



**Silestone® Receives two 2005 Supreme ADEX Awards:  
One for being the first countertop with built-in Microban® antimicrobial protection and  
the other for the Silestone River Series, four original new colors of Silestone Leather  
texture with Microban**

**The Award**

An anonymous panel of professionals representing a cross section of the design industry conducts all voting for the ADEX Awards. ADEX judges are among the best in their respective areas of expertise and so the ADEX Award represents the best product designs of the year in the opinion of those who reside at the top of their specialty.



Out of 1,500 innovative products, Silestone® by Cosentino with built-in Microban® antimicrobial product protection, recently garnered the coveted Platinum ADEX Award (Awards for Design Excellence) and the Silestone River Series won Gold.

**Silestone with Built-in Microban**

Silestone is the first and only natural quartz surfacing engineered with Microban antimicrobial protection which provides a proven deterrent to the growth of bacteria mold and mildew. Microban technology is not designed to protect users against foodborne illness or replace the need for good hygiene. However, under the right conditions, such those frequently found in kitchens and bathroom microbes can double in number every 20 minutes on an untreated surface. Microban protection works continuously between cleanings to keep Silestone kitchen countertops and bathroom vanity surfaces cleaner. And unlike surface applied coatings, Silestone incorporates Microban protection into the molecular structure of the product during the manufacturing process so it won't wash off or wear for continuous protection that lasts the life of the product. Silestone is currently rolling out its quartz colors with Microban protection.

“Silestone is already the best surfacing material on the market and the leading quartz surface, being virtually maintenance-free and highly scratch-, stain- and scorch-resistant,” said Mike Heylmun, vice president of sales for Cosentino, USA. “Our exclusive agreement with Microban International will allow us to provide consumer and commercial countertop users with a unique level of product protection not available anywhere else in the countertop market.

### **Silestone River Series**

In addition to existing colors, Silestone is complementing its leather series with a new color line, the River Series, which features non-directional veins and soothing shadows. Matte finishes are becoming a trend in countertops and Silestone is the first to bring this elegant, non-glossy leather texture to quartz surfacing. The River Series is featuring four unique colors including: GreyAmazon, a slate grey with light grey shadowing, Yellow Nile, a radiant gold with tan undertones, Santa Fe Brown, a creamy caramel color with rich brown swirls and Sonora Gold, a buttercream background with chocolate colored outlines.

# 2005 ADEX Award for Design Excellence PLATINUM

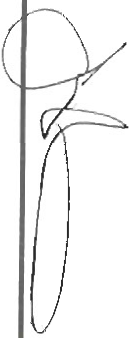
*To: Awarded To:*  
**Cosentino USA**

*For the Product:*

**Silestone® with Microban®**

*Which was recognized by the judges  
for its superior product design and quality.*

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