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Outdoor Art

Expressing the potential of stone in architecture and design, *Odyssey*, the company involved in innovative stone applications, in its project, *Hotel Kempinski, New Delhi*, has designed and executed the installations for water features, hardscape, facade and sculptures.

The twin towers of the hotel building are designed to be clad with a combination of Irish Brown, Bianco Marfil and Gwalior White in 30mm thick stone. Odyssey processed 4500sqm of stone into specific sizes and installed them on the facade. The canopies at both entrances were clad on all sides, using the overhand technique with 30mm thick Irish Brown Marble.



Sculpture



The work also included the design and construction of 22 water bodies and two swimming pools spread across the two towers of the Hotel. The material palette primarily consisted of Black Galaxy, Irish Brown, Black Granite, Dark Grey Granite, Travertine and Gwalior White. The water bodies ranged from reflective, overflow and the cascading variety and were clad with 50mm/100mm thick curved coping in various profiles.

The swimming pools were designed with solid skeletal fish sculptures that appear to be floating on water. These were carved from solid dark grey granite and overlaid with Lapis Lazulli.

Out of the 105 sculptures supplied, 39 lotus fire bowls were carved from solid black granite blocks and polished by hand. Each fire bowl weighed between 400-750Kg, while some fire bowls were hollowed to permit fire to pass through.



Lotus close-up



Balls of fire, side view

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Boundary Sculptures