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# DPHA Product of the Year Guide





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KBDN has helped shape, define and educate the kitchen and bath industry, while helping raise the professionalism and profitability of its 45,000+ monthly readers through both its print publication and seminar programs, which deliver live education to kitchen/bath professionals in key U.S. markets.

Sefrin partnered with DPHA to create the DPH Perspectives column more than a decade ago, a column that is still published exclusively in *Kitchen & Bath Design News*. Sefrin has also served as a speaker at NKBA chapter meetings, as well as at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS). He was inducted into the National Kitchen & Bath Association's Hall of Fame in 2008 and in 2012 became the only member of the media ever to be afforded honorary membership in the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA) in recognition of his service to the industry.



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### **2step Sink** **Alape**

Everything about 2step, from its material to the design, is unique. 2step is a contemporary basin made from glassed steel. This material enables Alape to create basins that are extremely durable and allows for the 2step's sharp angles, thin edges and precise geometrical shapes. The basin itself includes a raised faucet area, perfect for toiletries that can get wet and saving room on the countertop. This functionality also contributes to its very modern, unique shape. It is also available in a protruding installation. In this case, the rim of the basin "peeks" over the countertop.

Precisely defined contours and angles underscore the minimalist design of the 2step sink, including the narrow basin edge, which is 3 mm thick, and the unique design of the raised faucet area. The basin's depth is split into two different levels, with the main bowl separated from the faucet area. This can be used as a functional shelf for accessories that get wet during use, while the surrounding counter top and furniture remain dry.



### **Evanescence 5936 in UltraVelour Finish** **BainUltra**

Evanescence 5936 freestanding tub with an UltraVelour finish is one of the smallest therapeutic bathtubs on the market. In addition, BainUltra has come up with a process to create a matte finish that is nonporous, easy to clean and maintain, and is still made out of the highest quality acrylic. Evanescence 5936 is BainUltra's version of a sleek slipper tub. It is 59"x36"x28" and 24 1/2" at its lowest height.

Offered with the new and unique matte finish (UltraVelour) that gives the bath a richer look, it is smooth to the touch and brings a feeling of warmth for enhanced comfort.



### **IKON Apron Front Sink** **BLANCO**

The revolutionary IKON apron front single-bowl sink breaks ground with its ability to offer a highly sought-after aesthetic with the unmatched quality, color selection and resilience of SILGRANIT.



## Product of the Year • **Fixture Nominees** *continued*

### **Waldorf Back-to-Wall Tub** **Crosswater USA**

The Waldorf Tub is a classic design with European styling that brings a modern flair to a classic style. This combination of old and new, aristocratic legacy and cutting-edge design, will make any new or remodeled bathroom instantly recognizable and make a significant fashion statement with a strong wow factor.

Meeting the modern century tub requirements with a turn of the century style was not an easy task, but the Waldorf tub delivers on its promise. Crosswater designers created a classic tub that is practical for use in modern bathrooms.



### **E-Granite Sink ELGHU3220R in Pecan** **Elkay Manufacturing**

This unique contemporary design combines a graceful arch on one sink bowl with a more square design on both sink bowls to allow for multiple faucet and accessory options. Under sink storage is maximized by incorporating two functionally sized bowls with a rear drain. This sink is stain- and odor-resistant. It is made from 80% natural quartz so it can resist smudges, scratches and heavier impacts. It is also heat-resistant up to 535 degrees Fahrenheit. Its nonporous nanostructure also prevents foods, liquids and bacteria from sticking to the surface and Elkay's proprietary UV stable technology prevents colors from fading.



### **Harmony Stainless Steel Double Bowl Perfect Drain Sink** **Elkay Manufacturing**

A magnificent blend of traditional and contemporary themes, Harmony sinks and faucets embody simplicity while channeling sophistication. Featuring straight lines and rounded profiles, this family of products offers an unrivaled transitional geometry. The Harmony Stainless Steel Double Bowl sink enables the use of both sides of the sink simultaneously. Designed to fit contemporary, transitional and traditional kitchen decors, the sink brings the user the timeless good looks, durability and functionality, it is as practical as it is beautiful.





## Chef Center Franke

The Chef Center system features two versatile, antimicrobial compartments that can serve as a composter, wine bucket, storage bin, or any other purpose imaginable. Adding to its all-in-one appeal, the Chef Center also comes with an array of 82 custom accessories, including a cutting board, colander, grid, mobile drainer board, push button remote-operated strainer basket and Franke's exclusive Roller Mat. The Chef Center's wide basin accommodates large pots and pans easily, and the sink allows the custom accessories to lay flat on the sink ledge and slide easily from side to side. Handcrafted from premium-quality 18-gauge stainless steel, the Chef Center also features superior sound absorption to significantly reduce disposal and dishwashing noise.

The Chef Center undermount sink comes in two sizes that accommodate 30 inch and 36 inch cabinets; both models feature Franke's signature integrated ledge that, in conjunction with accessories, expands countertop work space without compromising the sink's functionality.



## Vista II 1-Piece CEL HET Toilet Icera

Large twin jets at the back of the bowl and an open rim enable a significant volume of water to fall directly into the bowl minimizing flow resistance and maximizing wash force. The rimless wash system combines MicroGlaze for easier maintenance and antimicrobial glaze for bowl cleanliness. The compact elongated bowl allows for maximum space saving while still providing the comfort of an elongated bowl.

## Product of the Year • **Fixture Nominees** *continued*

### **Stream Bath** **MTI Baths**

In an industry flooded with the same old tubs, therapies and bathing options, MTI Baths offers an alternative so simple that it seems almost intuitive – an experience that beckons you to revel in the great outdoors and discover the exquisite experience of a flowing forest stream.

Available on most of MTI Baths' Designer Collection drop-in tubs, both soakers and air baths, the therapy inside utilizes directional currents of water flow with no trace of turbulence or bubbles. Since it uses vents, not jets, the output of Stream Bath vents moves the water toward the bather as opposed to directly on the bather like air bath or whirlpool jets. A whisper-quiet pump and strategically placed rotating vents allow bathers to control the streams of water to create unique flow patterns. An optional in-line heater maintains the water temperature at 104° F, creating an experience that invites relaxation and rejuvenation.



### **NativeStone Avalon 62 Freestanding Tub** **Native Trails**

Avalon is an earthy yet ethereal concrete bathtub, created by Native Trails to highlight the beauty of concrete in a supremely comfortable and luxurious tub. Avalon is available in two sizes and three finishes: ash (a light, natural gray with beautiful mottling), slate (a darker hue for a deep pop of color) and pearl (a rustic white with cool gray undertones). Avalon is handcrafted from NativeStone, which capitalizes on the inherent durability of jute to produce an extraordinarily strong concrete material with high tensile strength and 40% less weight. This is why Avalon is much lighter than expected. Its exclusive nano-sealer provides exceptional stain and scratch resistance, making maintenance a nonissue.

With its oval shape and deep interior, Avalon is one impressive bathtub, providing not only beauty, but also optimum comfort. Its thick walls provide insulation to ensure that a hot, deep, relaxing soak will last and last.



### **NativeStone Concrete Farmhouse Quartet Kitchen Sink** **Native Trails**

Farmhouse Quartet pioneers a new path for kitchen sinks with its never-before-seen level of versatility. Quartet can be installed four different ways: apron-front or standard undermount, curved or straight-front. This gives customers the flexibility to showcase the sink their way. Dealers love that they can stock the functional equivalent of four sinks in a single box. Farmhouse Quartet is handcrafted from NativeStone.

Farmhouse Quartet boasts the earthy yet contemporary look of concrete with incredible stain resistance and a level of versatility rarely, if ever, seen in a kitchen sink.







### **RGK Single Bowl Stainless Steel Sink** **ROHL**

The ROHL RGK Single Bowl Stainless Steel Sink is a commercial grade (16 gauge 18/10) stainless steel sink characterized by its refined incline and modern lines. The design coordinates with specially fitted accessories including a cutting board, grating kit, colander and dish rack. This unique design minimizes kitchen mess while simultaneously expanding counter space for food prep.

The RGK Sink is authentically crafted in Italy. A proprietary insulated Quiet Coat technology on the sides and underside of the sink reduces back splash sound and minimizes sound caused by heavy pots and pans. It also features Tangent Edge and zero-radius side walls for easy cleanup.



### **Harbor Washbasin on Polished Nickel Stand** **Stone Forest**

The Harbor Washbasin on polished nickel stand is a transitional console for small spaces that combines an intriguing design with an attractive price point. The 24-inch wide Harbor Washbasin can be ordered with an optional glass cover for the shelf that wraps the front legs. Stone Forest introduces a new material, Luna Bianca Oro Marble, a white marble with traces of gray and gold/brown veining. The Harbor Washbasin also is available in Carrara marble.



### **Pescadero Bathtub** **Victoria + Albert**

Inspired by the sea, the Pescadero bath features a wave-shaped rim and smart sculpted details. With its deep and double-ended bathing well, the Pescadero is the perfect bath for one or two people. The K-40 bath drain is a technical masterpiece. Neatly hidden underneath its plug lies a highly calibrated mechanism, which automatically opens if water exceeds 15.75 inch depth. Eliminating the need for an overflow pipe, its revolutionary emptying performance of up to 9.5 US gallons per minute offers real-world flood protection and total peace of mind.

## Product of the Year • Water Delivery Nominees

### ShowerSelect SoftCube Thermostatic Trim Axor

The Axor ShowerSelect Thermostatic Trim allows you to operate the shower intuitively at the touch of a button. The ShowerSelect thermostats are equipped with Select buttons to turn on/off the different shower functions, such as the handshower or overhead shower and what used to be turned is now pressed. The Select feature is mechanical, not electrical, and the trim is solid brass.

The elegant ShowerSelect Thermostatic Trim is square with rounded corners and has a clean, minimalist design. The trim can be combined perfectly with many other Axor collections to bring enhanced luxury to the bathroom. Axor ShowerSelect thermostats are equipped with sleek, black Select buttons with white symbols that make it easy to understand at a glance how to control the shower at a touch of a button.



### Manhattan Widespread Faucet Barber Wilsons

The Manhattan faucet offers a transitional Art Deco look. It has faceted handles and a spout on a diamond-shaped bar (for the first time ever) that creates the feel of Art Deco but with the clean lines of contemporary faucetry.



### ARTONA Faucet BLANCO

The BLANCO ARTONA features a semi-hidden, pull-down dual spray head and a standard 2.2 or 1.5 GPM flow rate offering water-saving potential. The functional and innovative design delivers a high quality faucet with the desired ability to color-match the faucet with SILGRANIT sinks. The semi-hidden pull-down is unique, as are the SILGRANIT dual finish options in combination with an organic design that's transitional.





### **Litze Single-Handle Lavatory Faucet** **Brizo**

Brizo enhanced a faucet's lever by adding a knurling design to a single-handle lavatory to increase functionality without sacrificing high design. Intricate details such as this separate the Litze Single-Handle Lavatory Faucet from others in the category. The Litze is available in a striking Brilliance Luxe Gold finish to make the faucet stand out in a room.

Thoughtful details such as three distinctive handle options, a beautiful in its simplicity bent tube spout, distinctive knurling and elegant teak wood accents exemplify the stunning craftsmanship. Every design detail is deliberate while ensuring ease of use, from the intersection of geometry on the lever handle to the intricate knurling design. Teak wood accents, available on select models, create a stunning combination of man-made and natural materials. The Litze Single-Handle Lavatory Faucet is an iconic example of Bauhaus design.



### **Morro Bay Square Single-Hole Faucet** **California Faucets**

Beyond the striking rectangular cuboid shape, the Morro Bay single-hole faucet features a thin rectangular handle whose width is uniquely as wide as the spout beneath it. Moreover, unlike in other single-hole faucets, the handle moves completely independently from the faucet body. The thin and flat rectangular handle moves when turning on the faucet and adjusts both flow and temperature. This is starkly and innovatively different from other single-hole faucets, which require the top portion of the faucet to move with the handle. This is the result of creative engineering and design.

Cubist and modern, Morro Bay is an ode to geometric balance and fluidity. Morro Bay's handle operates as a "free spirit," giving the illusion of a thin flat rectangular handle balancing on the top edge of the faucet as if on a fulcrum. This floating handle then moves independently from the rest of the faucet beneath it to adjust volume and temperature.



### **Style Flow Air - IKO Handshower** **California Faucets**

The 5-inch IKO handshower uses state-of-the-art air induction technology to deliver a superior showering experience while still complying with the strictest water code standards. The IKO StyleFlow Air handshower is ultra thin and sleek and is available in 14 artisan finishes, including 10 PVD finishes that are plated in California.

IKO StyleFlow Air harnesses air induction technology. This ability to offer technology fused with artisan finishing options speaks to the custom, not mass produced, nature of the product. Decorative showrooms and specifiers deserve custom product manufactured as they desire, not dictated by limitations of mass produced fare.

## **Lisse' Dornbracht**

Lisse' (French for smooth) is distinguished by its progressive and ergonomic lever design. Lisse' features a dramatically tilted lever, providing not only a unique design element, but also an effortless, pleasant movement. Comprised of contrasting elements, Lisse' combines simple, geometric shapes with precise angles, generous proportions and curved contours. The lever of the fitting tilts dramatically upward and tapers, playfully complementing its cylindrical body and flat spout. The acute accent (') on the e' invokes the characteristic upward tilt of the lever design.

The Lisse' single lever mixer is a transitional fitting. Its lever not only adds a unique design element, but also emits an incredibly smooth motion when turning it on and off. The single lever mixer for the sink is also available in a special, water-saving variant: 21 fine, individual jets reduce the standard flow rate of 1.4 gallons to 1 gallon per minute.



## **Shadowbrook 3D Printed Faucet DXV**

The Shadowbrook faucet is part of the first-ever collection of 3D printed metal faucets created using Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS), a revolutionary additive manufacturing process. While this technique has been used to create plastic prototypes for years, this is the first ready-for-market residential faucet printed in metal. This faucet is printed using a computer-guided laser beam that fuses powdered metal into the desired shape with high heat and pressure. A solid metal block gradually arises out of the powder, and is then hand-finished to smooth extraneous metal to reveal the design. In an inspiring revival of the tradition of bespoke craftsmanship, the faucet is then hand-finished by an artisan who gives it a rich, fine patina and feel that mimics the texture found on antique silver pieces.

The 3D printed Shadowbrook faucet symbolizes the exciting new possibilities offered by the synergy of additive manufacturing and artisan handcraftsmanship. The research and development process behind this startling faucet was complicated by challenges inherent to the 3D metal printing method itself. DXV learned that the heat generated by the sintering process created tension in the faucet parts. They could become deformed in shape, which would cause the roller spreading the powdered metal to crash, thus interrupting the print sequence. It took hours of testing and readjustments to get this 3D metal printing process perfected. The Shadowbrook design itself presented an additional challenge. This creation, designed to celebrate the natural experience of water, aimed to present water to the user as a stream bouncing on rocks in a riverbed. The team first envisioned the user experience, then designed the water shape that would create that experience. The design team used computational fluid dynamic simulation and countless prototypes as they progressed through many adaptations of the waterways before attaining the proper balance of curvature, positioning and water flow rate being sought.





### **Finezza UNO Single-Hole Lavatory Faucet** **GRAFF**

The Finezza UNO Single-Hole Lavatory Faucet is distinguished by the word that inspired its name, “finesse.” Artful in its design, Finezza UNO displays Art Deco-influenced detailing, which includes a curved spout and polished features. Its lever handle features subtle lines that give the faucet a refined, luxurious feel. Its layered structure emanates ingenuity and craftsmanship, while also offering a functional, modest-sized solution for the bathroom. Finezza UNO captures the essence of the assertive Art Deco geometric patterns, while maintaining a simplistic modern-day aesthetic. The faucet is available in a wide range of finishes including polished chrome, brushed nickel, polished nickel, olive bronze, 18K gold with black accents and unfinished brass.



### **Finezza UNO Widespread Lavatory Faucet** **GRAFF**

Complete with three distinct and defining beauty rings at the base of the structures, the Finezza UNO Collection exudes an elegance that blends traditional details with modern lines. The beauty rings can be removed to create the Finezza UNO Collection, a more contemporary look with key transitional aspects. Available with lever handles or matching cross handles, the Finezza UNO Widespread Lavatory Faucet can fit with a multitude of different design aesthetics. Additionally, the product is part of a complete collection that includes a full line of coordinating shower components (which includes a shower-head, handshower, and body sprays) and bath accessories for a unified bathroom suite. The intimate details of the Finezza UNO beauty rings are exemplified by the matching shower elements and bath accessories. The shower trim plates have an added detail of a beveled edge that unifies the traditional and transitional elements.



### **Pinna Paletta** **Kalista**

Emulating Laura Kirar's vision of creating jewelry-like pieces for the bathroom, this collection marries tactile details with sculptural forms to deliver something that's not only stunningly beautiful, but also highly interactive. See it as a thumbprint, feather or African tribal weaving, with an artisan's touch.



### **meTime Spa Thermostat Shower Unit** **Keuco**

meTime Spa Thermostat Shower Unit from KEUCO offers that special water experience under the shower to promote health and have a soothing and refreshing effect. The element of water has always fascinated people. It is particularly fascinating when it takes the form of a waterfall. This aesthetic dousing shower from KEUCO can bring this experience into your client's bathroom. The feeling of taking a shower under a waterfall relaxes the mind and soul. The water treatments inspired by Sebastian Kneipp are perfect for soothing and relaxing effects of water on skin and muscles. The spa hose lets users experience the health-promoting alternating hot and cold showers in the privacy of their own bathroom.



### **AVA Bath Faucet** **KWC**

A slender, cubic design distinguishes the AVA bath faucet, which strikes an artful balance between the traditional and modern. The AVA faucet is offered as a single lever faucet and as a single lever vessel faucet. The flat lever is equipped with a special lifting mechanism which allows continuous regulation of the water flow.

AVA features COOLFIX, cold water flow in central lever position, which saves the energy consumed when hot water is being used. The faucet always looks perfect when turned off and contributes to cost savings (heating up hot water). The AVA Bath Faucet's slim body diameter gives it a graceful, elegant appearance.



### **ZOE Touch Light PRO** **KWC**

The ZOE touch light PRO's signature is its touch-on/touch-off technology that changes the water temperature with the tap of a finger: 1 tap for cold water displays a blue LED light; 2 taps for warm water display an orange LED light; and 3 taps for hot water display a red LED light. Additional features are white LED lights that illuminate streaming water. ZOE is offered in splendure stainless steel or stunning chrome finishes. This technology and precise functionality ensures safety from water that's too hot or shock from water that's too cold. Plus, every individual adjustment helps save energy and water.

The light ring is integrated into the pull-out spray, making it seem invisible. The LED lights use very little electricity, have a long lifespan and automatically turn off after 30 minutes. Clean every corner of a sink with the hose, integrated into the spout, which extends more than 19 inches. The faucet's high-quality metallic casing extends the life of the pullout hose.

Additionally, just one press of a diverter button changes the water stream from a full spray to a fine needle spray. The faucet is easy to keep clean: the jetclean faceplate not only prevents limescale from building up on your kitchen spray, but also does some of the cleaning. When water is flowing, the cone-shaped holes on the faceplate expand, dislodging any stubborn limescale deposits. The holes go back to normal size when the water flow is switched off. If limescale deposits do build up on the faceplate of the faucet, use the faucet's turn-and-clean fastening mechanism to manually -- and easily -- clean it. The Neoperl aerator produces a water-saving flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute.





### **Re-Vive Showerhead** **Mountain Plumbing Products**

Using a seamless design, this welded stainless steel showerhead is the thinnest rain head on the market. The seamless design also provides increased water flow inside the head, which allows for a full flow at reduced pressures while minimizing the chances for bursting or leaking.

The contemporary round showerhead provides a minimalist look by having the thinnest edge possible for a rain head.



### **Perrin & Rowe Traditional Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet** **ROHL**

The ROHL Perrin & Rowe Traditional Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet is designed to handle frequent daily use of an active household, while retaining its beautiful style. Each faucet is made in England from the highest quality solid brass and is plated to a thickness that is double the industry standards. This ensures a deep, protective coating that is resistant to wear and tear, yet pleasing to the eye.

This faucet combines classic architectural forms and detailing. The base features an Ogee Curve, while multilayered beveling, strategically placed on the spout, handle and spout combine to create an elegant feel.

The retractable pull-down metal handspray features an ergonomically correct, concave design. A nylon hose helps the handspray extend and retract with a single fluid hand motion, while the locking dual spray control makes cleaning fast and efficient. The spray head retracts using a magnetic docking. Available in five finishes: polished chrome, polished nickel, satin nickel, English bronze and Inca brass.



### **Ultra Thin Rain Showerhead** **ROHL**

The Ultra Thin Rain Showerhead from ROHL transforms the traditional rain shower into one that is sleek and modern. Its flexible design can be mounted on the ceiling or on an exposed shower arm. Flexible, calcium-resistant nozzles on the spray face allow for easy removal of hard water build-up, making it ideal for both residential and hospitality applications.

Authentically crafted in Northern Italy, this ultra thin (1/8") design is small enough to fit any shower, but large enough to cascade a relaxing, continuous stream of water from overhead. Available in either round or square styles and in polished chrome or satin nickel finish.

**One Ten Lavatory Faucet**  
**SIGMA Designer Faucetry**

The One Ten single hole and widespread lavatory faucets feature a unique mechanism that eliminates the need for a handle or joystick so there's nothing to get between you and the One Ten's curves, flutes and elegantly flared base. The widespread features the same elegant curves in a more traditional two-handle format. Solid brass materials, ceramic discs and precision crafted workmanship combine to provide years of flawless performance.





### **Wall-Hung 36 Vanity** **Artelinea**

The 36 Vanity is made from engraved clear crystal glass with hot fusion color technology. Color is fused to the glass and cannot be scratched off or removed with any cleaning products and comes with a 10-year warranty. The countertop basin is a special ceramic glass called Opalite. It combines the best features of ceramic countertop basins with the strength and beauty of glass. Blum drawer runners with total extraction up to 88 pounds of payload and Camar adjustable wall supports for easy wall mount leveling are used to complete a true luxury design bathroom vanity.



### **Acacia** **Fairmont Designs**

One of the first vanities to use solid acacia, this vanity offers a rustic finish applied to a modern all-drawer design in which the drawer fronts wrap around the sides. Despite a small footprint - 30" x 18" - this unit offers ample usable storage with three functional drawers, perfect for a small bathroom.



### **Belle Fleur 36" Vanity - Glossy Taupe** **Fairmont Designs**

The Belle Fleur gives a contemporary twist to a classic design. The clean glossy taupe finish provides the perfect juxtaposition to the traditional lines of the Belle Fleur. A concealed drawer provides hidden storage.



### **Park Central 36 Inch Vanity** **Fairmont Designs**

The Belle Fleur gives a contemporary twist to a classic design. The clean glossy taupe finish provides the perfect juxtaposition to the traditional lines of the Belle Fleur. A concealed drawer provides hidden storage. However, the key design element is the acrylic feet that created the illusion the furniture piece is floating. As far as function, despite the typical application in that a powder room setting, the concealed drawer provides functional storage.

### **The Winston Vanity** **The Furniture Guild**

Crafted from brass, not just having a brass finish and paired with an automotive quality paint, the new Winston Vanity is designed to last in demanding bath environments. The Winston includes an elegant walnut interior complete with glass dividers, beige suede insert, glass jar inserts and an integrated power option.

Handcrafted by artisans, the Winston features seamless, hand-sculpted solid brass details and an integrated porcelain countertop. Available in 25 different standard configurations and custom sizing. Shown in English Walnut, also available in four brass finishes and 53 finish options for the panel.



### **Cube Vanity** **MADELI LLC**

The Cube Collection offers beautiful and functional bath furniture with exquisitely simple styling. Designed with Italian-style integrated continuous handles, a larger than average 28" height for extra storage space, deep drawers with full 18" extension Grasshopper soft-closing glides and concealed interior drawers, the Cube Collection is unmatched in functionality.

The design features a rich walnut or ash grey woodgrain or a glossy white polyurethane-protected finish. Choices of basins and countertops include a pristine glass top with ceramic bowls in white or biscuit, X-stone and quartzstone.



### **Retro Collection Vanity** **MADELI LLC**

The Retro Collection represents today's sense of timeless style. The Shaker lines are familiar, however, this is not your grandfather's Shaker cabinet. The Collection is updated with a smooth contemporary attitude. Choose the serenity of matte white finish, soft cashmere, sky gray, or the warmth of walnut woodgrain, all protected by layers of polyurethane for strength and durability.

This contemporary collection offers great storage and functionality with spacious deep drawers complete with soft-closing, 18" full-extension European hardware and polished chrome or brushed nickel pulls. Available with nine countertop options including X-Stone, solid surface, quartzstone and a pristine two-color glass top with ceramic bowls, the Retro Collection is today's classic.







### **SoHo Vanity** **Madeli LLC**

The SoHo Collection is unabashedly contemporary. It draws you in with its clean lines and subtle texture, stunning Italian-style hardware and matching feet. The simple L-shape or more dramatic S-shaped open rectangular feet are available in polished chrome or brushed nickel.

Designed with a larger than average 24" height for extra storage space, deep drawers complete with full-extension Grasshopper soft-closing hardware and available in nine sizes, the SoHo Collection offers unmatched functionality. Superior quality is evident in the refined wood construction and polyurethane-protected finish. Choose a rich walnut or ash grey woodgrain finish for a warm contemporary look, or a glossy white finish to make a modern statement.



### **Amora Vanity** **Ronbow**

Ronbow introduced Amora, a vanity line that features an avant-garde design, multiple storage opportunities and colors to complement any design. The unexpected geometric lines of the doors and drawers make the vanity a standout in any setting, conveying an almost puzzle-like appearance. The uniquely cut lines delineating the vanity's storage compartments make organization anything but boring.

The vanity comes in a signature rich navy finish with brushed brass inlay and a classic Carrara white marble top with a rectangular undermount sink. Amora also comes in white or oak Toscana with brushed nickel metal inlays. Completing the overall look, the bathroom furniture piece is offered with an optional Sun mirror. The eye-catching sunburst aesthetic, inspired by classic mid-century modern mirrors and clocks, complements the vanity and brings out the metal detailing.



### **Pebble Vanity** **Ronbow**

The collection is modeled on Ito's "simplicity," the art of giving an object with complex functions visual simplicity. Like no other bathroom collection out there, the pebble-like shapes and curves of this wall-range give off a meditative feel while still being functional. The wall-hung Pebble vanity and sink top include a touch-activated LED mirror, which illuminates around the entire mirror, creating a unique halo effect while producing exceptional light. Hidden away are a German-manufactured push-open drawer and a U-shape top drawer allowing for storage where there seems to be none. Made of solid wood and finished in either glossy or matte white, the vanity boasts a finishing technique so refined that it is not recognizable as a solid wood structure bent and molded into its beautiful form. The sculptural sink top is formed with a solid surface mineral composition. The collection also features matching wall cabinets to complete the look.

### **Neeson Bath Vanity** **Sagehill Designs**

The Neeson vanity combines a traditional style with a weathered and rusticated finish. This type of contrast is very much appreciated by the Millennial consumer whose influence in the market place is growing.



### **Evolve Vanity** **Sonia**

Four basic elements make up Evolve including basin top, cabinet, drawer pulls and legs, each created with a unique personality, yet designed to fit harmoniously together. All components are easy to assemble regardless of the chosen design or size. These features include:

1. Drawer pulls may be installed in any position along the face of the cabinet as desired.
2. All cabinets are predrilled for easy internal assembly,
3. Feet come with predetermined drilling position and hardware

It is a modular elegance made for a wide range of budgets and bathroom space requirements from 24 to 166 inches. A transitional modular unit, Evolve combines smooth or natural surfaces and straight and round lines with soft or rounded edges. Evolve has sturdy and stylish cabinet legs and a choice of cabinet pulls with heavy-duty or minimalist presence in three lacquered finishes or, alternatively, the timeless elegance of a gold finish and Swarovski crystals. To accommodate a personal preference, basin tops are available in two basic materials: solid surface in gloss or matte finish, or the timeless classic ceramic top. Finally, solid surface sinks offer an option for a built-in jewelry tray or soap dispenser.





### **Dresser** **The Galley**

The Galley Dresser is an amazing piece of kitchen furniture purposefully designed to work in harmony with Galley Workstations. Available in 4 sizes, 13 hand-selected, high-gloss finishes and nine custom hardware finish options, including four signature finishes by Doug Durbin, it is completely handcrafted from start to finish. There is nothing else like it in the kitchen industry today.

The Galley Dresser is designed to hold its own in any kitchen style, whether it is traditional, transitional, modern, or contemporary. Every single detail about The Dresser is intentional. The Galley Dresser is just as beautiful and functional on the inside as it is on the outside. It is where art and function meet.



### **Mandello 114 Volo Vanity** **Victoria + Albert**

The Mandello 114 Volo Vanity is made in England using traditional artisanal techniques. The floating Volo wall-mounted option offers uncluttered elegance. Glass is the option to support a freestanding ENGLISHCAST® vessel basin.

The brassware has been extended to three ranges: Staffordshire, Tubo, and new Art Deco inspired Florin. With extensive use of European thermostatic controls and hand-testing before leaving the UK factory, Victoria + Albert brassware delivers on style and safety for modern or traditional interiors.

## Product of the Year • Hardware Nominees

### 9100SEC High Security Mortise Lock Accurate Lock and Hardware

The 9100SEC High Security Mortise Lock can withstand 300 times more abuse than the standard Grade 1, exceeding the Grade 1 Detention Impact Testing standard by four times up to 2,400 impacts.

The 9100SEC was originally designed for prison/detention facilities. The technology now has been repurposed for commercial and single-family residential applications. The lock can be used with most architectural and commercial trim and fits a standard mortise prep, making it an ideal high-security solution.



### Cloud Pull Alno, Inc.

A sleek and elegant solid brass pull Cloud provides a universal open and close solution to meet contemporary, transitional, and traditional design needs.

The Cloud collection features a beveled contour that emphasizes its ability to provide a soft, yet elegant touch to the space. This popular ergonomic pull delivers high quality with its solid brass construction. The pull accentuates exquisite details in the beveling that is enhanced by its hand-applied polishing and finishing.



### Wave C-WA02 Knob DuVeere Hardware

Wave was inspired by beautiful sea vistas and beckoning horizon lines of exotic locales. Graphically strong, Wave plays with light and texture. Whether the hardware is installed vertically or horizontally, the pattern changes to reflect ambient light. Three rich, lustrous finishes enhance the eco-friendly, recycled aluminum hardware. Wave is available in satin nickel, antique brass and oil-rubbed bronze.





**Square Lipped Flush Pull, Square Edge Design**  
**Frank Allart**

This flush pull can be ordered in either lipped or plain form to cater to both sliding pocket or hinged doors. Available in a choice of nine edge designs, three sizes, three depths and four fixing methods. There are also a selection of functions and up to 32 different finishes. The pull is flexible and easy to install.



**DP140Z – Triangular Door Pull**  
**Hamilton Sinkler**

This pull was developed as part of a custom series of hardware for a luxury building in New York. The pull is faceted in such a way that it evokes the geometry of precious stones and the pull is designed for door pairs. When installed, the two halves form a whole with a gem-like geometry. When the doors are opened, the look is an entirely distinct form.



**Dresser Hardware**  
**The Galley**

The Galley Dresser's nine hardware finishes were designed by Doug Durbin. Each piece is hand-forged and carefully finished. Available options include polished nickel, unlacquered brass, satin nickel, medium satin antique brass, polished copper and lacquer, polished black nickel, butler antique sterling silver and polished antique silver. Galley Dresser Hardware has the perfect amount of bling.



## Product of the Year • **Accessory Nominees**

### **Radiant Shelf** **AMBA Products LLC**

This shelf's modern and compact and features an eight-bar, shelf-style heated towel rack. Made from brushed stainless steel, the shelf features an integrated on/off switch and comes with a plug and hardware.



### **Floating Grids** **BLANCO**

BLANCO redefines functionality and convenience with its patented Stainless Steel Floating Grids, the ultimate multipurpose accessory that expands prepping and cleaning surfaces without using more counter space. Floating Grids sit approximately 4-5 inches off the sink's bottom providing an additional sink level that can be used to hold heavy kitchen items or for washing foods. This space-saving accessory is conveniently designed to provide an additional workspace in both the kitchen sink and on the kitchen counter.

In addition to being used within the sink as a second sink level to wash fruits and vegetables without having to clear out the deck, the floating grids are perfect on the counter as a hot plate, a trivet to cool and store baked goods, or just an additional space to reduce clutter. For convenience, the grids are thin and easy to store and are equipped with four rubber feet to ensure they won't damage the counter.



### **ZeroDrain for the Tub** **California Faucets**

ZeroDrain for the tub is the world's first "pop-down" drain for the tub. It turns a formerly utilitarian product into a design focal point. Like its predecessor, the patented ZeroDrain for the sink, ZeroDrain sports three groundbreaking features:

1. **Aesthetics:** The stopper is level with the tub's bottom, resulting in a unique "zero clearance" design. No more protruding and unsightly stopper. (Bonus: No more bumping feet and toes on a protruding stopper. With ZeroDrain, the smooth and flat bottom of the tub remains just that-- smooth and flat).
2. **Functionality:** Simply push down on the stopper and the tub fills with water. Push it again, and the stopper returns to its zero clearance position, and the water drains seamlessly in the circular opening that is elegantly flush with the bottom of the tub.
3. **Ease of Use:** ZeroDrain for the tub is virtually impossible to clog. To clean, pull up on the stopper and the drain comes out swiftly. No screwing or dismantling is required and there are no blocking components underneath that are magnets for hair and debris. Simply rinse off the stopper and drop it back in. It's as quick and simple as possible.





### **Contemporary Bath Rack** **Dezi Home**

Discreet nonslip rubber just underneath the handles to prevent the rack from slipping makes this bath rack unique. The Ipad holder is a plus for today's luxury bathing experience. Other distinguishing characteristics include:

- Adjustable from 27.5 - 37.5 inches wide
- Each basket ships with Ipad/book holder
- Solid brass construction
- Available in polished chrome, polished nickel and satin nickel



### **Vertical LED Task Lights** **GlassCrafters**

GlassCrafters' Vertical LED Task Lights illuminate daily grooming activities with energy-efficient, optimal warm white light and integrate seamlessly into any decor. These LED lights were designed to precisely project light at the user's face, reducing shadows for makeup or shaving. The lights are made of durable, rustproof aluminum.

Providing a minimalist, low-profile design aesthetic, the 2 1/2" wide Vertical LED Task Lights are easy to install and complement GlassCrafters' 24, 30 and 36 inch-high frameless flat or beveled mirrored cabinets. The light output is at least 1,600 lumens and the color is rated 2700 Kelvin that provides functionality similar to a makeup mirror.



### **Linear SteamHead** **Mr. Steam**

The sleek and slender Linear SteamHead, with its horizontal profile, delivers an even dispersion of steam smoothly and quietly, while remaining all but invisible to the user. This first-of-its-kind steamhead is designed to be installed flush with the wall along the tile grout lines. Distinguished by its refined, minimalistic appearance, the Linear SteamHead delivers an even distribution of steam in an undulating ribbon replicating a reverse waterfall effect. In sharp contrast to conventional square and rounded steam heads that protrude into the room and deliver steam from a single exit point, the discreet and unobtrusive Linear SteamHead is set flush to the wall and contained almost entirely within it.

This integrated, patent-pending design was conceived to be amazingly efficient and astonishingly quiet in operation, all while remaining nearly invisible to the bather. The Linear SteamHead delivers state-of-the-art performance with its horizontal opening that provides three times the slot area of a standard single-point steam head. Introducing steam along this broad, flat opening facilitates its gentle, even distribution throughout the steam room, at a much lower velocity and lower noise level. This even flow of steam is also quite conducive to the delicate suspension and dispersion of essential oils, which are popular amenities in steam showers.

## Product of the Year • **Accessory Nominees** *continued*

### **AirTempo** **Mr. Steam**

The user-friendly AirTempo is the industry's first wireless steam shower control, offering exceptional functionality and the convenience of a remote control, while also providing substantial time- and labor-savings to installers.

Intuitive to operate, AirTempo technology features an LED display that activates automatically as the user's hand approaches, before it is even touched. To save energy and extend battery life, AirTempo employs a proximity sensor to ensure that the control is only activated when the user's hand is near the unit, then fading into energy-saving mode. Powered by replaceable, long-lasting lithium batteries, the AirTempo Control communicates wirelessly, eliminating the time, hassle and expense of running a cable from the control to the generator.

Installation is largely a matter of deciding where to locate the AirTempo, which mounts in seconds with no tools required. Because the AirTempo is untethered to any equipment, the end user can remove it from its dock for use as a remote control outside the steam shower, e.g., in an exercise room, on a bedroom nightstand or by the coffeemaker on a kitchen countertop.

The wireless functionality also permits far greater flexibility in the placement of the generator in relation to the steam shower. In lieu of hardwiring through walls and ceilings, the AirTempo communicates with the generator through a small electronic receiver that attaches to the generator with a cord. The control itself has a transmission range of 60 feet, but the receiver extends it by another two thirds, allowing the AirTempo and the generator to communicate from a distance of 100 feet.



### **ThermaTouch 7" LCD Touchscreen Controller** **ThermaSol**

ThermaTouch's 7" LCD touchscreen in-shower controller is a system that allows users to access and personalize all aspects of their shower and steam environment, from steam duration, temperature setting, memorized presets to a new visualization and sound effect experience, used in conjunction with the new Serenity, Light, Sound Rain Head. Controlled by ThermaTouch, this unique system creates a personal experience and environment with the creative use of light, sound and falling water.

ThermaSol's technology integration creates a "plug-and-play" network making adding equipment or modules simple as ThermaTouch only recognizes the modules installed. If the function or feature is not part of the installed system, the display will not show the information to the user. The high-resolution LCD touchscreen displays options and adjustment menus in vivid graphics and images, making the user interface simple, intuitive and enjoyable. Never before has there been a controller that so seamlessly performs so many functions. It is the largest, brightest and most advanced in-shower controller on the market today.



## **Plumbing Fixture of the Year**

Wave Tub by WETSTYLE – 2015  
Ledge Prep Sink by Lenova – 2014  
Metrio Modular Lavatory by Stone Forest – 2013  
OpenSpace by Duravit – 2012  
Black Embossed Bathtub by Blu Bathworks – 2011  
Blanco Ronis by BLANCO – 2010  
Eterne Bathtub by MAXX Bath Inc. – 2009  
Starck K by Duravit USA – 2009  
SYNC by Stone Forest – 2008  
Julien's Bench Toilet – 2007  
KWC Waterstation – 2006  
BainUltra's Temazkal – 2003

## **Water Delivery Product of the Year**

Palomar Art Deco Tub Filler by California Faucets – 2015  
Kartell by Laufen Faucet – 2014  
ONO Light One Touch by KWC – 2013  
Ametis Shower System by GRAFF – 2012  
Complete Shower System CURA #960 by Aquabrax – 2011  
Integrated Faucet Filtration by ROHL LLC - 2009  
Dream Light Rain Canopy by JACLO Industries – 2008  
Water Decor's Pacifica – 2005  
KWC Murano – 2004

## **Furniture Product of the Year**

Dressage Vanity by Graff – 2015  
Sophia Vanity by Furniture Guild – 2014  
Toledo 30" Vanity by Fairmont Designs – 2013  
Halcyon by Native Trails – 2012  
Bordeaux Wall Mount Vanity by Native Trails – 2011  
MANHATTAN Bath Vanity by Xylem – 2010  
M Collection by WETSTYLE – 2009

## **Accessory Product of the Year**

Heated Sink Stand by Barber Wilsons/Sterlingham – 2015  
iSteam 2.0 Swipe-Touch Control Panel – 2014  
StyleDrain by California Faucets – 2013  
Solitude Mobile Application by ThermaSol – 2012  
Cinu Toilet Tissue Holder with Glass Shelf by Ginger – 2011  
Blanco Solon Compost System by BLANCO – 2010  
Standby by ITALBRASS Group – 2009  
Cold Storage M-Series Cabinet by Roborn – 2008

## **Hardware Product of the Year**

Argyle Round Knob by DuVerre Hardware – 2015  
Precisely Beautiful Cabinet Knob by Colonial Bronze – 2014  
Barn Door Track by Sun Valley Bronze – 2013  
ARROYO Pull by Du Verre Hardware - 2012  
Offset C-OF01 Knob by DuVerre Hardware - 2011  
Convertible Latches by Berenson R. Christensen – 2010  
Purfectkurv by MAXX Bath Inc. – 2010  
BCJ Lever 1 by Reveal Designs – 2009  
Tanner's Craft by Colonial Bronze – 2008  
Beyerle's exposed stainless steel sliding door system – 2007



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