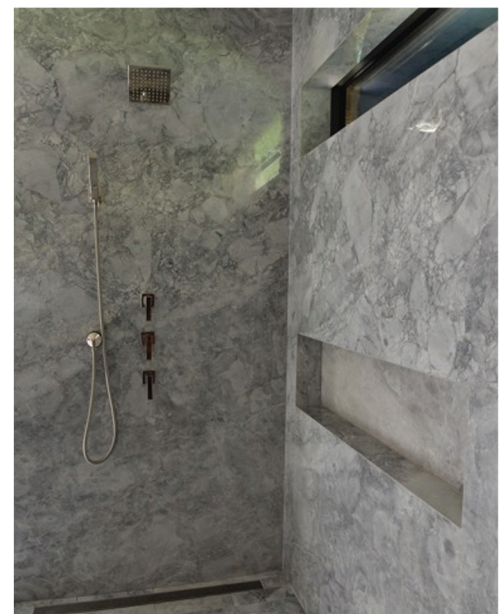




## ARIA STONE GALLERY

### Elevating Stone To a Fine Art

Worldly, educated and refined are a few of the qualities with which Vinny Tavares, founder of Aria Stone Gallery, describes his clientele. The individuals browsing Aria possess these characteristics and it's no surprise, given the quality of stone found in the gallery. Tavares, a passionate enthusiast of rare stone, maintains an unwavering commitment to quality and attention to the details of a slab. The luxury boutique displays a curated collection of exotic natural stone from the most exclusive quarries in the world. "Each stone is a unique piece of artwork," he says. "We display slabs in a gallery-like environment to best showcase the full beauty of each one." Tavares travels frequently, from Brazil to Africa to the Middle East, in search of the most sought-after stones in existence. "We are one of only a handful of U.S. importers who bring in first-quality slabs, no exceptions," he says. Unique to the stone industry, Aria Stone Gallery is a retail establishment that sells to the trade and directly to the public; its business model is underscored by transparency, education and information. "Aria seeks to provoke the imagination," Tavares says. "We challenge the status quo and expand the current, limited perception about the uses for natural stone."



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