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PRODUCTSPHERE Good Form

A sense of sophistication prevails even among the most tech-forward kitchen and bath products at KBIS this year.

By Lila Allen and Vicky Su



"My heritage is rooted in arts, humanities, and beauty. I strive to extend it to others through each piece we create," says Dutch designer Marcel Wanders, reflecting on his New Classic collection for Swiss bathroom manufacturer LAUFEN. The line, which comprises sinks, toilets, a bidet, and a bathtub, as well as bathroom furniture and accessories, is distinguished by its fine architectural lines and subtle curvature—features inspired by the rational forms heralded during the neoclassical era. "In a way, it is a

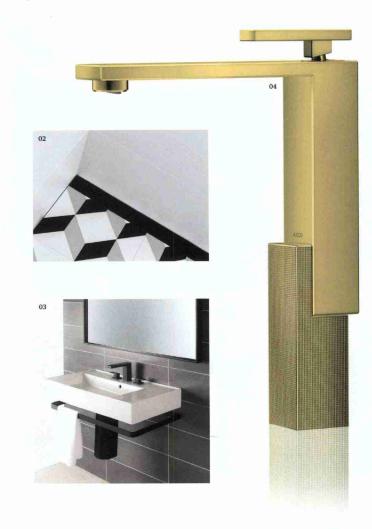
reinterpretation of classic styles in a contemporary guise," Wanders tells *Metropolis*.

The collection embodies much of what designers bring to KBIS this year: products that have all the functionality made possible by innovations in materials (LAUFEN's collection pulls off those handsome curves through SaphirKeramik), but with a particular sensitivity to formal refinement. In today's kitchens and bathrooms we expect efficiency, but without sacrificing an elevated aesthetic.

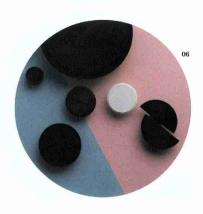




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01 THE NEW CLASSIC
This collection highlights the possibilities
of SaphirKeramik—a lightweight, durable,
and recyclable ceramic that requires few
raw materials during production.
LAUFEN laufen.com

02 LINEAR DRAIN
These drains, now available in a matte
black finish, can be useful in barrier-free
bathrooms for residents who plan to age
in place or in hotels where every usable
square foot counts.
INFINITY DRAIN infinitydrain.com

03 AQUAOTTO TOWEL BAR
This 32-inch wall-mounted towel bar
complements Lacava's Aquaotto range of
porcelain sinks. It is available in brushed
or polished steel, and in matte black and
brushed brass finishes.
LACAVA lacava.com

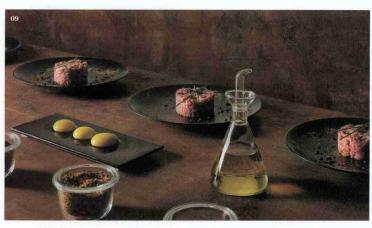
04 EDGE Every object in this collection of faucets and shower fixtures designed by Jean-Marie Massaud is precisely sculpted using a diamond-tipped outting machine. AXOR axor-design.com 05 COSTREL WALL-MOUNTED VANITY
The vanity is the centerpiece of the
bathroom. This line from Jeffrey Alexander
offers various finishes, so designers
can create the focal point they need.
HARDWARE RESOURCES

06 NIKI KNOBS
A simple geometric doorware solution for modern spaces, Niki has fully concealed fixing and is mounted on a round rose.
DESIGNER DOORWARE designerdoorware.com.au

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07 STEAMPUNK BAY
In an era when machines ran on steam,
gauges were essential equipment. Now
they are a way to conceal modern
technologies like ceramic disk cartridges
and thermostatic valves.
CALIFORNIA FAUCETS califaucets.com

08 200 SERIES
The 24-inch-wide oven, combi-steam oven, combi-microwave oven, coffee machine, and warming drawer in this series can be combined in any configuration on a wall or under a counter.
GAGCENAU gaggenau.com

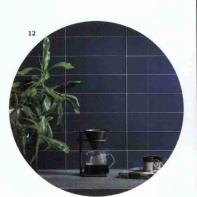
09 LEVEL CORTEN SLAB
Corten, which mimics the popular oxidized
metal, is a new option among Level's
large-format porcelain slabs. Being
impervious and heat-resistant, it is ideal
for kitchen applications.
EMILGROUP emilgroup.it

10 DISHWASHER WITH CRYSTALDRY Bosch's 800 and Benchmark series of dishwashers now have a patented technology that gently circulates hot air during the drying cycle, so dishes come out perfectly dry—even plasticware. BOSCH bosch-home.com/us

11 GLASS RINSER
Another example of professional-grade
hospitality fixtures coming to home
kitchens, this glass rinser uses water jets
to clean out anything from baby bottles
to wineglasses.
DELTA deltafaucet.com

JRTESY THE MANUFACTUR

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12 GLASS ESSENTIALS
These easy-to-maintain tiles are suitable
for many applications around the home.
Pictured here are 3.5" x 12" rectangular
tiles in midnight with a glossy finish.
ISLAND STONE islandstone.com

13 48" DUAL FUEL PROFESSIONAL RANGE Fitted out with five dual-flow burners and a touch screen for cooking guidance, this 48" range brings master-chef functionality home. FISHER & PAYKEL fisherpaykel.com 14 BUILD YOUR TRUE
True Residential's customization program
allows designers to mix and match a
variety of finishes for their appliances,
including the dramatic matte black
option pictured here.
TRUE RESIDENTIAL true-residential.com

15 LADYLUX L2
This GROHE favorite has been updated with an elegant tapered base and a host of features including blade, stream, and shower spray options.
GROHE grohe.us

16 BUILT-IN FULLY AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINE With settings for personalized beverages and a coffee sensor that adapts grinding time to each one, this appliance should satisfy even the most discerning coffee connoisseurs. THERMADOR thermador.com