# INVESTING IN STEPSTONE YIELDS LONG TERM VALUE

Stepstone precast concrete Pavers, Stair Treads, Pool Coping, and Wall caps are considered high-end building materials. We're proud of the craftmanship that goes into all of our handmade, hand finished products. And we're pleased to talk about our 60 years in business, the jobs we have created in our community in South Los Angeles, and the high employee retention rates we've maintained for decades that span multi-generations. Fathers and sons, fathers and daughters, siblings, and other relatives work together throughout our company. Here's more on why an investment in Stepstone yields long term value on your project.

#### Installation advantages save time and labor costs in the field

False joint pavers with cast-in joint lines that mirror the joint lines of the surrounding pieces require fewer cuts in the field than cutting pavers to fit a curve or the paved area's edge. Many of our products – Narrow Modular Pavers, Diamonds, and Waves – have built-in tabs located along all edges. Tabs facilitate installation, aid in creating uniform joint lines, and contribute to time savings.

## Integral color throughout the mix vs. 1/2" face mix; it's like the frosting on a cake (gone first)

Stepstone's color process, called integral, adds pigment to the mix which colors the concrete uniformly. Chips, which can occur over time, don't stand out. They blend in and seem to disappear. Integral color enhances the precast's properties to age beautifully and gracefully for years to come especially when color is evenly distributed throughout the product.

### Easier to replace than poured in place concrete pedestrian areas and stairways

Modular in nature, if one piece or a section of pavers or stair treads become damaged then individual pieces can be replaced opposed to having to live with or having to replace an entire poured in place slab or stairway.

### Adjustments for freeze thaw conditions increase product life

Products destined for regions where freeze-thaw is a concern are cast with an air-entraining admixture. We also recommend the application of a water-based sealer at our factory. Reduced water absorption means less likelihood that absorbed water will freeze, expand, and crack the concrete. For Stepstone's standard limited warranty to remain in effect, maintenance of this sealer coating is required.

#### Handmade with radiused edges and beautiful, refined finishes

Stepstone precast concrete is wet cast from high strength quality materials, handcrafted by our team of artisans who take great pride in their workmanship. The cement, sand, aggregate, and colors are naturally occurring and as such will vary slightly from batch to batch and piece to piece. These chance variations, combined with hand manufacturing, enhance the character of the precast's color, the finish, and the product overall.

### Achieve a seamless look spanning product categories and decades

Recognized as the industry's leader in large format pavers as well as precast stair treads, Stepstone's catalog is immense and includes multiple sizes of Narrow Modular Pavers, Roof and Pedestrian Pavers, Wall Caps, Pool Coping, and more. Each product is manufactured using the same basic materials and matching standards for handcrafted elegance. By combining materials from our different product categories at one job site not only will the outcome be aesthetically cohesive the Stepstone precast, made to last, will age harmoniously.

