

## NAJRAN UNIVERSITY



**Background** Najran University is the largest university complex in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, covering an area of 18 million square meters. The complex consists of two campuses including 15 colleges for male students and 10 colleges for female students, with an overall capacity of 45,000 students. The university also includes a medical city, a research centre, and a sport and entertainment arena. **Scope** Najran University has pledged to link between knowledge and progress by enhancing the quality of education. This fast track project was awarded to South Star Contracting Company by the Ministry of Education. The architects chose RAK Ceramics' Stone Art Collection for the exterior walls. Inspired by natural stone, the series provided the natural look and feel that the architects were looking for. Riviera Series, with a high breaking strength of 1600 N and the ability to resist against stains, chemicals and deep abrasions, was chosen for the floors. **Results** Najran University was designed to embrace both the traditional (Stone Art Series) and contemporary (Riviera Series). Quality, aesthetic appeal and long term durability were crucial. In addition, RAK Ceramics' ability to produce the large quantities of tiles required in a quick timeframe meant that Najran University saved a significant amount of time and money during the construction phase. The Najran University project joins a growing list as one of many key projects undertaken by RAK Ceramics.

**Year**

2016

**Application**

Service, school, religious buildings

**Interventions**

Wall and floor application

**Location**

Najran GCC Saudi Arabia