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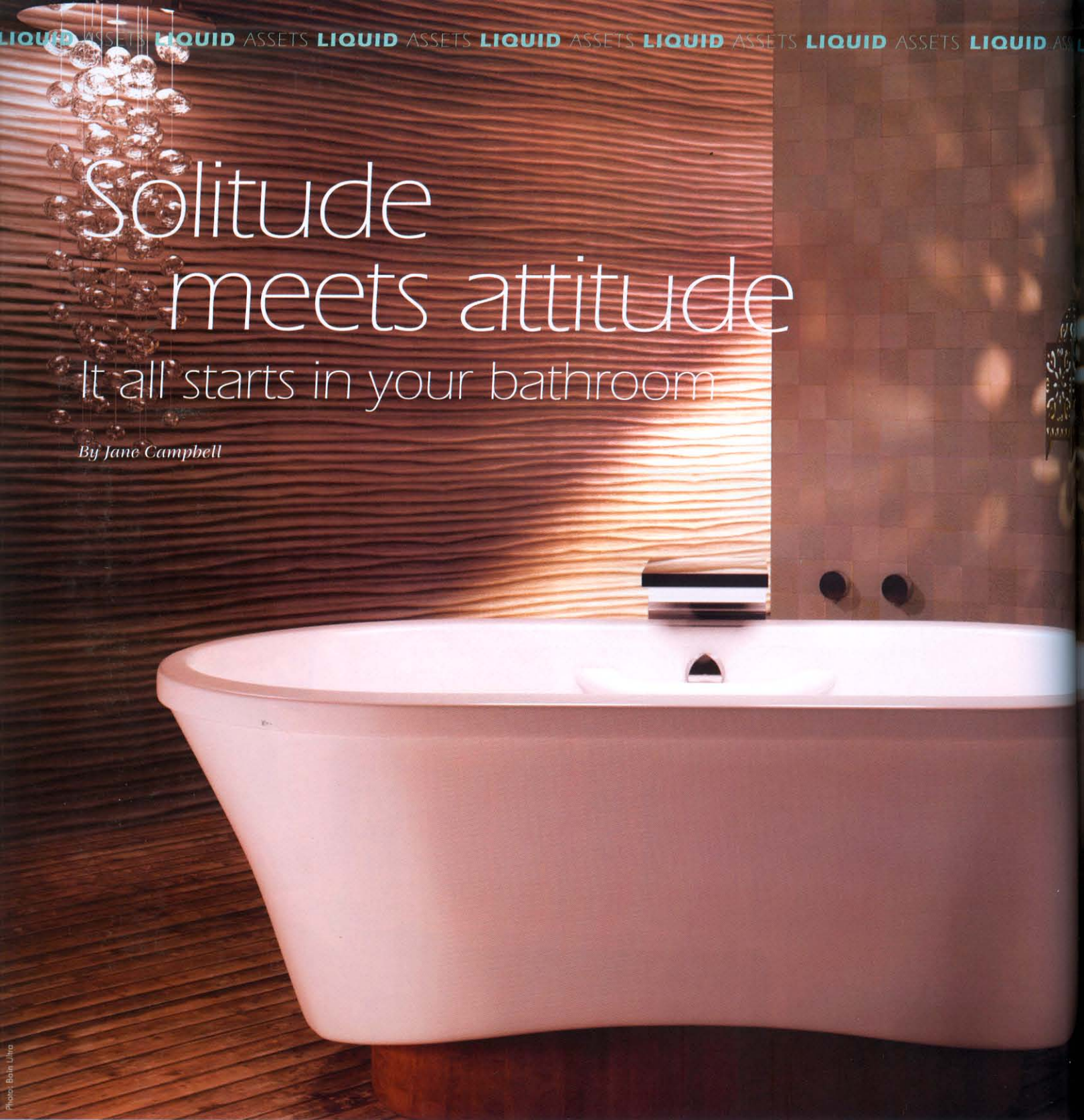


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Solitude meets attitude

It all starts in your bathroom

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Springtime: Time to throw open the windows and let in the fresh air. And time to think about new beginnings for your home, too. There are so many paths you can take, from simply tidying up, to revitalizing those tired areas, to creating a nest where you can forget all about the cares of the world and bring the peacefulness of nature into your home.

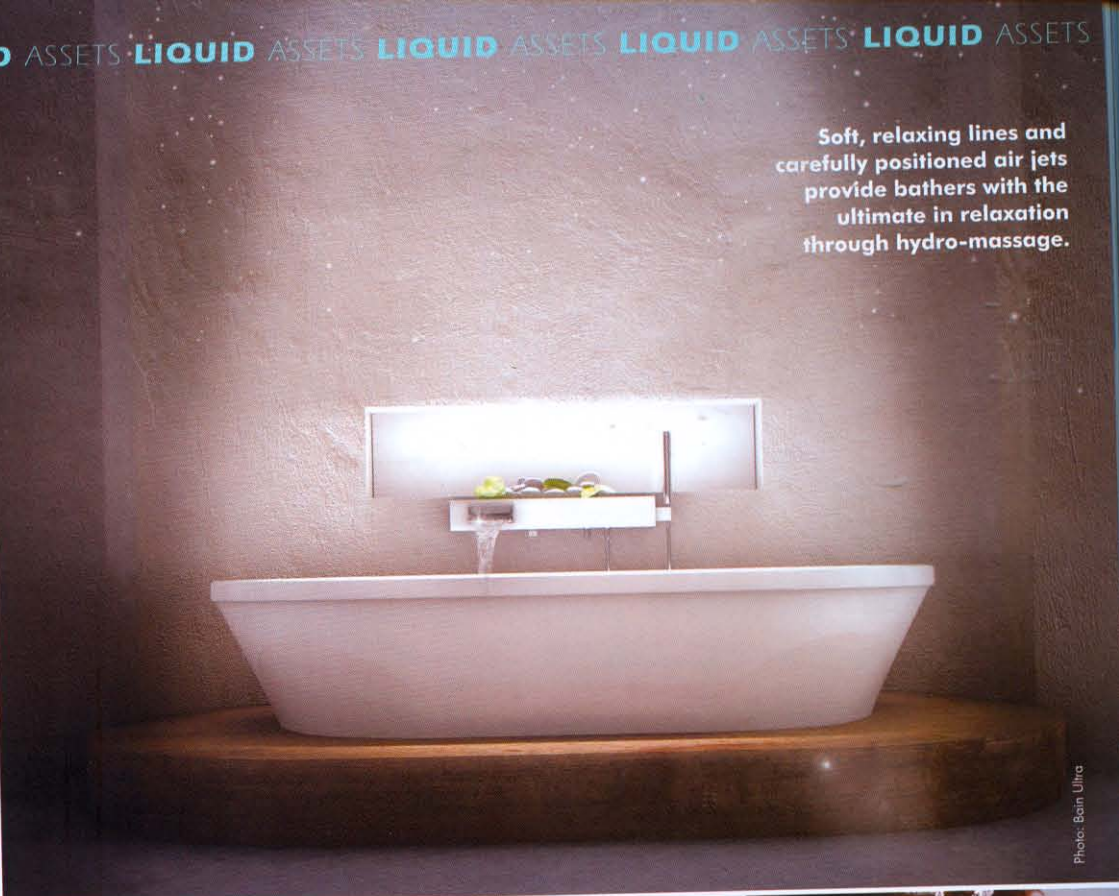
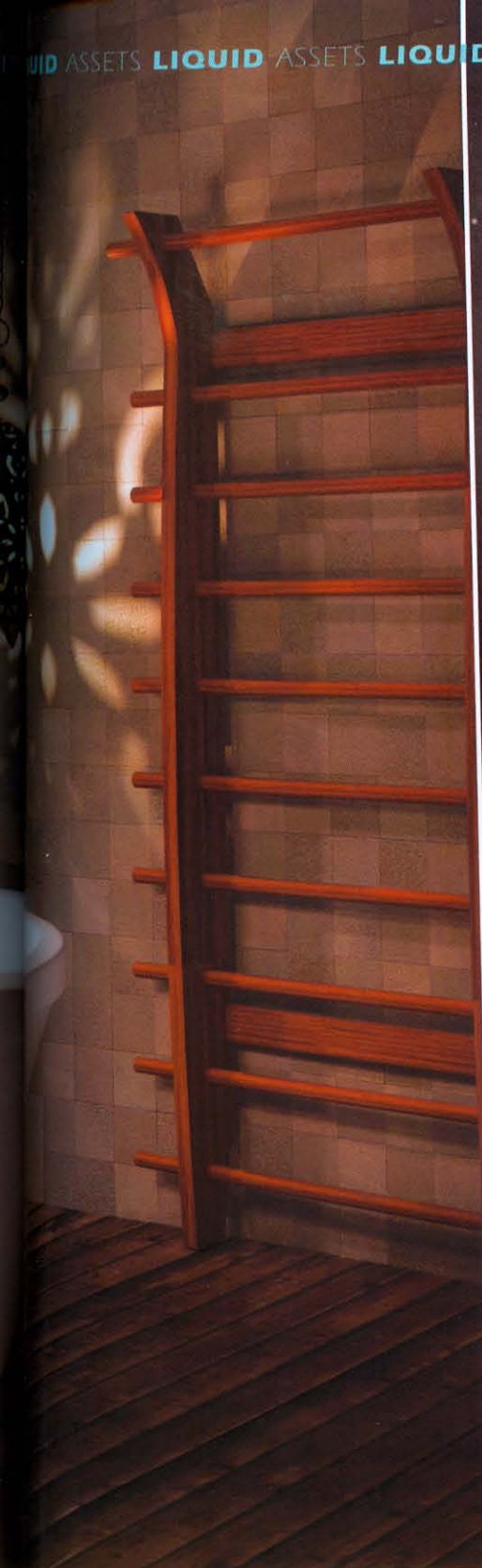
Behind closed doors

Start your planning by envisioning mornings when you jump into a shower and select from one of your personal playlists, news channels or other favorites. If music is what moves your soul and gets you going, a showerhead with a wireless speaker will provide much more than just water to invigorate you and start your day off right. You can

even boost your energy in a tub that takes sound waves and wafts them into your bathwater.

After a night out on the town, think how great it would be to soak in your oval free-standing tub—just what the doctor ordered!

Simply knowing you could come home and wash away the fatigue of your day could be more than enough reason to



Soft, relaxing lines and carefully positioned air jets provide bathers with the ultimate in relaxation through hydro-massage.

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Escape and refresh. This combination showerhead and wireless speaker can deliver up to seven hours of music when paired with your Bluetooth-enabled device.

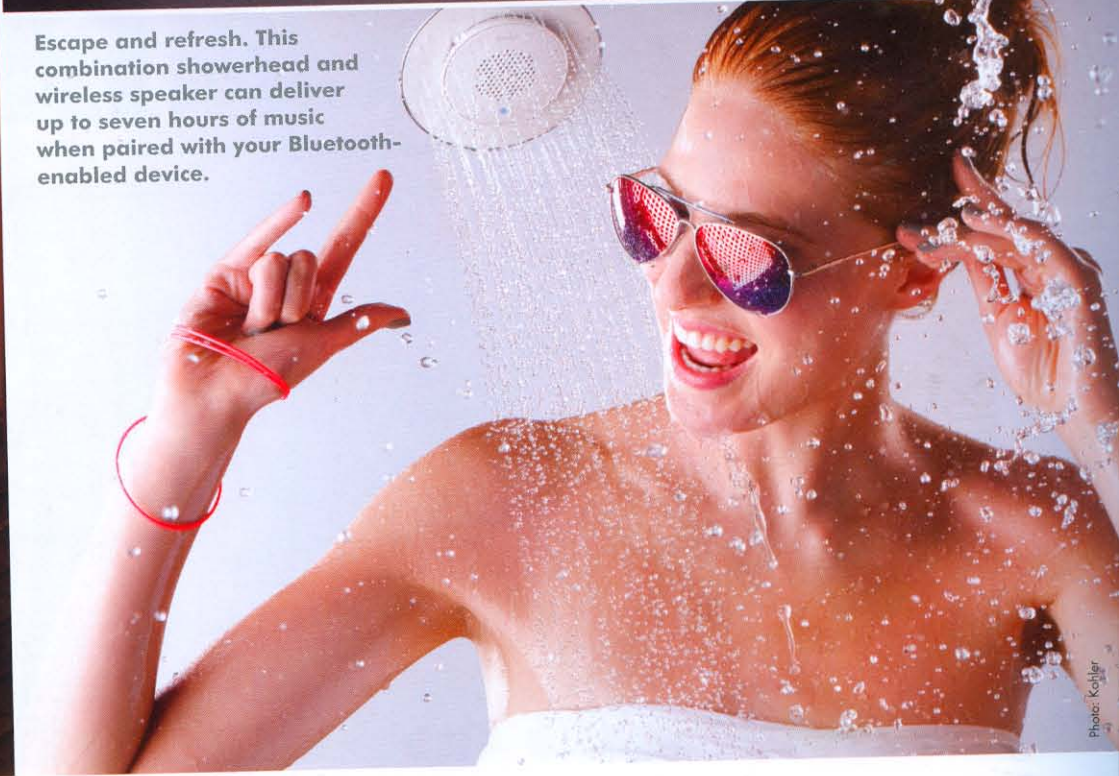


Photo: Kohler

renovate your bathroom. Timeless and sophisticated, a classic soaker tub is never out of style. Pair it with great faucets or a flexible showerhead for a great look in almost any bathroom setting. The smooth roll-top recline of the tub we're showing by Victoria + Albert (page 49) is at the perfect angle and will allow you to relax in complete comfort. Think of those luxurious moments you can spend at the end

of a day, admiring a textured tiled wall of waves that will lull you into believing you're miles away.

Hotel haughty

Designers have long taken their cue from gorgeous global hot spots. But why should they get all the fun? Emulating the lavish feel of a hotel bathroom in your own home may be just the ticket.

From Bangkok to Brazil, be inspired by lavish layouts, high-end spas and decadent en suites from the world's finest. Maybe you'll find out that you love the stark contrast of a black and white bathroom with just a splash of colour. Perhaps you've always loved the look of a stand-alone tub in front of a large picture window. Whatever your taste, you can be sure that resort and hotel designers are

Photo: Victoria + Albert



The Hampshire tub is eco-friendly and easy to decorate. Give it a retro look with this robin's-egg blue.

Nature doesn't trouble itself with perfect lines, and neither should your bathroom. Forgo symmetry in favour of user-friendly; instead of his-and-her sinks that are the same height, add a little altitude to his so he doesn't have to stoop. Your partner—and his back—will thank you!

Ask your designer to assist you in selecting accessories and matching colours. Create a lighting plan that will enhance your daily routine and make

every moment in your bath or spa room simply sensational. Find a tone that speaks to your character, and incorporate your favourite communication technologies to keep you in touch and in tune.

Whether you're winding down or winding back up again, there are versatile options to consider. Let's face it, on those first few spring evenings you don't want the night to end just because you left the dance floor. So go ahead: Make

your lav the talk of the town. Take that first step before spring's first blossoms deliver their fragrant scents. The possibilities are endless...just like the light that'll shine through your bathroom window on a bright sunny day. ■



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