Developed alongside Danish architects and contractors CUPACLAD® systems offer a revolution in cladding applications for natural slate. The systems offer a new durable, sustainable and easy to fix alternative with a unique character.

The CUPACLAD® rainscreen cladding systems have been developed from the necessity of adapting natural slate to new architectural trends and styles that demand a more sustainable approach. The slate used in our systems is a natural product carefully selected for its durability and characteristics from our 16 quarries. The CUPACLAD® systems combine the efficiency of ventilated cladding and the properties of natural slate offering a competitive and sustainable alternative for all cladding requirements.

The CUPACLAD® range offers a number of alternatives guaranteeing a perfect adaptation for a variety of projects.

The fixings used for the CUPACLAD® systems have been developed following an in-depth design process to ensure a quick and easy installation.

CUPACLAD® offers a new world of design possibilities using natural slate.
NATURAL SLATE, A UNIQUE MATERIAL

Slate is a natural product of unparalleled technical properties that adds value to any project.

CUPACLAD®, THE SUSTAINABLE CLADDING

CUPACLAD® natural slate systems are the perfect alternative for an efficient and sustainable cladding.

Due to the nature of the slate production process, our CUPACLAD cladding has a lower environmental impact than other man made alternatives. 5 times less CO2 emissions than fibre cement, 324 times less water consumption than zinc cladding and 10 times less energy consumption than clay.

CUPACLAD® SLATE CLADDING

CUPACLAD® natural slate is specially selected from among our 16 quarries for its technical properties and is subjected to specific quality controls to guarantee exceptional performance in any facade. CUPACLAD® ensures quick and easy installation thanks to the greater regularity and flatness of the slates, which are delivered with the holes made to match the selected CUPACLAD® system. Even its packaging, which is smaller and lighter, has been designed to facilitate and shorten installation times. CUPA PIZARRAS have been quarrying natural slate for more than 120 years. Our quality control experts choose the perfect slate for each system based on wind load and impact criteria to guarantee its performance as a cladding material. Our CUPACLAD® slate cladding meets and exceeds the highest European quality standards.

LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT

Life-cycle assessments allow measurement of the environmental footprint from a cradle to grave perspective. They confirm CUPACLAD® as a sustainable option for cladding due to the use of natural slate versus man-made products.
THE EFFICIENCY OF A RAINSCREEN CLADDING

Now considered the most efficient system for construction envelope purposes. The combination of a ventilated system together with an insulation system gives numerous advantages in terms of thermal and acoustic properties. It avoids thermal bridges and condensation issues.

The rainscreen cladding system consists of a load bearing wall, a layer of insulation and a covering material fixed to the building with the help of a supporting structure. This system creates a gap between the insulation and covering material called an air cavity.

For optimum performance the system must allow constant air circulation through the cavity creating a natural convection process. Warm air inside the cavity is lifted and released to the exterior resulting in a continuous ventilation cycle. This so-called “chimney effect” is one of the advantageous characteristics of a rainscreen cladding.

MAIN ADVANTAGES:

- **Elimination of Humidity**
  - Rainwater penetration is greatly reduced and any moisture is removed through the constant ventilation, reducing the risk of any condensation.

- **Structural movement reduction**
  - The air cavity avoids temperature variations resulting in less pronounced structural movements. This reduces the risk of cracks and other structural issues.

- **Energy savings**
  - Thermal efficiency is increased due to the cooling effect in summer and greater heat retention in winter.

- **Durability**
  - The cladding material is kept dry due to continuous ventilation. Many issues related to humidity (efflorescence etc...) are reduced resulting in a longer life span of the installation.

CUPACLAD® SYSTEMS

CUPACLAD® systems have been developed to be able to adapt to any kind of project combining alternative fixing methods and slate formats.
CUPACLAD® 101 Logic

SIMPLE AND BALANCED

CUPACLAD® 101 Logic features a balanced design that highlights the unique texture and looks of the natural slate.

CUPACLAD® 101 Logic system utilizes 40x20cm slates fitted horizontally with invisible fixings.

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CUPACLAD® serie 101 features invisible fixings, making the slate the main feature of the cladding.

Screws are made of stainless steel with a large flat head that enables an easier and more secure fixing.

Slates are fixed using our specially designed screws self-drilling to ensure optimal installation while remaining completely invisible to minimize design impact.
CUPACLAD® 101 Random

CUPACLAD® 101 Random combines different slate sizes, creating a dynamic and unique design.

CUPACLAD® 101 Random features 50x25 and 50x15 slates fitted horizontally with invisible fixings.

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CUPACLAD® 101 Parallel

CUPACLAD® 101 Parallel features a regular design with even joints. This results in a uniform and consistent layout that highlights the character of natural slate.

CUPACLAD® 101 Parallel features 40x25 horizontally aligned slates fitted with invisible screws.

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CUPACLAD®
SERIES 101

FIXING
METHOD

Fixing the metal brackets

The metal brackets are installed in alternate courses on each side of the vertical profile. It is required to use both fixed point metal brackets (on the upper end of each profile) and brackets with a sliding point to allow for expansion of the profile.

Fixing the flashings

Fix a ventilation flashing at the first course of the cladding and the metal flashings at single points (edges, window frames, etc...).

Fixing the "L" shaped profiles

Fix the vertical profiles to the metal brackets allowing at least 2 cm for an air cavity. The vertical profiles must be perfectly level before fitting the remainder of the system components.

Fixing the CUPACLAD® 101 horizontal profiles

Fix the horizontal profiles with the vertical ones at each intersection. The horizontal profiles must be perfectly level as their position will dictate the final position of the slates. Fit also an inverted 101 horizontal profile at the first course of the cladding to allow fixing of the first course slate.

Fixing the first course slate

Cut a slate to a height of 80 mm approx. Fix it inverted matching the bottom edge of the slate with the first 101 horizontal profile.

Fixing the slates with the self-drilling CUPACLAD® 101 screw

Each slate must be aligned with the upper edge of the profile and fitted with two stainless steel CUPACLAD® 101 self-drilling screws.
1. CUPA PIZARRAS natural slate
2. First course slate
3. Self-drilling CUPACLAD® 101 screw
4. Horizontal CUPACLAD® 101 profile
5. “L” shaped vertical profile 50x60
6. Self-drilling stainless steel screw
7. “Fixed point” metal bracket
8. “Sliding point” metal bracket
9. Insulation
10. Load bearing wall
11. Ventilated flashing
12. Top metal flashing
13. Sill metal flashing
14. Metal lintel flashing
15. Metal jamb flashing
16. Metal flashing
CUPACLAD®
SERIE 101
Logic, Random y Parallel
201 SERIES

CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard is identified by the use of stainless steel visible fixings. The contrast between natural slate and steel gives this cladding a unique modern appearance.

**Slate size**: 60x30 cm

**Nominal thickness**: 7.5 mm

**Slates per m²**: 6.4

**Weight per m² (slate)**: ≤ 25 kg/m²

**EASE OF INSTALLATION**
Our metal rails feature small holes in them to mark the exact position where the clips should be placed. This avoids the necessity of drawing vertical guidelines and individual fixings for the clips.

**PATENTED SYSTEM**
CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard is a patented system developed by our R&D department that is designed to meet the highest technical requirements of the construction industry.

**PERFECT RESULT**
The stainless steel clips have flanges that work just like a spring absorbing differences in the thickness of the slates resulting in a perfect leveled cladding surface.

**VISEABLE FIXING SYSTEM**
CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard stainless steel clips have been designed by our R&D department. Every slate is fixed to the horizontal profile using two clips that remain partially visible once the system is installed.

**CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard main feature** is the combination of big slates and stainless steel brackets giving as a result a clean combination of contemporary appeal.

**CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard** features 60x30 cm slates fitted horizontally with visible fixings.
Fixing the metal brackets
The metal brackets are installed in alternate courses on each side of the vertical profile. It is required to use both fixed point metal brackets (on the upper end of each profile) and brackets with a sliding point to allow for the profile movement.

Fixing of insulation
Choose the most suitable insulation material based on the project requirements. Fixing in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

Fixing the flashings
Fix a ventilated flashing at the first course of the cladding and the metal flashings on “singular” points (edges, window frames, etc...).

Fixing the "L" shaped vertical profiles
Fix the vertical profiles to the metal brackets allowing at least 2cm for an air cavity. The vertical profiles must be perfectly level before fitting the rest of the system components.

Fixing the CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard horizontal profiles
Fix the horizontal profiles with the vertical ones at each intersection. The gap between horizontal profiles when fitting a 60x30 slate must be 260 mm. The horizontal profiles must be perfectly level as their position will dictate the final position of the slates.

Fixing the slates to the top of the cladding
At the top of the cladding when joining the gutters or flashing it is necessary to use the 201-V top profile to which the slate must be fitted with two self-drilling screws or rivets.

Fixing the slates with the special CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard clips
The clips are fitted to the holes in the horizontal profiles. Each slate is supported by two clips on the lower edge while fitted with another two on the top.
1. Pizarra natural CUPA PIZARRAS
2. CUPACLAD® 201-V Clip
3. Horizontal CUPACLAD® 201-V profile
4. L shaped 50x60 vertical profile
5. CUPACLAD® 201-V top profile
6. Metal bracket, "fixed point"
7. Metal bracket "sliding point"
8. Self-drilling stainless steel screws
9. Insulation
10. Load bearing wall
11. Ventilated profile
12. Top metal flashing
13. Sill metal flashing
14. Metal lintel flashing
15. Metal jambs flashing
16. Metal flashing
CUPACLAD®

201 Vanguard
The dimension of the metal bracket will depend on the thickness of the insulating material to be installed in each case and the spacing between should be specified for each project.

The fixings used for the wall brackets must be specified on a project basis by the manufacturer who will take into consideration the characteristics and detail of the supporting wall and the exposure on site.

### a. Exclusive Cladding range, the slate for CUPACLAD® systems

The CUPA PIZARRAS slate used for the CUPACLAD® systems has a 7.5mm nominal thickness and a textured surface. It has been carefully selected for its technical properties to offer a flawless installation and performance.

The slate supplied for the invisible fixing systems is always pre-holed at the required position, making its installation quicker and problem free.

The amount of slate needed for a certain project must be always increased by 5% to allow for the waste generated by the finishing details on the cladding (corners, window sills...).

### b. Primary substructure

#### b.1. CUPACLAD® 101 systems Logic, Random and Parallel

- **CUPACLAD® 101 screw**
  
  CUPACLAD® 101 series screws self-drilling have been developed to ensure optimal installation to the metallic structure. Produced in AISI 316 (A4) stainless steel they feature a flat head that guarantees a flawless fixing.

- **CUPACLAD® 101 horizontal profile**
  
  The CUPACLAD® 101 horizontal profile was designed by our R&D department to ease the installation of the slates with invisible fixings. It is made in 6060-T6 aluminium alloy.

  The horizontal profiles must be perfectly level as their position defines the alignment of the slates. Taking the top edge of the profile as the reference.

  The distance between profiles is defined for each system based on the slate size used (see page 14 and 15).

#### b.2. CUPACLAD® 201 System Vanguard

- **201 Vanguard Special clip**
  
  CUPACLAD® 201 metal clips are produced in AISI 316 (A4) stainless steel. The stainless steel clips have flanges that work just like a spring absorbing differences in the thickness of the slates resulting in a perfect level surface.

- **201 Vanguard horizontal profile**
  
  The horizontal profile for CUPACLAD® 201 Vanguard is a patented system for ease of installation of our slates, manufactured from 6060-T6 aluminium alloy.

  The upper side of the profile features rectangular fixing slots positioned every 5cm to house the clips (screws are not required). With this method the use of chalk marks to position the clips is no longer required.

### c. Secondary substructure

#### Metal brackets

Metal brackets are required for fixing the metal profile to the supporting wall. This allows adjustment of the distance between the substructure and the supporting wall to compensate for any irregularities and allowing the use of an insulation material behind the air cavity if specified.

Two different types of brackets must be used in order to achieve optimal installation:

- **Fixed point bracket**: Should be secured to the solid structure of the building in order to resist vertical weigh and horizontal wind loads. Their vertical profile is secured to the fixed-point bracket using the round holes.

- **Sliding point brackets**: Sliding point brackets secure the remaining length of the vertical profile to the wall using elongated holes, to allow movement due to the thermal expansion of aluminium.

### Secondary substructure

#### Metal brackets

The metal brackets, made of aluminum alloy are installed in alternate courses on either side of the profile.

- **CUPACLAD® 201-V top profile**
  
  For circumstances that require the use of a top section with concealed fixing, a special top profile is needed. Made of aluminum alloy 6060-T6, natural slate is then fixed by a rivet or self-drilling screw.

The dimension of the metal bracket will depend on the thickness of the insulating material to be installed in each case and the spacing between should be specified for each project.

The fixings used for the wall brackets must be specified on a project basis by the manufacturer who will take into consideration the characteristics and detail of the supporting wall and the exposure on site.

- **Vertical L profile**
  
  The “L” shaped 60x50x2 vertical rails manufactured from 6060-T6 profile aluminium alloy supplied in 6m lengths. The gap between the vertical rails must be clarified on a project basis taking into account the following variables (the exposure of the site - height of the building, location, distance from the sea...).

  The vertical rails must be perfectly level before they support all the other components of the system.
d. Screws
The joints between the vertical profiles, the metal brackets and between the horizontal and vertical profiles, will be secured with rivets or stainless steel screws A2 (Ø5.5 mm).

Horizontal profiles must be fixed to the vertical profiles in each intersection. In areas where two consecutive horizontal profiles meet, the following must be taken into consideration:
- The end of each batten must have its own fixing.
- Allow a gap of 3mm between both profiles.

- Allow minimum of 2cm width in the narrow areas.
- Both ventilation inlet and outlet must allow enough air circulation. In order to calculate it we must take into consideration the dimensions of the ventilation openings at the top and bottom of the cladding (measured in cm² per linear meter of cladding). They should be at least:

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At the first course of the cladding, the opening at the inner channel must include a ventilated profile that also incorporates a mesh to prevent the entry of insects & small mammals.

f. Insulation material
There are various types of insulation on the market suitable for ventilated claddings. The nature and thickness of the insulation must be carefully calculated on an individual project basis taking into account the varying factors (type of building, location and exposure...).

g. Waterproof Membrane
For timber buildings it is advisable to cover the supporting wall with a waterproof membrane. It is important to ensure the membrane is perfectly fixed and will not cause any obstruction for correct ventilation.

h. Flashings
Flashings can be produced in galvanized steel, aluminum or zinc, and are used for edges, window frames and other sections of the cladding.

i. Load bearing wall
The supporting wall must ensure the stability of the building. The wall must be sufficiently stable to support not only the weight of the cladding but also take into account the wind loads transmitted through the substructure.

e. Air cavity
The substructure must allow for an air cavity between the insulation and cladding material. For optimal air circulation the cavity must:

- Allow a gap of 3mm between both profiles.
- Allow minimum of 2cm width in the narrow areas.
- Both ventilation inlet and outlet must allow enough air circulation.
The quality of our product lies in our total control of the entire production process (from extraction to shipment) and by putting in place the highest quality and environmental policy requirements demanded by ISO 9001 Quality and ISO 14001 Environmental certifications.

Our strength of commitment to quality has earned us the confidence of thousands of architects, contractors and clients worldwide.

With more than a century of experience CUPA PIZARRAS has become the world leader in natural slate production, sales and marketing. We strive to keep ourselves in this privileged position by focusing on quality, investing in innovation and our commitment to sustainable growth.

One in every three slates used throughout the world is a CUPA PIZARRAS natural slate. Our 16 quarries and 22 processing facilities combine the latest technology with our traditional know-how and craftsmanship.

Our thorough inspection during the entire production process, from extraction to processing prior to shipment, allows us to produce unique natural slates, recognized worldwide for their quality.

Today we export over 98% of our production to 60 countries on 5 continents.

CUPA PIZARRAS is part of the CUPA GROUP, 65 companies whose mission is to offer innovative building solutions with natural materials.