

Best Facade Solutions Company 2020

In 2020, it can be hard to find businesses that are a true success story, such has been the nature of this year. Yet, there is a story of Norwegian entrepreneurial success that emanates from Steni. Though it was established as a family-owned company back in 1965, the firm has built on its success, albeit slowly and surely. Today, the company has focused on supplying stone composite façade solutions that provide a unique and durable architectural expression, with outstanding durability that is backed by a sixty year warranty. Discover more about this Norwegian success story as we take a closer look.

eautiful countries make up what is collectively known as Scandinavia, but the climate is one that can be considered harsh for those not already acclimated to it. Steni, formed more than five and a half decades

ago, is a family-owned company that delivers façade panels that have been designed to handle the harsh and demanding Scandinavian climate. Fifty five years on from being founded, Steni today boasts around 115 employees with a head office and production plant located in Lardal, Norway. That team always comes together to delivery ventilated façade panels in stone composite form, and they can be used for schools, domestic housing, hotels, offices, or any such buildings that requires them. Incredibly flexible in terms of usage and the breadth of surface options available, these façade panels are to be admired within the world of construction and engineering.

It is this breadth that has made the firm stand out from its competitors. Available in thousands of colours with three different gloss degrees, clients may be forgiven for thinking that there is only so many ways that a stone façade panels with rugged surfaces can be created. Yet, Steni continues to defy the expectations and restrictions placed by COVID-19, and delivers success after success for itself and its clients. It would not be a stretch to say that these are amongst the best façade BIM-modules in the world, saving a huge amount of time for architects to release their true potential and creativity. The flexibility in terms of surface colours and options also furthers the creative potential of the architects.

However, the excellence of Steni lies in more than just the flexibility it offers to architects with its façade panels. One of the other areas of pride that the firm offers is Steni Vision. This element of the business offers print possibility for large-scale facades with architectural functions, rather than just being decorative. These functions can fulfil a range of purposes, whether it be as an illustration to change the visual impressions of a building's scale or some other form of architectural brilliance. Not least, these façade panels can help a building blend in with its surroundings, helping integrate itself more.

Sustainability is also a key word that has been heard a lot in recent years, given the acceleration of the climate change crisis, and the necessity to do something about it. All of the players in the façade industry, be they major or minor, are striving to do their best in being more sustainable than ever before. This extends to both the products that are being delivered to the users, and the processes in which the products are made. Steni understands this necessity, and has worked hard to ensure that its present and future are focused on delivering sustainability for all.

This includes reusing materials that are taken down from older projects, and giving them a second lease of life rather than leave them to do damage to the planet in their decomposition. The firm is also using production waste as components in other products, such as tunnel membranes. By focusing on the sustainable element of the products themselves and the projects that the firm is working on, there also comes focus in a myriad of other ways. For instance, Steni can now focus on the people living, studying, or working in the projects themselves. Aesthetics creates happier and more efficient people, yes, but sustainability is something that more people are aware of now than ever before. Long-lasting durability is creating people that are happier with their workspace, as well as the low carbon emissions and low life-cycle costs of the buildings over a period of time.

Ultimately, Steni is a brilliant example of Norwegian architectural splendour, delivering façade panels that go above and beyond in their capabilities to fulfil a number of roles. As if that weren't enough, the firm also delivers on a number of sustainability goals, ensuring that these panels can be enjoyed safely and happily for years to come without risking further irreparable damage tot this beautiful planet of ours.

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