^ GB Veneer Split Face, Limestone

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.



Pebble



Russet



Shale



Sand



Porcelain



Nickel



Pewter



Limestone

Finish



Honed

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