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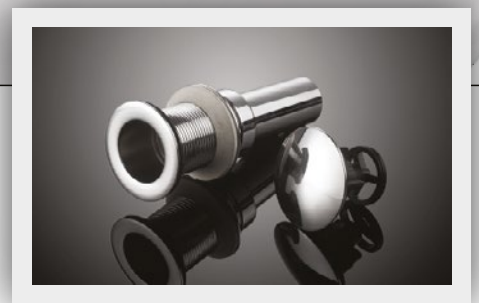
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## Dear Readers

To start 2016 with a bang, we shine a spotlight on our cover story, “Living Kitchen”. An organic and flexible space open to transformation, or equipped to seamlessly meld with the living or dining room—the concept of the open kitchen has evolved over the years. What defines a living kitchen? The trick is finding products that take budget constraints into consideration, while not compromising aesthetics and functionality. Flip to our kitchen section to see six award-winning designs that meet these three requirements.

Meanwhile, our bathroom story focuses on the “Changing Bathroom”. Product highlights by Roca and Hansgrohe Singapore show how the bathroom is evolving from a functional space to a place of ultimate comfort and relaxation. Additionally, we have a special story coverage on the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore 2015. We have the privilege of interviewing Josep Delicado, Managing Director of Roca Singapore and Malaysia, who gives us an insight into Roca’s collaboration with the WTA Finals.

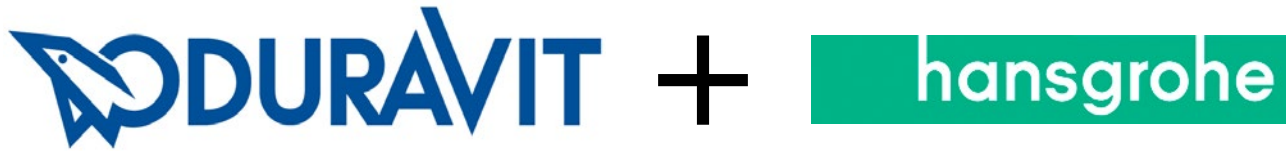
Light or dark tiles? Designers and homeowners have differing opinions on which alternative is easier to clean

and maintain. We select seven different dark surfaces in our story “Dark and Edgy”. Tiles that vary in style and materials, and can suit any space in the home. In this issue’s project segment, we take an in-depth look at luxurious bathrooms in designer homes. “Elegantly Sleek” is the theme for this issue’s special products, and we’re showcasing products in the bathroom and kitchen sectors that seamlessly fuse aesthetics and functionality.

Keeping in mind that a New Year ushers in new beginnings, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank readers for being such wonderful supporters of BKT for the last two years. This will be the last issue I’ll helm. I’ll be handing over the reins to the capable hands of the next editor. Until the next time, happy reading!

Francesca Carrillo  
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## RED DOT DESIGN MUSEUM: SMART MATERIALS AND SOLUTIONS FOR BETTER PRODUCT DESIGN

In an age of increasing visualisation and digitalisation, the sensory experience of one's own environment is of particular significance. The materials in the products that surround users in their daily lives are their link to reality, making it tangible. For this reason, the Red Dot Design Museum Essen in Germany presented the exhibition 'Smart Materials and Solutions for better Product Design' from November 2015 until January 2016. The exhibition showcased intelligent materials, new products, and surprising detail solutions, which are both sensible and sensory.

New developments in materials allow designers and manufacturers to explore new design and production application areas. As such, materials act as the driving force for product innovation, technological progress, and economic success. In the form of well thought-out products, they play a role in improving a consumer's quality of life.

From nanotech materials and organoid surfaces, to components for the furniture industry, the 'Smart Materials and Solutions for better Product Design' exhibition showcased around 80 innovations. The exhibition also invited visitors to discover materials, which open up new possibilities for designing future living and housing spaces. All the exhibits have received a prize in the Red Dot Award: Product Design 2015 in the 'Materials and Surfaces' category or in the 'Interzum award: Intelligent Material and Design 2015'. Some have even won awards at both competitions.



The exhibition addressed a professional audience and design fans. "Smart Materials and Solutions for better Product Design" offers a comprehensive source of inspiration especially for designers and manufacturers, and invited visitors to discover materials.

For more information, visit [www.red-dot.de](http://www.red-dot.de).

## BEX ASIA AND MCE ASIA 2015 CULMINATES WITH OVER US\$125 MILLION IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS



**BEX Asia 2015 Opening -**  
**Ms Michelle Lim, Ms Debbie Evans, Mr Quek See Tiat, Mr Choi Shing Kwok, Mr John Keung, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong**

Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia 2015, Southeast Asia's premier business event for the exchange of global expertise and technologies for sustainable building, has culminated with 11,060 visitors. This year, BEX Asia saw the addition of the first Mostra Convegno Expocomfort (MCE) exhibition in Asia, MCE Asia 2015.

Held for the eighth year running, BEX Asia 2015 welcomed the Italy-based MCE to Singapore, an inaugural launch outside of Europe in Asia. Together, the exhibitions showcased technologies from more than 500 exhibiting companies from over 35 countries and regions across the world, including Australia, China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Turkey, and the United States as well as hosted delegates from Asia, Europe and South America.



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Themed 'Building Today, Sustaining Tomorrow', BEX and MCE Asia 2015 were held from 2 to 4 September 2015 at Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre. Set against a backdrop of rising energy demands and need for cost-effective technologies, both exhibitions concluded with more than US\$125 million expected in green building business transactions. The three-day event also facilitated partnerships between visitors and exhibitors with over 332 one to one business meetings. The level of interaction at both BEX and MCE Asia 2015 has once again proven to be of benefit to both visitors and exhibitors too.

Michael Koo, Business Development Manager of Belka, said, "Exhibiting at BEX Asia this year has shown us that people are responding very positively to green ideas. It is encouraging to see that companies are embracing the implementation of green technology in commercial and residential areas. BEX has not only provided us with a valuable platform to network with businesses in the green industry, but also a chance to engage with visitors and showcase our solutions."

Also viewing BEX Asia as the platform to foster strong conversations about green building and sustainability is Jen Tan, REC's Vice President for Sales and Marketing in Asia Pacific.

"This is our first time participating at BEX Asia and we have received positive feedback from customers and prospects. Our solar panels serve the need for eco-friendly rooftop in Singapore's limited space. Since REC commenced production in Singapore in 2010, we have reduced our own carbon footprint by more than 25 per cent. As REC strives towards greater innovation for the solar industry, we have also found the Green View and Mostra Xchange seminar sessions at BEX Asia 2015 to be a great platform to educate, engage and more importantly, establish our brand with buyers," said Tan.

A special highlight this year was the addition of MCE Asia 2015. Held for the first time outside of Milan, Italy, the first edition of MCE Asia emphasises the importance of integrating multiple disciplines and fields when considering a comprehensive set of green building solutions, including that of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) industry.



**BEX Asia sees more than 400 exhibiting companies this year**

"MCE Asia came to Singapore during the tenth year anniversary of Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) Green Mark scheme, which reinforces Singapore's commitment towards creating a sustainable urban environment," said Winston Chow, Senior Sales Engineer of Smardt Chillers Pte Ltd. "Through MCE Asia 2015, the key takeaway for companies like us is that we are able to showcase our latest technologies to end users that can help them achieve the Green Mark award, and eventually, help Singapore to become a truly green city."

The ninth edition of BEX Asia 2015 would be held from 7 to 9 September 2016. It will continue to see a greater introduction of cutting-edge green building technology, as well as a more diversified pool of exhibitors.

"In order for green technology to be widely adopted in both homes and companies, more still needs to be done. We will strive to ensure that events such as BEX and MCE Asia continue to provide a strong support base for exhibiting companies, so that they may continue to have a platform to share their solutions and link up with other solution providers," said Louise Chua, Project Director and Business Development Director of Reed Exhibitions, the organizer for BEX Asia 2015.

BEX Asia and MCE Asia are the anchor events of the Singapore Green Building Week, alongside the International Green Building Conference (IGBC) organised by the Building and Construction Authority of Singapore (BCA).

#### **About BEX Asia**

BEX Asia is Southeast Asia's premier business platform for the green building and construction industry. It is a one-stop sourcing destination for cutting-edge products, innovative technologies and sustainable designs in building materials, energy efficiency systems, fittings and fixtures, and much more. BEX Asia brings together skilled professionals, key industry practitioners, major specifiers and buyers from the region to build networks and create business opportunities, in support of the global trend to build greener communities for a greener future.

#### **About MCE Asia 2015**

Organisers of the world leading Exhibition Mostra Convegno Expocomfort (MCE) in Milan, Italy and Southeast Asia's premier Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia in Singapore collaborated to launch an Asian edition of MCE. The inaugural exhibition brought together the dual concept of energy saving and efficiency via innovative technologies or integrated systems with enriched living comfort through optimised indoor environment quality. MCE Asia reached out to specialised building professionals within the residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and hospitality sectors.

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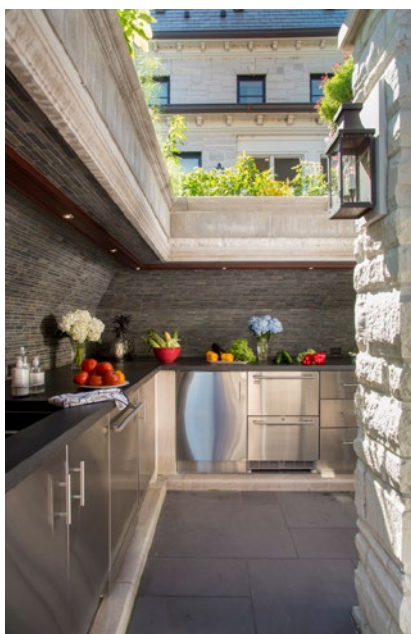


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## KBIS TO HIGHLIGHT OUTDOOR LIVING AT 2016 SHOW: DEBUTS OUTDOOR PRODUCTS AREA



As the demand for alfresco living increases, the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) will introduce a new Outdoor Products Area at its 2016 show in Las Vegas. The pavilion will showcase the latest in outdoor kitchen and living design trends, as well as showcase new outdoor products from more than fifteen brands. The pavilion will also include expanded programming for attendees including panels and demonstrations.

“The outdoor appliance category has grown exponentially. It’s no longer about what grill are people buying for their backyard, it’s about bringing the entire

kitchen experience outdoors. Everything from weatherproof cabinets to dishwashers, refrigerators and even pizza ovens,” said Brian Pagel, VP, kitchen and bath, Emerald Expositions. “Identified among the top 10 kitchen design trends for 2015 by the NKBA in their yearly Kitchen & Bath Style Report, outdoor kitchen and living spaces are among the hottest trends in the housing industry today. This new Outdoor Products Area keeps our attendees at the forefront of the trend and helps to educate the industry to show homeowners how they can extend their living spaces and bring all the comforts of home outdoors.”

In the same report, about half of all NKBA designers specified an outdoor kitchen in 2014. The popularity of the outdoor living trend among its readers is among the many reasons why The Retail Observer is sponsoring the area at KBIS.

“We at The Retail Observer are very excited to be a part of the new Outdoor Products Area at KBIS 2016,” said Eliana Barriga, Publisher, The Retail Observer. “The Outdoor Space is a personal favorite of mine in the design world that has been rapidly expanding and creating new opportunities for retailers, designers and the builder industry, while creating amazing outdoor living spaces for their clients.”

Among the highlights of the pavilion include an outdoor display with products and designs by Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights, Caliber Appliances, Challenger Designs LLC, and Open Air Outdoor Cabinetry by Desavino & Sons. Other exhibitors include Fontana Forni USA, Glideware, Grill Dome, Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet, Liebherr, Louisiana Grills, Memphis Wood Fire Grills, Modern Home Products, New Age Products, Sunshine Stone Products, Overstock Stone, and Richelieu Hardware Ltd.

The focus on outdoor living continues with programming on the KBISNeXT Stage, located adjacent to the Outdoor Products Area. The panel will discuss powerful business opportunities opening up to kitchen designers by taking it outside and through the creation of alliances with landscape design professionals.

### About KBIS

The Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) owned by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) and produced by Emerald Expositions, is an inspiring, interactive platform that showcases the latest products, trends and technologies for the kitchen and bath industry. KBIS has been the premier event of the industry for over 50 years.

For more information, visit [www.kbis.com](http://www.kbis.com).

## LIVING INTERIORS 2016 INTRODUCES A COMPELLING CONCEPT AND A TARGETED PROFILE GROUP

January 2016 signals the third edition for Living Interiors, the informative, multifaceted event for rooms and bathrooms. Every two years, alternating with Living Kitchen, which is held in odd-numbered years, Living Interiors showcases how the interaction between products and materials in the areas of bathrooms, flooring, walls, and lighting creates intelligent room solutions and integrated living environments. Together with IMM cologne, Living Interiors provides a comprehensive and innovatively staged overview of the entire furnishing world.

Among the exhibitors of the show are many renowned national and international companies, such as Bauwerk, Bärwolf, Effegibi, Florim Ceramiche, Geberit, Hansgrohe/Axor, Keramag, Klafs, Villeroy & Boch, and Vola. Following the trade fair’s success two years ago, Project Manager Eike Fuchs and his team have once more sharpened the Living Interiors visitor profile.

Since most of the exhibitors cater mainly to the requirements of architects, designers, planners, and interior decorators,

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Koelnmesse has decided to focus on this target group. In order to address this specific audience, organisers collaborated with renowned industry publications, and with platforms Frame and Stylepark.

The supporting programme of the exhibition will be directed primarily towards this target group. There are two areas specifically dedicated to 'Baths' and 'Walls/Floors'. Additionally, the Architects' Lounge serves as a platform for doing business. These three areas are located along the show's Trend Avenue, a concept that proved effective in the two previous Living Interiors.

For Living Interiors exhibitor Bauwerk, the sharpened target group profile provided an additional reason to participate in Living Interiors once again.

Head of Marketing, Christin Geiger, said, "We'll direct our stand towards this target group accordingly. Consequently, there won't solely be a product show. Instead, we would like to highlight our brand and present ourselves as a design-oriented company for the furnishing industry. Of course, we'll also introduce some news at this international trade fair."



#### About Koelnmesse

Koelnmesse is one of world's top trade fair organisers for furnishing, living, and lifestyle. At Cologne, leading international fair IMM Cologne, Living Kitchen, ORGATEC, spoga+gafa, interzum and Kind + Jugend rank among the internationally renowned and established industry meeting places. These fairs comprehensively represent the upholstered and case furniture segment, the kitchen industry, the office furniture sector and outdoor living, and the innovations of the furniture supply industry.

Over the last few years, Koelnmesse has specifically added international fairs in the most important fast-expanding markets to its portfolio. These include Rooms Moscow/ Moscow International Furniture Show, the China International Kitchen and Bathroom Expo (CIKB) in Shanghai and furniPRO Asia in Singapore.

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"This edition will serve as a platform to not only demonstrate the imaginative capacity of designers, but also present the potential breadth of design ideas surrounding the sensorial exploration of the 'Senses' theme," says Mark Yong, Chairman of SingaPlural.

The organiser is anticipating more foreign participation than before; hence visitors can expect to see an expanded diversity of designs from the multi-faceted creative spectrum.

### About SingaPlural

SingaPlural showcases the best design elements from the multi-

faceted creative spectrum of Advertising, Architecture, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, as well as Interior, Furniture, Graphic and Fashion Design.

Organised by the Singapore Furniture Industries Council (SFIC) since 2012, the name 'SingaPlural' is derived from a combination of the terms 'Singular' and 'Plural'; and was conceived from the need to create a common platform to bridge designers with the industry. In partnership with DesignS, SingaPlural is held in conjunction with the International Furniture Fair Singapore/ ASEAN Furniture Show, The Décor Show and furniPRO Asia.

Supported by DesignSingapore Council, International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, Singapore Tourism Board and SPRING Singapore, SingaPlural is also the anchor event of the annual Singapore Design Week, which is organised by the DesignSingapore Council, a part of the Ministry of Communications and Information.

For more information, visit [www.SingaPlural.com](http://www.SingaPlural.com).

## INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTS GATHER AT THE WORLD ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL



The 2015 edition of the World Architecture Festival (WAF) served the global architectural community as an important meeting place and networking platform. The event, which took place from November 4 to 6 at Singapore's Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, has attracted a number of the world's top architects and designers. As WAF's founding partner, Grohe is the main sponsor of the event, and presented the award for the "World Building of the Year".

The awards in the 30 categories are a very important proved to be an important facet of the festival. This year, over 600 projects were submitted for consideration to the WAF jury. During the three

festival days, all short listed entrants gave live presentations of their projects to the prominent jury, which included members like Sir Peter Cook, Manuelle Gautrand, Sou Fujimoto, and Kerry Hill.

Apart from the architectural awards, the event offered a multifaceted programme comprising of numerous seminars, discussions, and presentations. On event days, the festival hall is the meeting place for the WAF delegates, to mingle, network, and expose themselves to innovative projects, products, and services presented by leading international companies.

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## CAROMA UNVEILS TIMELESS SUNSTONE SOLID SURFACE COLLECTIONS

Australian manufacturer Caroma continues to bring timeless sophistication to the bathroom with the unveiling of the new Sunstone solid surface collection. This range of basins and freestanding bath offer pared back aesthetics and create an unassuming authority in any bathroom. The fine, delicate lines, and velvety smooth contours of the solid surface material meanwhile, deliver a meticulous detail in the bathroom.

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The basin collection is available in five wall-hung styles, and is suitable for a range of spaces including powder rooms, private apartments and larger commercial applications. The basins can also be installed with bespoke cabinetry against the wall for added installation versatility.

Further functionality and practicality is achieved from the optional integrated towel rail, which is available in both chrome and matte black finishes.

Meanwhile, the Sunstone freestanding bath is an eye-catching centrepiece in the bathroom. A spacious interior makes it ideal for an indulgent and relaxing soak, while its 1810mm length makes it exceptionally comfortable for two.

"In the initial development phase, we wanted fulfil the increasingly high demand for solid surface material products and maintain our distinctive reputation for identifying future design trends. Sunstone is the stunning result," said Dr. Steve Cummings, Research and Development Manager at GWA Bathrooms and Kitchens.

"Utilising the high quality solid surface material provided greater design latitude and allowed the products to deliver an on trend thin rim detail."

For more information, visit [www.caroma.com.au](http://www.caroma.com.au).



## BOSCH PRESENTS ITS NEW AND UPGRADED MAXXIMUM KITCHEN MACHINE



The eagerly anticipated Bosch MaxxiMUM Sensor Control Kitchen Machine has finally arrived in Singapore. This multi-function kitchen machine from Bosch's Master Gourmet collection makes light work of any creation for the ambitious home cook and baker, and delivers an outstanding culinary experience with a 1,600W motor—the most powerful motor on the market.

Through 60 years of experience, experts at Bosch have found a unique new way to make the perfect cream and whipped egg whites, making it perfect for making macarons and meringue. Bosch's new Sensor Control function automatically recognises when the optimum stiffness of cream and whipped egg whites has been reached, and stops beating as soon as the desired result is achieved. This prevents stiff cream from turning into butter.

Users who enjoy baking breads will appreciate the new smart dough sensor, which maintains a consistent mixing speed even when handling stiff dough. On the other hand, the innovative 3-D PlanetaryMixing accessory moves in not two, but three directions simultaneously for quick and even mixing of ingredients.

These functions, together with the high-quality, full-metal housing, classy chrome applications and brushed stainless steel, make the new Bosch MaxxiMUM Sensor Control Kitchen Machine a perfect choice for users looking for unparalleled precision in the kitchen.

For more information, visit [www.bosch.com](http://www.bosch.com).

## DURAVIT INTRODUCES IDEAS FOR THE FIRST BATHROOM

The first private bathroom not only is a room for personal hygiene but the backdrop for everyday accessories. Above all, the bath is a popular meeting place in each flat share. A cool and functional bathroom is therefore, in great demand in residential communities. Duravit not only impresses with a young design but also surprises with entry-level prices for their DuraStyle and Darling New series.

Quick and easy to install furniture is particularly sought after. Sufficient storage space and generous surface areas are a must. In a shared apartment, for example, users rarely use the mirror alone. The complete bathroom DuraStyle by Duravit offers a clever vanity combination composed of furniture accessories in oak or American walnut and matching ceramic.

The open shelf is used for storing all kinds of bathroom accessories. The wall-mounted toilet DuraStyle with extra flat seat and soft-close system integrates perfectly. Additionally, the rimless model is also easy-to-clean.

The Darling New series is full of creative possibilities. The washbasins offer enough space for toothbrush and other accessories. The design feature of this series is its harmonic semicircular shape. In terms of flexibility, all bathroom furniture of the DuraStyle and Darling New series are now available in 30 different shades, from Jade to Apricot Pearl.

For more information, visit [www.duravit.com](http://www.duravit.com).



## THE MADISON GROUP OPENS DOORS TO ITS NEW SINGAPORE HOME

The Madison Group, a global company representing luxury lifestyle brands, celebrated the new Singapore address of its groundbreaking retail playground experience, House of Madison.

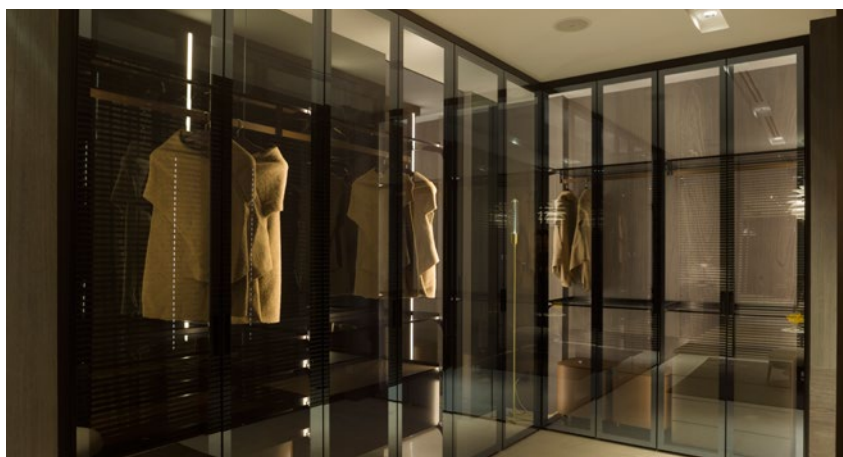
Designed as an extension of one's home and social circles, House of Madison goes beyond the confines of traditional showrooms. Within this highly engaging space, hosts inspire creativity, brands craft innovation and guests are invited to experiment with their vision of a distinctly different lifestyle.

"Our mission is to move retail away from the hardware of products and focus instead on the software of creating memorable experiences," explained The Madison Group CEO and Board Director Carsten Nittke. "The brands we represent embody creativity and uniqueness while celebrating traditions and craftsmanship. These shared values resonate with today's discerning consumers."

The group refurbished its space on 36 Armenian Street to bring the House of Madison concept to life, unveiling an all-new layout with elegant dining and living spaces, fully-functioning wet and dry kitchens, and ample walk-in closet, creating a sleek modern space that feels like a real home. Designed to showcase the timeless sophistication of its brands bulthaup and Rimadesio, House of Madison also pays homage to local Singaporean heritage in its colourful styling details, such as the Peranakan-inspired tilework.

This served as an inviting setting for the house-warming event, inspired by the theme 'Celebrate the Art of Playing and Entertaining'. Secret messages, bespoke fashion creations and delicious treats were hidden behind doors, drawers and art pieces to encourage guests to interact with the space and discover every detail for themselves.

Sharing platters were arranged on the Rimadesio dining table as 'Dinner Art', prepared on-site in the bulthaup kitchen and forming a culinary landscape which evolved throughout the night to create new patterns as the party progressed, while makeshift snack stations celebrated Singapore's renowned street food culture.



Throughout the night, celebrity DJ Patrick Oliver, who was flown in especially from Miami for the occasion, set the mood with a special mix of the sounds of House of Madison.

Another highlight of the event was The Dollhouse Project, a House of Madison initiative featuring a collection of bespoke 'dollhouses' created by prominent architects and designers that express their vision of the future of home living. The collection was first displayed at House of Madison Hong Kong earlier in 2015, and features one-of-a-kind pieces by Neri&Hu, ESKYIU, Alan Chan Design Company and Via Architects, and provided an exciting preview for Singapore's own edition of The Dollhouse Project, which will feature works by local designers.

The House of Madison concept first launched in Hong Kong in October 2014 as a 'multi-use retail playground' concept which reflects four pillars of engagement—experiment, play, inspire and fulfill. Every aspect of the space is centered on delivering an authentic brand experience, which is further enhanced by engaging activities that celebrate the art of living differently, such as art and design appreciation events, 'Think Tank' panel talks and more.

Designed to accommodate events and exuding a mix of sophistication and comfort, House of Madison Singapore will also be available as an event space, perfect for intimate social and corporate events from private dining to cocktail parties, and complete with on-site catering facilities.

For more information, visit [www.madisongroup.com](http://www.madisongroup.com).

## POGGENPOHL RECEIVES THREE MORE DESIGN ACCOLADES

The innovative kitchen architecture P'7350 Design by Porsche Design Studio has been honoured with three major design prizes almost simultaneously. The German Design Award is the international premium prize of the German Design Council. Based on a unique nomination procedure, only products that excel by their creative quality are allowed to take part. Poggenpohl received the coveted German Design Award 2016 Special Mention in the Excellent Product Design category. The 'Special Mention' title is awarded to works with a design that represents accomplished solutions and details, and therefore honours the major commitment of companies and designers to their customers.

Additionally, Poggenpohl was honoured with the 'Focus Open 2015, Special Mention' award for the P'7350 Design by Porsche Design Studio at the prize giving ceremony and exhibition opening in the MIK in Ludwigsburg, Germany. 'Focus Open' is the international, non-commercial design prize of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg. Companies and design agencies worldwide submitted innovative product and concept solutions to the



competition. The 'Focus Open' panel judged entries in different categories according to several criteria including design quality, functionality, innovative content, ergonomics, interface design, product typography, ecology, sustainability, value status, appearance, emotionality and brand conformity. A total of 64 prizewinners were selected.

Demonstrating its innovative potential, Poggenpohl also received the Materialica Silver Award 2015 for the P'7350 in the 'Product' category in Munich, Germany. The 'Materialica Design + Technology Award' has been offered every year since 2002 to innovative products and materials that showcase outstanding design and high technological competence.

Poggenpohl's P'7350 kitchen has already received the PLUS X Award 2014, the Red Dot Award 2015, Interior Innovation Award 2015, Good Design Award 2014, and the German Stevie Award 2015.

For more information, visit [www.poggenpohl.com](http://www.poggenpohl.com).

## DORF INTRODUCES 20-YEAR TAP WARE WARRANTY



Dorf's 60-year reputation as a trusted name in tap ware has recently been enhanced with the introduction of a tap ware warranty extending to 20 years. This industry-leading new warranty covers all residential installations of Dorf mixers, tap ware, and showers. It includes the entire Tap ware Engine, encompassing Ultra flex hoses, superior cartridges and premium aerators.

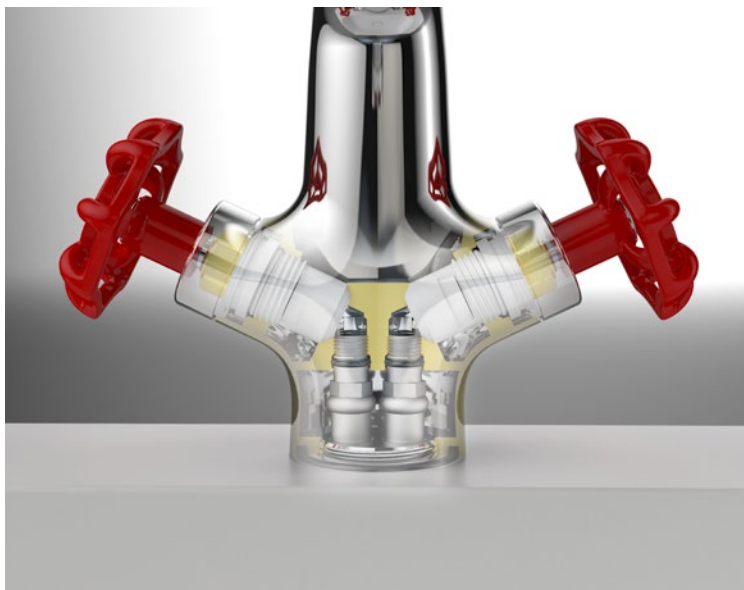
A result of Dorf's comprehensive testing, the new warranty is a clear expression of Dorf's confidence in the quality of their product. All Dorf tap ware is engineered in Australia and rigorously tested to exceed Australian standards. For example, Dorf's quality ceramic disc cartridges are tested to a minimum of 50,000 cycles and every single Dorf tap is water tested.

Dorf products are renowned for their detailed craftsmanship and use of quality materials, including sourcing components globally.

The ceramic disc cartridges specified in all Dorf tap ware provides ultimate water flow control and ensures a watertight seal to eliminate drips, minimise noise and product maintenance. Additionally, PEX hoses provide superior durability and flexibility and are free from impurities, odour or taste. Millions of Dorf taps, which include these hoses, have been sold without a single failure.

In addition, every aerator in every Dorf tap is specifically chosen to suit the design and functionality of the product. All Dorf aerators deliver intelligent flow control to minimise splashing and create a comfortable stream of soft water.

For more information, visit [www.dorf.com.au](http://www.dorf.com.au).



## TOTO PRESENTS THE AERIAL SHOWER



Toto presents Aerial Hand Shower that comes with spray patterns, which is specially engineered to produce an otherworldly effect. It infuses air into each water droplet, enlarging it to create a voluminous flow of water that covers the entire body. Users feel as though they are standing below a full stream without any increase in the amount of water being used. Aerating the water is a clever way of using it more efficiently. The shower feels better and conserves water.

Two more unique spray patterns provide diverse shower experiences all from one hand shower. For Cascade Flow, the speed and shape of the flowing water is carefully sculpted to produce a broad stream of water reminiscent of a waterfall. It keeps the entire body comfortably warm throughout the shower. Every detail from the curve of the water, to its density and speed is specially sculpted to glide over a user's face and body like a silk blanket.



Gyrostream is a sophisticated spray pattern, in which water bursts through nozzles that rotate in two different directions. It results in a powerful flow of water that spreads evenly over a wide area of the body. This invigorating massage kneads the muscles in just the right way. All three spray patterns are equally diverse, and transform a user's shower experience into pure luxury.

For more information, visit [www.watelier.com](http://www.watelier.com).

## HANSGROHE LAUNCHES THE AXOR CITTERIO E COLLECTION IN SINGAPORE

Philippe Grohe and Italian architect and designer Antonio Citterio introduced a new collection of bathroom fixtures in the fall of 2014 that exude elegance, high quality and worth. The Axor Citterio E collection is defined by its aesthetic appeal, sophisticated functionality, and outstanding workmanship.

“Our successful design partnership with Antonio Citterio began 14 years ago,” says Philippe Grohe, Head of Axor. “The success story that began with the Axor Citterio collection is continually evolving. Axor Citterio E is a charming combination of modern and classical features. They are elegant and timeless products of the highest quality, that not only enhance the bathroom as a whole, but also our experience with the element of water.”

### A Well-Designed Mixer

The Axor Citterio E fixtures are characterised by a balanced contrast of smooth shapes, clean lines, and precious surfaces. Soft and slender mixer handles characterise the entire collection’s design, from the single lever faucet with its modern and upright joystick handle, to the 3-hole mixers with their classic cross-handles. All 37 products of the collection share a visually appealing and harmonious look that complements a variety of styles, from art nouveau to modern urban.

“The result of this most recent collaboration is the ‘essence of luxury’. The products are not only characterised by flexible implementation, but also by exceptional ease of use and a pleasant touch and feel,” explains Antonio Citterio.

From washbasins to bathtubs and shower mixers, easy volume and temperature control is an important feature of the entire collection. In their archetypal shapes, the various handles of the thermostat modules allow the user to intuitively grasp their functions. For example, the cross-handle controls water volume and the cylindrical thermostat handle controls the temperature. In hotel bathrooms, a two-way diverter clearly indicates which shower head is currently in use. In addition, Hansgrohe’s Select Thermostat technology is easy to use. A simple push of a button and easy-to-understand icons, allows separate control of hand, side, and overhead showers.



In the bathtub, users can switch from the bath spout to the hand shower by pulling on a clearly labeled lever, even with soapy hands. The in-house Axor Manufaktur, a manufactory that individualises standard products, handles special customer requests. For example, products from the Axor Citterio E collection are available in fifteen highly scratch- and cleanser-resistant PVD-treated surface finishes, including chrome, gold optic, red-gold, black chrome, nickel, brass, stainless-steel optic or bronze.

### About Axor

Axor, the designer brand of Hansgrohe, successfully realises “Designer Visions for Your Bathroom”. In cooperation with Axor, leading architects, interior and product designers develop their vision for the bathroom as a living space. The Axor Collections offer a great number of unique and sustainable solutions to create personalised bathrooms of the highest aesthetic and technological levels. To date, Axor design partners include Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, Antonio Citterio, Front, Jean-Marie Massaud, Nendo, Phoenix Design, Philippe Starck, and Patricia Urquiola.

They all contribute towards making life in and around the bathroom a little more meaningful and beautiful. Philippe Grohe, grandson of the company’s founder Hans Grohe, heads the Axor brand.

For more information, visit [www.hansgrohe.com.sg](http://www.hansgrohe.com.sg).

## CAESARSTONE INTRODUCES ITS 2016 NEW COLOURS



Caesarstone SEA is delighted to announce the introduction of six new designs into his Classico collection. This includes three additional Supernatural designs which feature exclusive veins, made using Caesarstone's proprietary technology and two new Concrete designs.

Caesarstone's New Supernatural Designs include Taj Royale, Cosmopolitan White, Symphony Grey, and Statuario Nuvo. The Taj Royale collection is a true gesture to the beauty of nature. The collection exhibits soft textures, delicate veins, rich depths and warm hues against an inspired marble aesthetic. Cosmopolitan White meanwhile, is characterised by a whirlpool of streaming, and refined shades. The collection reveals a texture depth with diagonal lines and elegant veining.



sleek concrete. Caesarstone's designers have developed a colour that captures the spirit of the latest coarse concrete trend, and will define the tone of any space.

The Symphony Grey collection features streaming shades of light and dark delicate tones. Additionally, Symphony Grey reveals a depth of diagonal lines and dramatic veining. The Statuario Nuvo collection is a new interpretation of natural Statuario marble. Statuario Nuvo brings refined and impressive dark veins on a white background, enriched with a delicately diffused subsurface vein structure.

The new designs were launched in October 2015 and are now available through kitchen retailers nationally.

### About Caesarstone

Caesarstone is a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ. The company's surfaces and products are sold in over 48 countries worldwide. Established in 1987, Caesarstone pioneered the original quartz surface and continues to be a leading developer and manufacturer of premium surfaces. Caesarstone surfaces consist of up to 93 per cent quartz and utilize advanced technologies and proprietary know-how.

Additionally, two new additions to Caesarstone's Concrete lines include Fresh Concrete and Raw Concrete. The Fresh Concrete collection leans towards a more industrial design look. The collection is a clean, sleek, and sophisticated interpretation of white concrete. The Raw Concrete collection meanwhile, is a rougher version of the refined and delicate

The surfaces are highly functional, design forward, and have endless application possibilities including kitchen bench tops, bathroom vanities, flooring, wall paneling, furniture and more. With diverse collections, such as the Classico, Motivo, and Concetto collections, there is no limit to choice. The unique and rich variety of colours, patterns and textures gives each customer the ability to find their 'ultimate surface' and create their own unique interior environment. Caesarstone's extensive designs are constantly evolving and developing to meet the latest world trends and the highest level of international quality standards.

For more information, visit [www.caesarstone.sg](http://www.caesarstone.sg).

## PITT BY REGINOX IMPRESSES

**P**itt by Reginox integrates the gas hob directly into the kitchen worktop. An efficient way of cooking, Pitt is handmade in Holland. A specialist in integrated cooking, Reginox strives to offer customers the perfect combination of functionality and design.

The spacious design of Pitt ensures there is a large distance between each burner, ensuring users will have enough space even when using large pans at the same time. Pitt ensures functional use of space, as it is not restricted to the size of a squared cooking plate. Additionally, the space between two burners is approximately eight centimetres more compared to a traditional stove.

Only strong and high quality materials are used in Pitt, as well as powerful, high-efficiency, and technologically advanced burners. Pitt's pan carriers are also double-enameled, making the appliance extra strong and less prone to wear. Giving users a professional cooking experience in the comfort of their own kitchen, Pitt is also easy-to-use and maintain.

Pitt comes equipped with different burners for different purposes, whether users would prefer to simmer, wok, stove, or bake. The size of the pan carriers offers a



stable surface for different kind of pans. After cooking, the main burner parts can be easily removed, leaving only a flat worktop to clean.

Reginox's cooking system is worldwide patented. Due to special techniques—such as an aluminum heat plate located beneath the worktop, and a heat shield on top and a slightly floating pan carrier, heat transfer to the worktop is minimal, making it possible to apply Pitt in a wide range of different materials. This is a technique that is unique and only applicable to Reginox's cooking system. Pitt is designed, developed, and made in Holland.

Pitt by Reginox has been tested intensively. It is officially certificated by CE (European Union), CSA-UL (United States and Canada), SAI Global (Australia), CC-Gas (China), GOST-Russia (Russia), and SPRING (Singapore/Asia).

For more information, visit [www.pittbyreginox.com](http://www.pittbyreginox.com).

## ME BY STARCK PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON INDIVIDUALITY

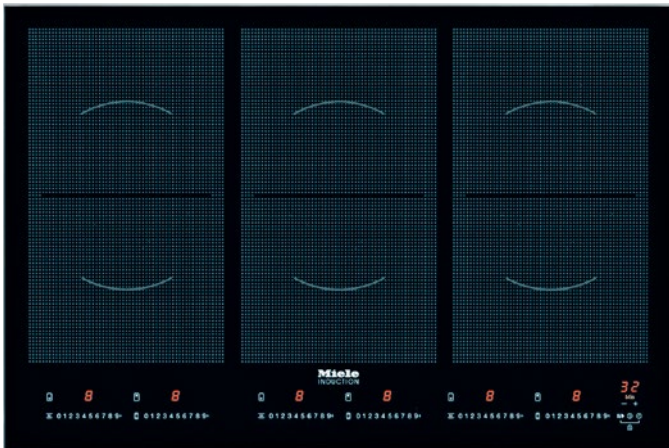
**W**ith ME by Starck, Philippe Starck has succeeded in creating a collection that fulfils the demand for pure aesthetics and is at home in a wide variety of style worlds. The French designer accepted the challenge to lend a sensuous essence to elementary items while focussing on the individual and their sense of style.

View the new ME by Starck range at Econflo Systems new showroom at 401 Commonwealth Drive, #01-01, Lobby B, Haw Par Technocentre, Singapore 149598.

For more information, visit [www.econflo.com](http://www.econflo.com).



# Elegantly Sleek



## KM 6366-1

by MIELE  
[www.miele.de](http://www.miele.de)

KM 6366-1 is a unique induction hob, independent of an oven. It has a stainless steel frame and a discrete print, allowing it to integrate well in modern kitchens. Six cooking zones with three Miele PowerFlex cooking surfaces, heat large pots and pans quickly, while individual cooking zones can be controlled by direct selection. The hood also comes equipped with a special function button, which enables the extraction hood to automatically react to the hob's settings.

## WD1674M

by ATAG  
[www.atag.nl](http://www.atag.nl)



With its aesthetically-pleasing and minimalist glass front, WD1674M can combine perfectly with other kitchen appliances. The drawer warms cups and plates rapidly, and food can be kept warm or cooked gently at low temperatures. Standing at 15 cm high, it fits perfectly under appliances with a height of 45 cm. The front consists of black glass with metallic paint specially developed for the series.



## POT-DOLLS

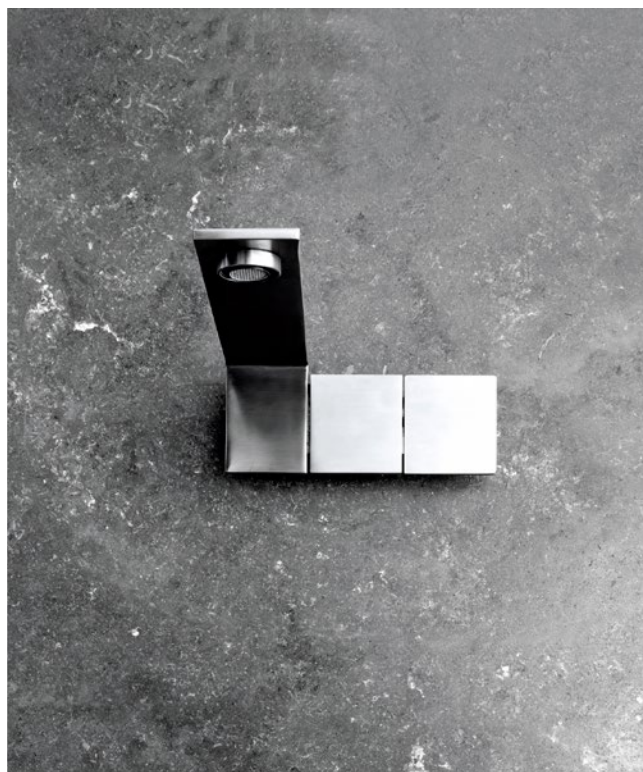
by **JOMOO KITCHEN & BATH**  
[www.jomoo.com](http://www.jomoo.com)

The POT-DOLLS basin mixers are based on an unusual design concept. Their design is based on the appearance of dolls. Combined with their ceramic surface, they radiate childlike and innocent charm. The sentiments of purity and sweetness they trigger, tempt users to touch them and not let go.

## 5MM

by **RUBINETTERIE 3M SRL**  
[www.rubinetterie3m.it](http://www.rubinetterie3m.it)

Nothing on the 5MM basin mixer is more than 5 mm wide. This design feature highlights its central technical elements particularly well. By having the same width, the control handles, situated on the base, ensure that the design concept is maintained throughout. 5mm stands out due to its sweeping lightness, pronounced elegance, and highly eco-friendly concept.





## MODO

by **ROCA SINGAPORE**  
[www.sg.roca.com](http://www.sg.roca.com)

Combining aesthetics and functionality, the MODO collection is made from Surfex, an exclusive solid surface material by Roca. Timeless design language fused with quality materials defines the collection. The collection's ability to enable endless configurations of individual washbasins, bathtubs, and shower trays ensure user needs and requirements are met. Additionally, MODO includes an optional toilet or bidet made with Surfex glaze.

## VAL SAPHIRKERAMIK COLLECTION

by **ROCA SINGAPORE**  
[www.laufen.com](http://www.laufen.com)

The VAL SaphirKeramik Collection redefines design boundaries for ceramics in the bathroom using Laufen's exclusive and revolutionary material SaphirKeramik. The central component of the new collection is a rectangular wall-mounted washbasin with widths of 450 to 950mm. Its main characteristics are straight geometric lines, rims with narrowly-defined radii, and gently rounded corners. Expressive details and a functional design characterise the range. Val also includes washbasin bowls, storage dishes, and a bathtub. The collection also perfectly matches with Laufen's other ranges.



# SHANGHAI HAOJING YUAN SHANGHAI, CHINA

Text and photos by Roca Singapore



## **Project Details**

**Architect:** East China Architectural Design & Research Institute

**Number of Floors:** 26~33

**Floor Area:** Approximately 55,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Bathroom:** Roca

Shanghai Haojing Yuan consists of three neo-classical high-rise building in North Bund, Shanghai, China. These three buildings, which provide fully-furnished apartments, form a triangle in the quarter. Together with the Liujiazui Financial and Trade Zone, they also form part of the cluster of spectacular buildings. The property is near several high-class dining and shopping places in Shanghai including Three-on-the-bund, The Bund 18, Hyatt on-the-Bund hotel, and Rose Yacht Club, among others.

The property's courtyard hall uses black and white as its main shades, creating a simple but personalised effect. Two thick marble pillars standing in the centre, decorated with vertical lines, give the entrance



a slim and elegant appearance. An eye-catching chandelier meanwhile, provides warm lighting, and highlights the motifs on the marbled floor. A careful selection of European furniture places emphasis on the neoclassical look and feel of the place.

A number of Roca's bathroom collections were used. These include the intelligent Khroma electronic toilet, which comes with an automatic cover or Roca's mid-range Multiclin's cover. The toilet's back pad uses soft-touch design and a full body-cleaning function is achieved using an intelligent remote control. There is also a variety of colours to choose from.

Merging modern technology with classical design, Roca's Virgina bath complements the Khroma toilet and contributes a harmonious feel to the bathroom space. Meanwhile, countertop basins matches Roca's Evol faucet, which is defined by its organic contours and simple geometric elements. Additionally, Roca's Loop semi-embedded countertop basin is the perfect addition in a secondary bathroom. The basins also go well with floral marble cabinets, which exude elegance and exclusivity.

For more information, visit [www.sg.roca.com](http://www.sg.roca.com).

# INDIVIDUALITY IN HOMES

Text & photos by **Duravit**

Minimalist design is the art of focusing on the essentials. It is the ability to lend a sensuous essence to elementary items, while placing the individual and their sense of style at the focal point. It is a challenge that calls for Philippe Starck. With his new ME by Starck range for Duravit, the French creative has succeeded in designing a collection that satisfies the desire for pure aesthetics and can be introduced into all manner of style worlds, to create the greatest possible range of individual design possibilities.

Individual bathroom design begins with the washing area and with six versatile washbasin solutions from 450 mm to 650 mm, ME by Starck is a minimalist range for private and public areas. A slender rim that is also found on the toilets and urinals serves as the

recurring design element. The delicate edge gives the washbasins a light, almost rimless appearance, while their inner basins are conveniently deep. The vanity basin, with sizes that range from 830 mm to 1030 mm, boasts distinctive lines and is especially flat with generous storage surfaces. Meanwhile, the console basin can be combined with a vanity unit or various consoles. Other washbasin variants, like those with the pedestal or siphon cover, showcase a pure and minimalist design and balanced sense of proportions.

In addition to concentrating on the design, Philippe Starck and Duravit also focused on innovative technology. New developments have made it possible to reduce the weight of the toilets and



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in the range, resulting in attractive, sleek, and self-contained components without attachment niches at the sides. The open design of the flushing rim resulting from the rimless technology, offers additional convenience. In addition, the SensoWash Slim shower-toilet seat, which features precision hinges that are very easy to remove, means the ceramics can be thoroughly cleaned with ease.





The clear, focused design of this range is also evident in the ME urinal. With its characteristically delicate rim, the urinal is an elegant yet practical addition to private and public bathrooms. ME is the first Duravit range in which the urinal also boasts the innovative rimless technology. The open design of the flushing rim ensures a dynamic and powerful flow of water that rinses the entire inner surface of the urinal, while also allowing for a fast and hygienic cleaning of the ceramics.

The range also features bathtubs, shower trays and accessories designed by Philippe Starck. Combining perfectly with Duravit's new L-Cube furniture range, ME by Starck lends the modern bathroom a clear aesthetic look with the French creator's timeless signature, turning the desire for individualisation into reality.

For more information, visit [www.duravit.com](http://www.duravit.com).

# DESIGNER HOMES

Special Photo Showcase by **Weiken**

## About Weiken

A one-stop solution design firm, Weiken provides clients with the best consultation services to create the best designs, that are both practical and age with beauty over time. Weiken's tag line, "Forging ahead in design", plays an important part in every designer of the firm. Each of Weiken's designs are not only unique, the firm also pays attention to details, considers the needs and wants of their customers, and they also provide them with alternative solutions.

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# DARK *and* EDGY

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Light or dark tiles? Designers and homeowners have differing opinions on which alternative is easier to clean and maintain. Others meanwhile, love the contrast between the two, and interweave black tiles with white ones. In the end, its all comes down to personal preference.

Which collection best suit and complement the rest of the space? Those who prefer a dramatic and luxurious effect, go for dark tiles with marbled veins. However, certain options might not suit tiny rooms that are better off with light-coloured tiles—which give the illusion of spaciousness. Others still, prefer a clean and concrete look. Budget also plays an important part, but these days, tile manufacturers are introducing budget-friendly options that do not compromise quality and functionality.

Here are six different tiles, varying in style and materials, that can suit any user's home:



## Tangram by Bardelli

An interior floor and wall tile collection in glazed white porcelain and finished in matt, Tangram consists of fifteen hand-brushed decorations divided into four different colour groups. The collection also boasts a range of plain hand-brushed tiles that coordinate perfectly with either contemporary or traditional styles.

For more information, visit [www.bardelli.it](http://www.bardelli.it).





## Brickwall by Ceramiche Ascot S.p.a.

The Brickwall wall tile collection stands out for its fresh, sophisticated, and contemporary appeal. Delicate colours, varying textured materials, and modular solutions make Brickwall perfect for numerous applications. Finishes include White, Oyster, Cement, Zinc, Lava, Cream, Ivory, Greige, Camel, White Lux, Oyster Lux, Zinc Lux, and Ivory Lux. Sizes available include 10x50.2 cm and 6.5x50.2 cm.

For more information, visit [www.ascot.it](http://www.ascot.it).

## Chevronchic by Ceramica Fioranese

Chevronchic is a wood-like porcelain inspired by old wooden floors. Visible traces of colours define the collection, made possible from successive applications of waxes and impregnating agents. Ideal for herringbone installations, the elegant renovated wood is fit for contemporary atmospheres. Chevronchic is available in four colours, namely White, Grey, Burnt and Black, and Natural with a rectified finish.

For more information, visit [www.fioranese.it](http://www.fioranese.it).

## Dark Fossil by Ceramiche Campogalliano

Elegant and functional, the Dark Fossil series was created from a harmonious blend of different materials, including recycled wood, fossil, and stone. A collection with a contemporary feel and look, Dark Fossil is perfect for multiple applications.

For more information, visit [www.ceramichecampogalliano.it](http://www.ceramichecampogalliano.it).





## Arch-Line by Cipa Gres S.p.a.

The Arch-Line collection stands out for its modern urban-industrial style and its perfect balance of traditional craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology. A linear and technical ceramic tile collection, Arch-Line is inspired by the lushness of nature and emulates the tactile qualities and rich details of stone. Arch-Line is perfect for warm and intimate atmospheres.

For more information, visit [www.cipagres.it](http://www.cipagres.it).



## Kendo by Cerdamus

Uneven paths and trails transform the ceramic material of the Kendo collection into a work of art. Harmonious lines and light trowel marks define Kendo, making it perfect for contemporary and modern spaces.

For more information, visit [www.cerdamus.com](http://www.cerdamus.com).





# STONES & MORE

by **FLORIM**

The elegant STONES & MORE collection is an exquisite selection of stone and marble reproduced in the continuous surface of large porcelain panels. Inspired by colours from distance places and cultures, each essential form and vintage combination uses different ceramic surfaces to tell a unique story.

[www.casadolcecasa.com](http://www.casadolcecasa.com)





# RIVERSIDE

by **IMOLACERAMICA**

Inspired by the gradual erosion of surfaces, the RIVERSIDE porcelain tile collection is a versatile compilation that makes skilful use of concrete and surfaces. Available in three sizes—namely 60x60 cm, 30x60 cm and 45x45 cm, the wood effect tile also comes in a unique 15x60 cm size. Finishes include Dark Grey, Grey, White, Almond, and Brown.

[www.ccimola.it](http://www.ccimola.it)





# CONCRETE

by **CERAMICHE BRENNERO S.P.A**

The CONCRETE collection by Brennero is made up of five colours and 16 different patterns. Defined by a natural and honed appearance and a cement feel, Concrete is available in 60x60 cm and 45x90 cm sizes, and a number of finishes.

[www.brennero.com](http://www.brennero.com)





# BRIT

by **EDIMAX**

BRIT by Edimax is a contemporary collection suitable for walls and floors. Suitable for a number of applications, Brit is perfect for residential and commercial projects. Reinterpreting spaces with its unique aesthetics and texture, Brit is available in a number of finishes and two sizes—60.4x60.4 cm rectified and 9.7x30.1 cm.

[www.edimax.it](http://www.edimax.it)





# PRIMA MATERIA

by **KRONOS 2 CERAMICHE S.P.A.**

The PRIMA collection by Kronos emulates the look and feel of concrete surfaces to produce distinctive and creative solutions ideal for interiors and exteriors in public and residential applications. Prima is available in three neutral colours and three finishes, namely Natural, Waxed, and Grip.

[www.kronosceramiche.it](http://www.kronosceramiche.it)





# CEMENTINE

by **ATLAS CONCORDE S.P.A.**

A contemporary interpretation of decorated cement, CEMENTINE is the new porcelain floor and wall tile collection from Ceramiche Keope. Bringing together the traditional methods of the past and merging it with the new manufacturing techniques of the present, Cementine is the ideal option for customised spaces infused with a vintage flavour.

[www.keope.com](http://www.keope.com)





# SUPREME

by FLAVIKER

The contemporary and elegant SUPREME marbled collection by Flaviker is defined by a range of sizes, finishes, and decorative elements. Available in a wide selection of large sizes, combined with hexagonal and small colored insert breaks, Supreme is a versatile collection perfect for customisation.

[www.flavikerpisa.it](http://www.flavikerpisa.it)





# BARN WOOD

by **DOM CERAMICHE**

A combination of timbers, the BARN WOOD collection is defined by its unique details and colours. Ideal for both indoor and outdoor use, Barn Wood is available in three colours, namely Beige, Brown and Grey. Sizes include 24.8x99.8 cm, 16.4x99.8 cm, 11x32.5 cm, and 16.4x99.8 cm.

[www.domceramiche.it](http://www.domceramiche.it)



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# THE CHANGING BATHROOM

*Product Highlights: Raindance Select S 150 3Jet Handshower by Hansgrohe Singapore, Kartell by Laufen, and Alba Tub by Roca Singapore.*



## HANSGROHE PRESENTS THE RAINDANCE SELECT S 150 3JET HAND SHOWER

*Text and Photos by Hansgrohe Singapore*

More than 10 years has passed since Hansgrohe revolutionised the shower with the “Raindance” shower line. Once again, Hansgrohe has set a new benchmark in the industry with their new Raindance Select hand showers together with their long-standing partners from Phoenix Design. With the Hansgrohe Select technology, these hand showers offer individually customisable shower pleasure, attractive design, and the convenience of use.

With the new Raindance Select hand showers, personal shower pleasure is also now controlled by a simple click of a button. Instead of turning a small lever as in the past, switching between various spray types is now possible by pushing the Select button, which is ergonomically placed in front of the spray handle. The Raindance Select S 150 3jet hand shower offers three different sprays—the voluminous yet soft RainAir spray, the delightful invigorating Caresse spray, and the harmonious combination of gentle rain and dynamic spray in the Mix spray.

Aside from the all-chrome finish, the hand showers are also available in a two-tone version with a white-chrome look, which has a white shower face and lustrous chrome housing. Equipped with the Hansgrohe EcoSmart technology, the hand shower allows a 40 per cent reduction in flow rate, and provides user with a high shower comfort.

For more information, visit [www.hansgrohe.com.sg](http://www.hansgrohe.com.sg).





## WELLNESS AND BATHS: KARTELL BY LAUFEN

*Text and Photos by Roca Singapore*

Reinterpreting the bathroom, Kartell and Laufen collaborated on an integrated project. Kartell's innovation combined with Laufen's quality and research, redefines the principles, forms, and uses of what is an increasingly important space in the contemporary home—the bathroom.

In the last few years, there has been a revolution in re-evaluating the bathroom world, especially the concept of living in it. There is a trend of merging the bathroom with the sleeping room, or making the bathroom more cozy, transforming it into a living room. All this based on the increasing concentration of users who place an importance in wellness.

Today, bathrooms need to be more cocooning and domestic. There is a tendency to turn them into small spas, leaving behind the image that stems from granting the place a sole functional role. The bathroom today, becomes a temple of the body and soul, an area dedicated to wellness and the individual, and personal care in the home.

Kartell by Laufen has seized these new trends in bathroom. It aims to respond to the needs of a market continually looking for excellence, and to address the changes in the taste of consumers. This is made possible by offering a wide range of fully accessorized bathtubs, which can satisfy users seeking sensual pleasure and well-being in the bath.

All the Kartell by Laufen bathtubs possess a central drain hole and a linear overflow right under the upper edge. This enables users to enjoy the sensation of seemingly being in an endless bathtub. In the collection's freestanding model meanwhile, the overflow is located at the extreme front, while on built-in tubs, it is located on the longer side. Customisation allows users to position the overflow according to their needs. The overflow is also fitted with LED atmosphere lights, while an air whirlpool bath system is also available to provide the maximum relaxation when in the bath.

The collection offers users customised home spa solutions such as chromotherapy, aromatherapy, whirl systems, and even a function which allows the creation of a hazy mist over the surface of the water. These options are perfect for a user who considers the bathroom a space for ultimate comfort and relaxation.

For more information, visit [www.laufen.com](http://www.laufen.com).

## ALBA TUB BY ROCA

Based on the design concept of combining water and light, the Alba series is a complete bathroom solution designed by Roviras and Torrente especially for Roca. Inviting users to enjoy every moment in the bathroom, the Alba collection aims to awaken the emotions of a user by incorporating elegance and gentle functions, which contribute to a user's well being.

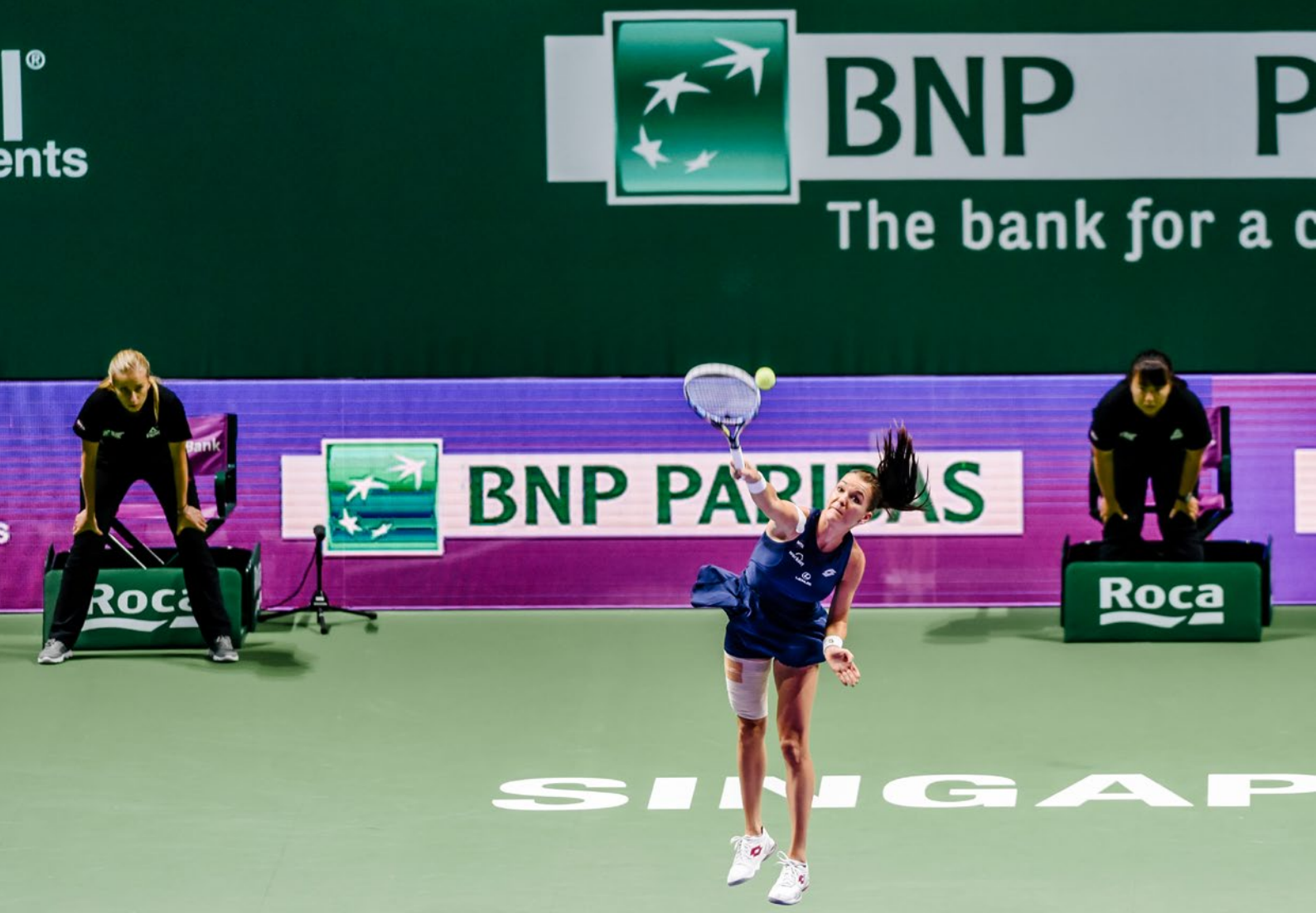
Equipped with an innovative and state-of-the-art whirlpool system, lateral waterfalls also guarantee an evolving and relaxing experience for users. Alba also comes with a waterproof, intuitive, and user-friendly touch screen remote control. A convenient thermostatic integrated faucet with LED lights indicates the temperature and water flow position, while an integrated light located at the tub's edge allows user to adjust intensity. A soft headrest contributes to a comfortable bathing experience, and can be removed for easy cleaning.

In terms of design customisation, the tub's wooden side panels come in two different finishes, namely natural wood and light. Additionally, the integrated furniture module comes with a multi-purpose storage shelf.

For more information, visit [www.sg.roca.com](http://www.sg.roca.com).







# ROCA SPONSORS THE WTA FINALS SINGAPORE FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING

For the second year running, Roca was the official bathroom sponsor of the star-studded BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore, which is presented by SC Global. The BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore is the season-ending crown jewel of the WTA circuit, where the world's best female singles players and doubles teams competed for a US\$7 million purse.

Big names like Maria Sharapova, Simona Halep, Martina Hingis, and Sania Mirza form the impressive line up of the tennis festival, as players compete in the singles and doubles matches for the coveted Billy Jean King and Martina Navratilova Trophies. Sponsoring the WTA Finals is one way for Roca to maintain its link to its customers.

"Tennis is a sport which requires a strong commitment to excellence, and this is absolutely what we, at Roca, believe in and strive for in all areas of our business, from design to quality," says Mr Raimundo Garcia-Figueras, Senior Managing Director of Roca Asia.

"Roca is a global brand, highly regarded for bringing refined bathroom aesthetics to the modern home", says Ms Sarah Clements, Tournament Official and Vice President of Tennis (Asia) at the World Sport Group. She adds, "Roca is a wonderful addition to our stable of illustrious sponsors who appreciate being in the spotlight and associating with the world's best."



We have the pleasure of interviewing Josep Delicado, Managing Director of Roca Singapore and Malaysia, who gives us an insight into Roca's collaboration with the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore.

***This is the second year Roca became a sponsor for the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore, how would you describe your collaboration?***

The collaboration has been great. We've gotten positive feedback from our customers. This year, the tournament is much consolidated compared to the year before. We've also taken feedback from the clients last year, during our first sponsorship, and done some improvements.

***Similarities shared between the spirit of the sport and Roca's products/ design/ company philosophy/ core values?***

We invested in tennis, because the sport shares many similarities with our company values such as hard work, commitment, professionalism, and passion for perfection. In this sense, we found a perfect fit with tennis, and we saw the opportunity to engage with the WTA finals in Singapore.

***What are the distinctive features that can be found in Roca's products?***

One of Roca's key characteristics is a contemporary European-styled design. Innovation is another key feature. We've recently launched amazing products in the market, like the In-tank system in Singapore. The first WC toilet with a concealed system, water is kept inside the bowl, and there is no need to keep the system concealed in the wall. This makes In-tank easy to maintain, a space saver, and fuss-free to install.

Another feature is sustainability. Since the beginning, Roca has placed key emphasis on how to use water efficiently in the bathroom. We're constantly coming up with ideas on how to reduce water usage in our devices.

***What is most important to Roca? Design and function, client satisfaction, or the user?***

Everything is important, and it all starts from concept design. Users are constantly looking for products with an aesthetically pleasing design and a user-friendly approach. Like I mentioned before, sustainability also plays an important role, and we are always looking to integrate with other features in the bathroom.

***I understand the Armani/ Roca collection is currently on display. Can you tell us more about this collection?***

The collection was previously launched in many markets. We choose to display the Armani/ Roca collection because it fits the needs of Singaporean customers, who appreciate the quality, exclusivity, style, and ingenious engineering of one of Roca's top ranges.

***Roca has been known to work with internationally renowned design partners, how important is it for the company to work with top designers?***

Roca is nearly a century old, and we've been working with designers all this time. As a bathroom specialist, we bring in collaborators, who bring in fresh ideas and introduce angles we haven't considered, thus helping us enrich our products.



***What do you think the next generation of bathrooms would look like?***

We have two different design teams in Barcelona, the normal design team and a specialist team that works on Roca's launches for the next two years. We call this the Innovation Lab. Comprised of a group of multicultural individuals; the Innovation Lab envisions what the bathroom of the future will be like 20 years from now.

Every quarter, the Innovation Lab presents projects to Roca's board of directors. Out of ten projects, one is approved. One example is the In-tank systemless toilet, which was planned 5 years before. Another product is Roca's W+W, which is an integration of the washbasin and toilet, and it is innovatively made with a single piece of ceramic. Water used for washing hands or brushing teeth is normally disposed, but in the W+W, water is stored in a special tank and re-used, helping users save 60 per cent of water usage.

***Does Roca consider the requirements of both its European, American and Asian end user in the design of its products?***

We consider both requirements. Users from all over the world appreciate good design, but the tastes and perceptions of individuals from different regions vary. For example, when we came to China, we found that the users prefer larger bathrooms because they translate bigger to being better.

It's all a matter of perception. Roca maintains the base of the design, but we customise our products for different regions. In Singapore for instance, users appreciate a more compact bathroom, so we customise accordingly so we're able to be close to the market. Everything comes back to product development. Products must be compatible to local standards, and we tackle these issues back in concept design.

***Will Roca continue to be part of future sporting/ events?***

Feedback for the WTA finals has been positive and we are considering sponsoring the next WTA edition. Roca also sponsors other sporting events like golf tournaments, sailing, and racing.

***What is in the horizons for Roca in terms of new products and market growth?***

We are currently working on a new range, which we will introduce in 2017. Additionally, we will launch more luxury ranges in the future, as well as mid-range products which will cater to the market needs in Asia, as we see a high potential growth in this region.





## Roca Presents the Exclusive Armani/ Roca Line at the WTA Finals Singapore

Roca showcased a comprehensive range of elegant bathroom accessories and fixtures befitting an exuberant lifestyle, for the star-studded BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global, from 23 October to 1 November.

Exceptional materials and finishes outfitted with technologically advanced solutions are two of the key aspects that characterise the Armani / Roca collection, which is the product of a collaboration between Italian fashion powerhouse Giorgio Armani and Roca.

The Armani / Roca collection successfully amalgamates the practical use of advanced technological solutions with fine materials and exclusive finishes, to give great aesthetic pleasure quintessential to Armani's unmistakable style for the prestige home and its luxury bathroom. The coveted collection was arranged into four showcase areas.

### *Beauty Area*

From contemporary porcelain washbasins featuring the Water-Flow effect to automatic water outlet with Hide-Flow technology, and matching faucets with Smart-Flow technology, every element in the Beauty Area has been thoughtfully designed to harmonise with each other, including new accessories such as soap dish and dispenser, toothbrush and tissue box holder.

### *Wellness Bath Area*

Designed for users to rest and relax, the Wellness Bath Area features the largest of built-in bathtubs, fitted with soft headrest and Hide-Flow system, as well as the option to bath with champagne bubbles or enjoy the Water Chromo (aquatic chromotherapy). Other and optional accessories and fixtures include wall towel rail, profile shelf, hooks and containers.

### *Wellness Shower Area*

The Wellness Shower Area transforms showering into a sensual experience with gentle rainfall by means of a shower head on the ceiling. Alternatively, submerge under a waterfall thanks to a cascade spout on the wall. The versatile thermostatic shower mixer also controls a handheld telephone shower with two adjustable jets for localised massages, complete with the Easy-Clean system. Other accessories and fixtures include built-in cabinets with customisable fittings.

The Basic Needs Area is suspended from the wall by the Hide-Fix system, keeping all fixtures hidden. The WC incorporates a touch sensitive Touch-Flush technology, while the bidet is fitted with water and energy saving Smart-Flow technology. Both come with Soft-Close covers for optimum hygiene. Other accessories and fixtures include the Toilet-Jet, an extendable hand held mini shower, covered toilet roll holder and built-in cabinets with courtesy lighting.

### **About Roca**

Roca is the world leader in the definition of bathroom space and is a benchmark reference in the world of design, technology, and sustainable development. Currently, they are active in more than 135 markets and have 77 plants spread across 17 countries. As a top player in the industry its core values are closely aligned with that of the WTA.

For more information, visit [www.armaniroca.com](http://www.armaniroca.com) and [www.roca.com](http://www.roca.com).







# IN-OUT

by **AGAPE**

The IN-OUT collection is a new marbled bathroom solution designed by Benedini Associati for Agape. The collection's defining piece is the bathtub. Innovatively designed, the tub's shape and dimensions support a user comfortably, whether they chose to sit upright or relax in a reclining position. In-Out is also available in an exclusive Nero Marquina marble edition, and can be customised with different marble or stones upon request.

[www.agapedesign.it](http://www.agapedesign.it)





# STARCK SERIES

by **DURAVIT**

With his STARCK furniture series, Philippe Starck uses the contrast of light and dark to create something purely aesthetic. The vanity units finished with a glossy black surface can be combined with both Starck 1 vanity basins and wash bowls from the Starck 2 line. The black base celebrates the organic form of the new Starck 2 models and places the spotlight firmly on the flowing silhouette. A distinctive feature of the Starck pieces of furniture is an elegant aluminium edge with integrated lettering that complements the monochrome colour palette to perfection.

[www.duravit.com](http://www.duravit.com)





# NEST

by **PARK AVENUE**

A fairy-tale atmosphere inspired the creation of the NEST bathroom suite. The dimensions of the washbasin, tub, and consoles are tailor-made for children. The shapes, details, and decorations the collection aims to transform the bathroom into a space for playing and creativity. Each element can be customised to meet the tastes and needs of different children.

[www.parkavenue.it](http://www.parkavenue.it)





# ESPERANTO

by **REXA DESIGN**

Designed by Monica Graffeo for Rexa Design, the ESPERANTO Collection injects the feeling of intimacy and warmth in any bathroom space, no matter the size. The contemporary but functional collection extends to bathtubs, countertops, washbasins and modular storage systems. Esperanto offers users practical, but elegant solutions for the bathroom.

[www.rexadesign.it](http://www.rexadesign.it)





# CI

by **TOTO**

The CI bathroom collection comprises of a washbasin with tap and vanity unit, a mirror cabinet and a stand-alone element. It features minimalist lines without any unnecessary parts. Nevertheless, it offers a range of user-friendly details and plenty of storage space. The washbasin is generously-sized. Meanwhile, the tap with eco-cap saves up to 25 per cent of water. The mirror cabinet is furnished with a socket inside, and the mirror is well illuminated by LEDs at its top and bottom. The rear side of the door of the high cabinet is mirrored. Additionally, the drawers offer a variety of storage options.

[www.toto.co.jp](http://www.toto.co.jp)





# CERAMIC

by **KON**

A special 3K glaze defines Kon's new contemporary CERAMIC sanitary ware collection. Imported from Japan, a special treatment process and high-pressure casting was implemented during the manufacturing stage. After 24-hours of continuous high temperature at 1260°C, the fired ceramic has a glazed, smooth, and high-gloss appearance with no pores. The result is an anti-crack and durable product, with a water absorption rate of less than 0.5 per cent. Easy to clean and maintain, the sanitary ware also comes with a toilet collection, whose defining feature is its height, making it suitable for all users. Ergonomic in design, Kon's new collection provides users an extreme level of comfort.

[www.kon.com.cn](http://www.kon.com.cn)





# ELEMENT

by **ROCA SINGAPORE**

The ELEMENT bathroom collection is perfect for users looking for a modern design with multiple customisation options. Backed by a robust design concept, the collection stands out for its careful material selection, delicate finishes, and geometric lines. Space is not an issue. Perfect for small bathrooms, Element is a complete range, which includes three washbasin sizes, water closet and bidet, as well as built-in and freestanding baths. Thanks to its flexible design, the collection perfectly complements different bathroom styles.

[www.sg.roca.com](http://www.sg.roca.com)





# LIVING SQUARE

by **ROCA SINGAPORE**

LIVING SQUARE is a comprehensive range that embodies elegant precision, aesthetics, and functionality. A notable piece of the collection is the wash washbasin, which is defined by its smooth generous surfaces and contours. Utilising Swiss precision, Laufen can customise the size of the washbasin and matching ceramic shelf with millimetre precision. This makes Living Square ideal for challenging layouts planned in hotels or private bathrooms. The collection can also be combined with Laufen's timeless Case furniture range.

[www.laufen.com](http://www.laufen.com)



## RAN

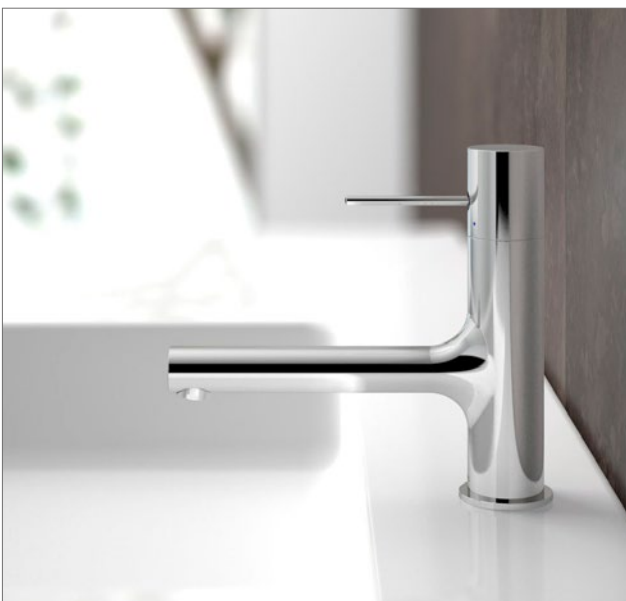
by **RUBINETTERIE TREEMME**  
[www.rubinetterie3m.it](http://www.rubinetterie3m.it)

Refined, simple and elegant, RAN is the result of a perfect equilibrium between design and functionality. Composed of a cylindrical body and a slim flat surface, Ran is available in a Chrome, Black or White finish. Characterised by a minimalist appearance, Ran is able to enhance any bathroom environment.

## LINEA

by **JAQUAR & COMPANY**  
[www.jaquar.com](http://www.jaquar.com)

The embodiment of minimalism, the LINEA basin mixer's striking characteristic is the graceful swinging motion of its spout, which also acts as the faucet's on-off mechanism. The faucet's multi-purpose spout pivots to an arc, enabling users to control temperature and water flow. Additionally, Linea's intuitive design ensures the water always falls near the centre of the washbasin, and away from the brim.



## JOY

by **JADO**  
[www.jado.com](http://www.jado.com)

JOY is defined by its organic shape and harmonic sculptural unity. The faucet's handle perfectly complements the rest of the fitting, while a patent lifting technology offers users intuitive handling without compromising functionality. Joy is also available in variants suitable for bathtubs, showers, and basins.



## NU

by **ALPI S.R.L.**  
[www.alpirubinetterie.com](http://www.alpirubinetterie.com)

The NU shower is part of Alpi's Nu complete sanitary ware collection, which includes showerheads, bathtubs, and sinks. Featuring a simple but refined cylindrical design, the Nu shower is a perfect addition to any bathroom space.

## LYRIC

by **AMERICAN STANDARD**  
[www.lixil.com](http://www.lixil.com)

The Bluetooth-enabled showerhead LYRIC innovatively combines an excellent sound system with a shower experience. Easy to handle, Lyric has over 50 nozzles and a three-function spray pattern, ensuring a pleasurable showering experience for users. The speaker can be easily removed for charging, and can be used indoors or outdoors up to ten metres away. The built-in rechargeable Lithium-ion battery provides seven hours of run time.



## RS 200

by **HSK DUSCHKABINENBAU KG**  
[www.hsk-duschkabinenbau.de](http://www.hsk-duschkabinenbau.de)

The RS 200 AquaSwitch thermostat makes switching between head and hand shower easy. The shower set consists of a 38-degree centigrade lock, an automatic stop for cold water, and HSK's SafeTouch construction, which prevents the fitting from heating up.



## PAIOVA 5

by **DURAVIT AG**  
[www.duravit.de](http://www.duravit.de)

The pentagon-shaped PAIOVA 5 bathtub impresses with its aesthetics and comfort. The tub's sloping backrest enable users to comfortably sit upright or relax in a reclining position. 580 mm in height, compared to the customary 600 mm, the tub's narrow rim also ensures safe gripping. The different side lengths of the tub allow individuals of different sizes and height to easily support themselves in the tub.

## EGG

by **REXA DESIGN**  
[www.rexadesign.it](http://www.rexadesign.it)



The oval bathtub EGG'S defining feature is its frontal open storages, which can double as a bookshelf. The tub's different heights on either side ensure ergonomic comfort for users either seated or semi-lying down.



## INSPIRE

by **AM.PM**  
[www.ampm-world.com](http://www.ampm-world.com)

The 160x100 cm INSPIRE bathtub is characterised by its organically flowing lines and geometric precision. Generous surface dimensions and clear lines, together with its controlled, three-dimensional nature, and outstanding ergonomic comfort make for a harmonious overall impression.



## XTENSA PURE

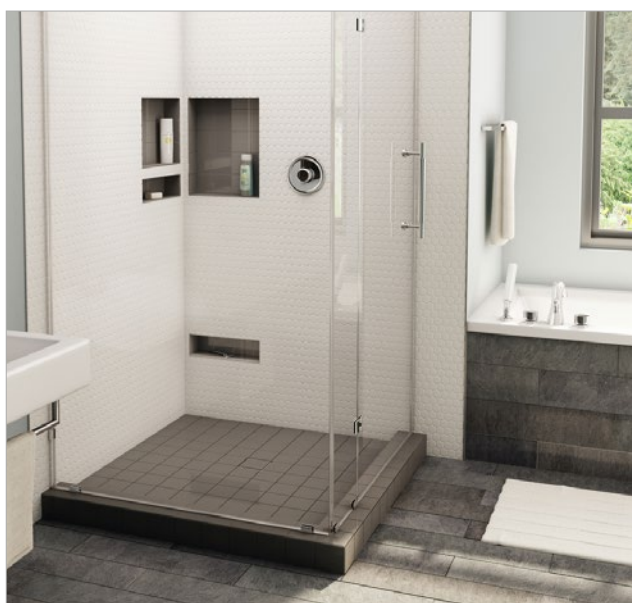
by **HÜPPE GMBH**  
[www.hueppe.com](http://www.hueppe.com)

HÜPPE XTENSA PURE combines the advantages of a comfortable entry and the protection of a sliding door system. A highly expedient, well thought-out design solution, the enclosure features a transparent glass sliding door and a floor-level and comfortable walk-in. A door handle mounted on the edge of the glass surface, ensures the door can be opened and closed from both inside and out. Additionally, the optional anti-plaque glass treatment allows for easy cleaning.

## LIGA

by **KERMI GMBH**  
[www.kermi.de](http://www.kermi.de)

LIGA is a well-devised solution for small bathrooms. The easy-to-clean enclosure is comprised of two 5 mm glass thick doors that can be folded inwardly to save space. The raising and lowering mechanism, which are integrated in all hinges, helps facilitate handling.



## WONDER DRAIN

by **TILE REDI**  
[www.tileredi.com](http://www.tileredi.com)

The innovative WONDER DRAIN is a one-piece tile-able shower pan equipped with hidden drains and square tile-able drain grates. The shower pan includes an integrated drain, pitch, curb, and splash walls. Easy to install, the drain is also leak-proof.



## CAPE COD

by **DURAVIT AG**  
[www.duravit.de](http://www.duravit.de)

Iconic and softly curved forms are the defining features of the CAPE COD range by Philippe Starck. The exclusive basins are produced from Duravit's exclusive ceramic material DuraCeram, together with an elegant finish. The impact-resistant and easy-to-maintain material makes it possible to create countertop basins with a rim thickness only measuring 5 mm. For individual bathroom designs, the washbowls are available in three different shapes, namely Round, Square, and Tri-oval.

## NATURE

by **AMA DESIGN BY MATERFUT S.A.**  
[www.amadesign.pt](http://www.amadesign.pt)



The washbasin NATURE has an innovative column shape. The washbasin combines two materials. Its unobtrusive drain is made of Corian, which has antibacterial properties and is easy-to-clean. Meanwhile, the natural cork material of the column is humidity-resistant and air-impermeable. The whole column is lightweight, but allows for good thermal and acoustic insulation. Additionally, it can be installed in one piece.



## NEOREST BASIN

by **Toto**  
[www.toto.co.jp](http://www.toto.co.jp)

The NEOREST washbasin impresses with its clear lines and elegant surface finish. The basin's design is characterised by its parallel front and back edges, as well as its curved bowl interior. The basin has a distinctively flat appearance, making it an elegant and stylish edition to any bathroom.



## TONIC II

by **IDEAL STANDARD**  
[www.idealstandard.com](http://www.idealstandard.com)

The TONIC II wall-hung toilet features a contemporary, yet timeless appearance. Ideal Standard's patented AquaBlade technology provides optimum water flow. Thanks to its smooth and gently curved design, the toilet is hygienic and easy to clean. As the water jet flows along the bowl, rinsing is carried out quietly and splashing is reduced.

## SOTT'AQUA

by **ISVEA EURASIA**  
[www.isveabagno.it](http://www.isveabagno.it)

Taking water savings seriously, the SOTT'AQUA wall-hung toilet has only a water flow of 1.5 or 2.7 litres, and a high-performance flush. Design-wise, a slim toilet lid balances the protruding shape of the toilet bowl. Additionally, a concealed fixing system enhances the well-proportioned appearance and enables easy installation.



## NEOREST XH WITH ACTILIGHT

by **TOTO**  
[asia.toto.com](http://asia.toto.com)

Launched in 1993, the NEOREST series is an integrated washlet with wand and control panel. Along with Toto's latest Actilight technology, the toilet seat is additionally equipped with eWater+, a clean technology that systematically sanitizes the toilet bowl and bidet nozzle. The toilet also features a warm water spray with adjustable functions, a heated seat, a sensor-activated lid that opens and closes by itself, an automatic flush, deodorizer, and an adjustable dryer.



## PUREO DERMA PEEL

by **BEURER GMBH**  
[www.beurer.com](http://www.beurer.com)

The Pureo Derma Peel FC 100 makes microdermabrasion possible at home. The round flat case opens with the press of an illuminated button. In addition, the generous arrangement of the internal components enhances the device's exterior appearance. Three sapphire-coated top parts are available. An integrated mirror, a lamp for speed indication, and replacement filters complete the set.

## BORK N701

by **BORK-IMPORT LLC**  
[www.bork.com](http://www.bork.com)

The BORK N701 weighing scale is characterised by an elegant and sleek square design. The surface is made of black anodised aluminum, ensuring durability and a smooth texture. A discreet bar is located on the upper edge of the scale, and is complemented by a stylish blue LED display.



## TYPE 70

by **GEBERIT**  
[www.geberit.com](http://www.geberit.com)

The Geberit remote flush actuation TYPE 70 features no buttons and meets high standards of aesthetics and cleanliness. The flush plate can be placed freely, allowing for maximum design flexibility. At 50x112 mm, the plate is extremely small and saves space. The surface allows for thorough cleaning, as there are no gaps or movable parts where dirt and bacteria could accumulate.



# KITCHEN SPACES



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An organic and flexible space open to transformation, or equipped to seamlessly meld with the living or dining room—the concept of the open kitchen has evolved over the years. What defines a living kitchen? Flushed doors, creative storage systems, and integrated appliances are some of the solutions kitchen manufacturers have come up with, but innovation has no limits. Spaciousness is something users value, especially in small living places. The trick is finding products that take budget constraints into consideration, while not compromising aesthetics and functionality.

We've selected six award-winning designs that meet these three requirements.

## MultiMatic Aluminum

The MultiMatic Aluminum interior accessories system by SieMatic Möbelwerke GmbH & Co. KG is made up of a series of aluminum trays and frames hung inside the doors of kitchen cabinets. The system can be extended with the help of wooden inserts. Additional elements like rolls, towel or shelf holders to hold small items like glasses and bottles can be added. MultiMatic impresses with its linear elements and organisational system. At the same time, it also offers scope for individual designs.



## IKBP 3550

The IKBP 3550 fridge by Liebherr-Hausgeräte GmbH combines well-considered equipment details, high-quality design, and a harmonious lighting concept. During its initial design stage, special attention was given to energy efficiency and convenient user operation. When the fridge door is opened, the LED columns integrated in the sidewalls provide sufficient lightning. The fridge's compartments are fully extendable and fitted with self-retraction, and a soft-stop closing mechanism. Additionally, the IKBP's stainless steel shelves and inserts, and GlassLine interior door, highlight its elegant appearance.



## Aventos HK-SK

The compact and versatile Aventos HK-XS fitting by Julius Blum GmbH can be combined with various materials, and cabinet doors of varying thicknesses. Due to its slim-line construction, the flap lift system offers a great margin for design options. Additionally, its sophisticated functionality provides easy operation.



## New Wave Sink

The New Wave stainless steel sink by Foster S.p.A. is characterised by its curved side edges—which forms a slight wave, distinctive draining board, and diamond-ground bottom. The draining board's gently rounded form allows the water to drain off easily, while its quadratic and generous bottom makes the surface easy to clean. A continuous overflow edge and a large tap area offer extra space for accessories.

## Worktop Extender

The Worktop Extender system by Nobia AB is a clever and practical design solution for small kitchens with limited worktop space. Offering one metre of additional worktop space without losing any storage space, the floor cupboard can be pulled out, revealing a secondary worktop. An additional space for legroom makes it possible to sit down to work or eat.



## Zeyko Flybridge

Cabinet sections that seemingly float in air define the Zeyko system by Zeyko Möbelwerk GmbH & Co.-KG. The handleless version of the Zeyko system is equipped with Metal-X<sup>2</sup> fronts and a solid stainless steel worktop—creating the impression of a closed metal kitchen block. On the other hand, the cantilever and the bottom illumination of the system give users the effect of floating lightness. The contrasting design of the kitchen island is completed by walnut elements that connect the overhead cabinets, counter, and block.





# SPEED

by **NOBILIA**

Nobilia's SPEED line is characterised by multifaceted, individualised, and contemporary designs. The sophisticated collection is available in five different fronts and three melamine finishes including Berry, White, Ivory, Warm Stone, and Platinum Ash. Speed's versatility and spectrum of design possibilities make it ideal for customisation.

[www.nobilia.de](http://www.nobilia.de)





# NEOS

by **RATIONAL**

The NEOS collection by Rational combines distinctive design with first-class workmanship. Embodying a high aesthetic appeal, the kitchen also makes use of resource-efficient materials such as wood, glass, stainless steel and ceramics. Durable and functional, the collection's strength lies in its synthesis of modern kitchen architecture, comfort, and emotional appeal.

[www.rational.de](http://www.rational.de)





# SFORZA PALACE

by **OFFICINE GULLO**

SFORZA PALACE is complete kitchen collection characterised by its solid stainless steel pieces. Defined by a distinct pearl finish and complemented by chromed brass elements, the collection comes with a number of cooking appliances. These include a cooking unit, double oven, six power burners and a ceramic hob. The dome-shaped metal hood also comes with a professional air exhaust. Meanwhile, the washing area is equipped with a sliding plate rack, sink and dishwasher. Storage compartments complete the collection.

[www.officinegullo.com](http://www.officinegullo.com)





# VARIO 400

by **GAGGENAU**

Selected materials, unusual capabilities and an undeniable aesthetic appeal make the VARIO cook top stand out. Vario unites cutting-edge and professional-standard technology for the private kitchen with sculptural design. Thanks to its 3mm thick precise stainless steel, Vario can be surface mounted with visible edges, or flush-mounted.

[www.gaggenau.com](http://www.gaggenau.com)





# L1

by **TEAM 7**

Designed by Sebastian Desch, the L1 kitchen range from Team 7 features clean lines, and is available in different types of wooden finishes. The customisable kitchen can be combined with elements from Team 7's other lines, such as the Linee collection. L1's body is made entirely of eco-friendly materials, while well thought out details like cutlery trays and wooden drawers make the kitchen stand out. Other handy accessories can be added, such as wine racks, wall shelves, and additional lighting. Wall units come with either lift-up or side hinged doors.

[www.team7.at](http://www.team7.at)



## LC45SK953W

marketed by **BSH HOME APPLIANCES**  
[www.bsh-group.com](http://www.bsh-group.com)

The LC45SK953W extractor hood is defined by its top cover, which includes its front glass panel, and its stainless steel bottom. The clear contrast between the two components lends the chimney hood a slim and modern appearance. An intuitive touch-control guarantees user friendliness, while LED modules illuminate the energy efficient and easy to clean cook top.

## GORENJE+ HOOD

marketed by **GORENJE**  
[www.gorenjedesignstudio.com](http://www.gorenjedesignstudio.com)

The elegant and functional GORENJE+ hood's slide and touch operation panel and sensors make the operation of the hood convenient and user friendly. Additionally, the Gorenje+ hood reduces energy consumption and noise emission.



## CAST

marketed by **ARÇELİK A.S.**  
[www.arcelik.com.tr](http://www.arcelik.com.tr)

The CAST built-in oven is characterised by its slim front and elegant handle. A coloured touch display provides easy operation of the appliance without disturbing the minimalist appearance of the oven. Additionally, the glass door has a nano-coating, which prevents unwanted grease deposits.



## CONVOTHERM 4

marketed by **CONVOTHERM**  
[www.convotherm.com](http://www.convotherm.com)

The award-winning CONVOTHERM 4 combi steamer fuses form and function, with intuitive handling and serviceability. The flexible and versatile appliance is available in seven unit sizes and six different basic models.

## SANTINA ISOLA

marketed by **ORANIER**  
[www.oranier.com](http://www.oranier.com)

The innovative SANTINA ISOLA island hood is suspended on filigree steel cables, giving it an appearance of lightness. An eye-catching appliance in the kitchen that is available in either black or white variants, the hood also comes with three LEDs to provide sufficient illumination. Santina Isola's motor and lighting can be remotely controlled.



## KD 8950.0J

marketed by **KÜPPERSBUSCH**  
[www.kueppersbusch-hausgeraete.de](http://www.kueppersbusch-hausgeraete.de)

High quality glass elements characterise the KD 8950.0J hood. The hood comes with an innovative rim suction component, while six different power settings provide efficient ventilation of up to 700 m<sup>3</sup>/h. Additionally, energy-saving LED elements ensure optimal illumination of the cooking area. The hood comes in five different design elements, and several colour options.



## SPIRIT

marketed by **AM.PM**  
[www.ampm-germany.com](http://www.ampm-germany.com)

The taps in the SPIRIT collection impresses with its convenience, precise operation, and distinctive purist design. Characterised by its organic softness and geometric precision, the single-level mixer boasts a compact and clear form. Spirit comes with integrated water and energy saving functions.

## FERN

marketed by **DAMIXA**  
[www.damixa.com](http://www.damixa.com)

FERN is a flexible kitchen tap which reduces water consumption by 40 to 50 per cent. When set to the 'save' option, water consumption is reduced from 12 litres to 6 litres, which is sufficient for washing. An aerator mixes air into the issuing water, so that the difference between the two settings is hardly perceptible. The outlet can be located in front, behind, or at the side of the tap.



## QUICKSOURCE

marketed by **ELECTROLUX**  
[www.electrolux.com](http://www.electrolux.com)

The QUICKSOURCE single-lever mixer provides boiling water straight from the faucet. To ensure safety, the setting for normal operation is located on one side of the tap, while the handle for the boiling water function is located on the other side, and requires a two-stage activation. Since the tap is fitted with changeable design rings, it can be made to match individual kitchen styles.



## CRYSTAL

marketed by **FRANKE KITCHEN SYSTEMS**  
[www.franke.com](http://www.franke.com)

The CRYSTAL sink impresses with its clear and minimalist form, and its distinctive coloured glass inserts. Two insert panels, each measuring 6 mm thick and made of shatterproof glass, cover the drain outlet and overflow. They give the bowl a clear geometry and can be removed for cleaning. The generously dimensioned basin with stringent zero radii and gently declined drip well, is encased in a flat stainless steel frame.

## JARON XL 6 S-IF

marketed by **BLANCO**  
[www.blanco-germany.com](http://www.blanco-germany.com)

The JARON sink by Blanco is defined by its minimalist look and symmetrically sized basin and drainer, and centrally placed mixer tap ledge. The sink's slim frame and contoured corners matches the balanced geometry of the basin. Thanks to Jaron's clear design form and high-quality materials, the sink merges seamlessly into modern kitchens.



## SIRO 90

marketed by **SYSTEMCERAM**  
[www.systemceram.de](http://www.systemceram.de)

The SIRO 90 ceramic sink is characterised by sloping surfaces and its consistent form. The tilt of the large and smooth draining surface defines the appearance of the sink. Additionally, the front and rear rims also slope gently to the basin and draining surface, lending Siro a unique look. The tap hole bank is sloped and holds four possible bores, allowing for easy and flexible installation.



## XT6

marketed by **MELITTA**  
[www.melitta-professional.de](http://www.melitta-professional.de)

The MELITTA CAFINA XT6 fully automatic coffee machine was specially created for the food service sector. The combination of high-quality components such as freshly ground coffee and fresh milk enables the machine to produce quality coffee specialities on par with creations made by professional baristas. Everyday usage has been greatly simplified thanks to the machine's innovative TFT-touch screen panel.

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The K206 kettle by Buydeem is characterised by a minimalist and contemporary design. The functional kettle's crystal-tipped cover lends the K206 an elegant feel and look, along with its chrome handle and colourful rounded body.

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#### **Show Attendance Exceeds 101,000**

The 2015 edition of Cersaie, the international exhibition of Ceramic Tile and Bathroom Furnishings, took place from 28 September to 2 October. The show saw an impressive number of more than 101,000 visitors. Catering to professionals in the fields of architecture, interior design, installation, as well as end consumers, the show was complemented by a number of events and special exhibitions.

Representation from an international scope has always been one of the key characteristics of Cersaie. This year, the show experienced a stronger surge in exhibitors from other sectors, notably the woodworking related industry. There were a total of 872 exhibitors at the 2015 show, including 319 foreign companies from 39 different countries.

Experiencing a 0.8 per cent increase in attendance compared to last year, 48,231 accounts for international visitors—1,632 more than last year, and 54,578 accounts for Italian visitors. In addition, the media was well represented, with 694 participating journalists, of which



257 were from outside Italy. For the first time, the International Press Conference was held in the Ducal Palace in Sassuolo, and might account for the increase of Italian media.

These figures confirm Cersaie's status as a key venue for developing global businesses in the ceramic floor and wall tile and bathroom furnishing sectors. The numbers also highlight the show's important function as an engine for international trade. Visitors from 150 countries participated and visited stands and Cersaie business programmes organised by the Italian Trade Commission ICE and the Emilia Romagna regional government.

#### **Awards and Programmes**

Cersaie is a vital appointment for architects, interior designers, tile fixers, and the general public. This year, Glenn Murcutt became the seventh consecutive Pritzker prizewinner to deliver Cersaie's keynote lecture.

The installation 'Day Off' by Diego Grandi in Hall 29 and the exhibition 'Cer Stile' curated by Angelo Dall'Aglio and Daniele Vercelli also attracted keen interest. All the other conferences in the 'Building Dwelling and Thinking' cultural programmes also boasted strong attendance, as well as initiatives organised by professional associations that qualified applicants for training credits.

Additional popular programmes were the various works-in-progress and meetings held at Tiling Town, the location for training young tile setters and presentation of installation techniques. The 'Cersaie designs your home' programme attracted strong participation by homeowners and received a celebrity visit from Italian TV host Paola Marella.

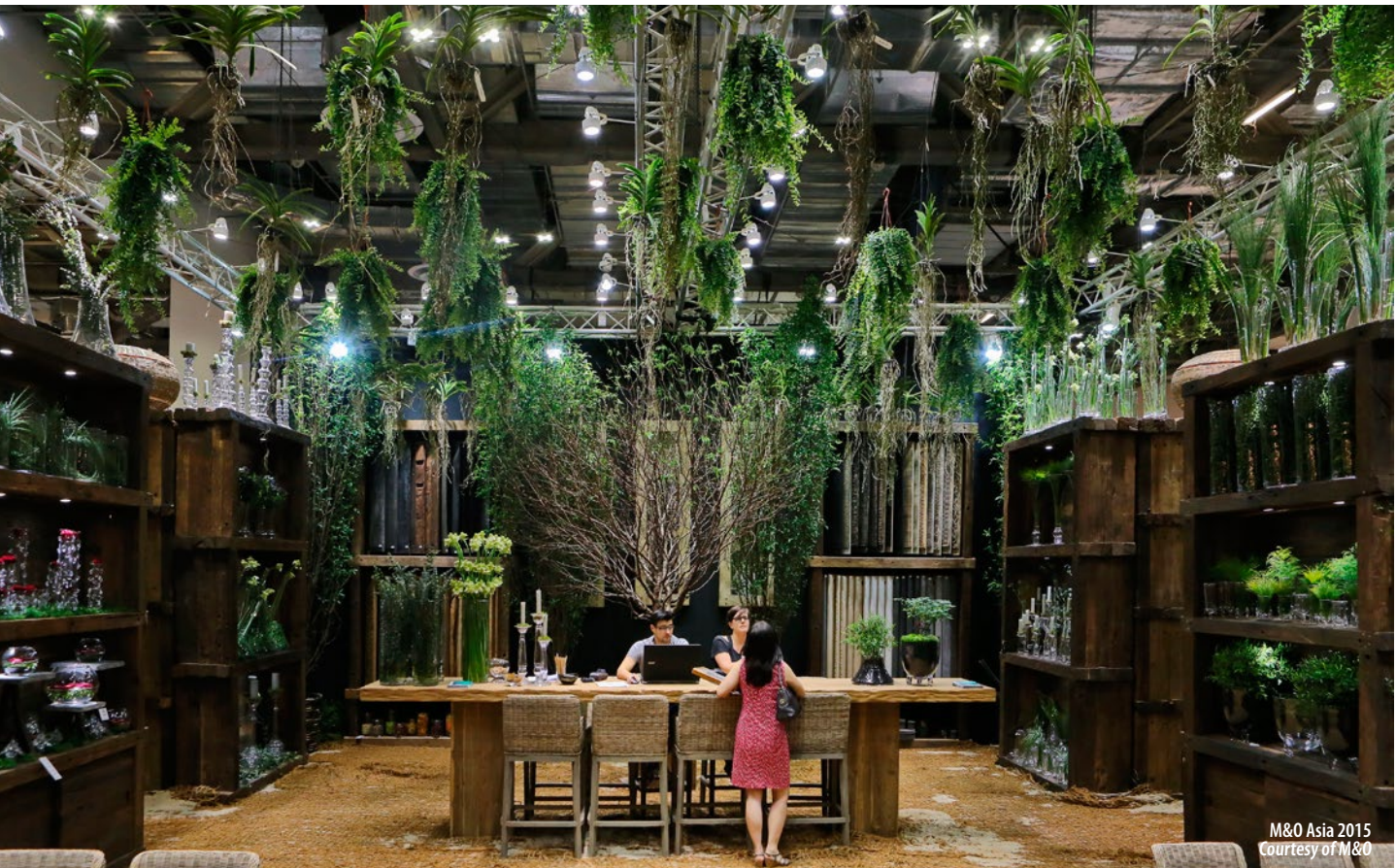
Bologna Design Week made a very positive debut, attracting a steady flow of visitors to the cultural events held in the evenings in prestigious locations in the city.

For more information, visit [www.cersaie.it](http://www.cersaie.it).



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Maison & Objet Asia (M&O Asia) continues to be a trendsetting salon in Asia-Pacific with its return in 2016 to Singapore. Taking place from 8 to 11 March 2016 at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, M&O Asia not only reflects the industry trends of the region, but it also portrays a unique identity that sets it apart from its sister salons in Paris and Miami Beach. As it enters its third year, M&O Asia will place itself as a hub in Asia-Pacific where property developers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, interior designers, and architects can network and gain deeper insight into the latest trends and market development in the design industry.

#### Redefining M&O ASIA

With its first two editions, M&O Asia has seen a trend in its visitor profile that reflects Asia's rapidly growing property development, real estate, and hospitality industries. Fifty percent of the visitors to the 2015 salon were from these sectors, resulting in a visitor profile that is markedly different from that of M&O Paris.

With this in mind, the 2016 salon will see a greater focus on providing a more targeted showcase for property developers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, interior designers, and architects. M&O ASIA has formed a partnership with MIPIM Asia, a leading summit for property leaders in Asia-Pacific, to further connect with the real estate markets.

**Concepts**

In response to the fast-moving hospitality industries of Asia- Pacific, the mission of M&O Asia 2016 is not only to introduce exquisite interior design brands but also to provide inspiration and concepts for projects like luxury or boutique hotels, haute cuisine and spa experience. These concepts will illustrate how different techniques, materials, accessories and finished products can converge together to create enchanting, yet functional interiors to meet the ever-changing requirements of high-end hoteliers and restaurateurs.

Among some of the available concepts that visitors can explore are the two cafés within the salon designed by *Eichholtz* from the Netherlands and *Sempre* from Belgium. Taking their highly successful experience in the September edition of M&O PARIS 2015, both *Eichholtz* and *Sempre* will present thematic environments which reflect their design philosophy and unique craftsmanship.

“The Sempre Café will act as an experience room, where we offer different ways to ‘breathe’ the Sempre philosophy. All your senses will be excited and many new emotions will be awakened. You will forget that you’re at a fair and you will feel like coming home in the Sempre-house where in each corner, you will find something new



Sempre Cafe Concept in M&O Paris  
Courtesy of Sempre



Eichholtz Cafe Concept in Berlin  
Courtesy of Eichholtz

and unknown in a cozy and comfortable atmosphere. It will be the perfect spot to get inspired for future projects," explains Gust Sempre, Creative Director of Sempre.

In addition, Singapore's successful homegrown brand *Supermama* will present a thematic retail-cum-exhibition project 'Blueprint for a Boutique Hotel Shop' at M&O Asia 2016. The space draws on research conducted by *Supermama* on the various elements of a boutique hotel room as well as the material aspect of a hotel, such as its vision and cultural significance of its locality. The results of the research will be translated into a publication and an exhibition that offers a practical breakdown of the exhibited objects, including the brand, manufacturer, material, and purchasing information.

"The accompanying retail section will see a curated display of contemporary gift items and souvenirs, with Singapore providing the context for the curation. The entire project aims to offer hoteliers a method of creating boutique hotel gift shops," says Regina Chan, M&O's Director of Asia Pacific. "Investors are not just looking for beautiful products, but, more importantly, original ideas, curated content and an authentic experience. This is why M&O Asia is investing the time and resources to create

different kinds of design concepts with our exhibitors."

Visitors can also expect to meet a number of new players at M&O Asia 2016. The *Rug Maker* (Singapore) will launch a new rug collection designed by Singapore's multidisciplinary design collective *outofstock*. A new creative brand, *ipse ipsa ipsum* (Singapore), which offers high quality and sophisticated design solution for hospitality projects, will also make its debut. M&O Asia will continue to be a relevant platform to connect designers, brands and clients.

"The South Beach was delighted to discover a number of brands and artists which fit perfectly with the Hotel of Design's H.I.P. (Highly Individualised People & Places) ethos. It is wonderful to have M&O Asia right at our doorstep," comments Jan Buttgen, General Manager of The South Beach.

The salon will announce the 2016 winners of Designer of the Year and Rising Talents Awards as well as a preview of the Interior Design and Lifestyle Summit in December 2015.

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