



LEFT: Dom Sicilia.
ABOVE: Polished Grey Lace
marble field tile with Graffite
hand cut inlays done on site.

SET IN STONE

When Dom Sicilia was growing up, a career in the computer business was top of mind. He never dreamed he'd end up a thriving entrepreneur in various industries and an altruistic philanthropist.

By Lisa van de Geyn

Dom Sicilia says there are a few people he thanks for his business acumen and work ethic — family is truly the secret to his success, as is having a good network and connections.

In addition to his role as executive director at Gemstar Group, a supplier and installer of natural stone and hard-surface finishes, Sicilia is the president of Sherwood Ventures, a management consulting company that owns Truefitt & Hill and Blowdry Lounge brands.

The 58-year-old who lives in Mississauga with his high school sweetheart (and business partner), Lorena (the two also have a son and daughter), was born to Italian immigrants, Franco and Ada. They arrived in Canada in 1954 and Franco — a hairdresser — opened his first salon in 1964 in Toronto. “He had a strong work ethic and was very entrepreneurial,” says Sicilia. “I grew up in his salon as a teenager, but I always wanted to embark on a computer career. Computers were high-ticket items then, and I wanted to sell high-priced merchandise.”

After graduating in computer science in 1982, Sicilia worked as a junior partner at a small ▶

