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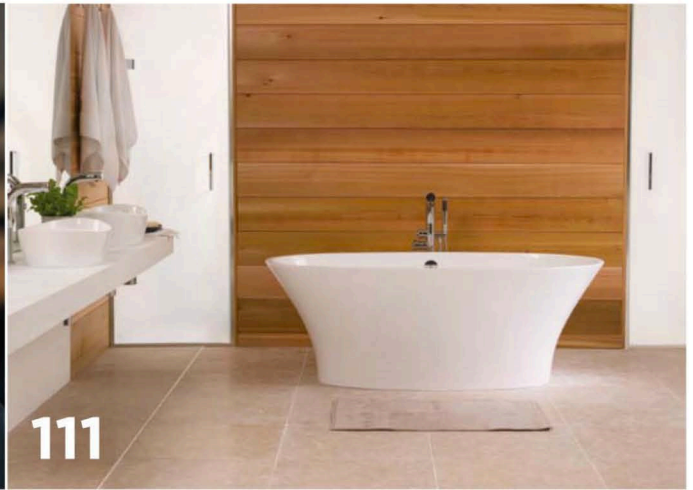
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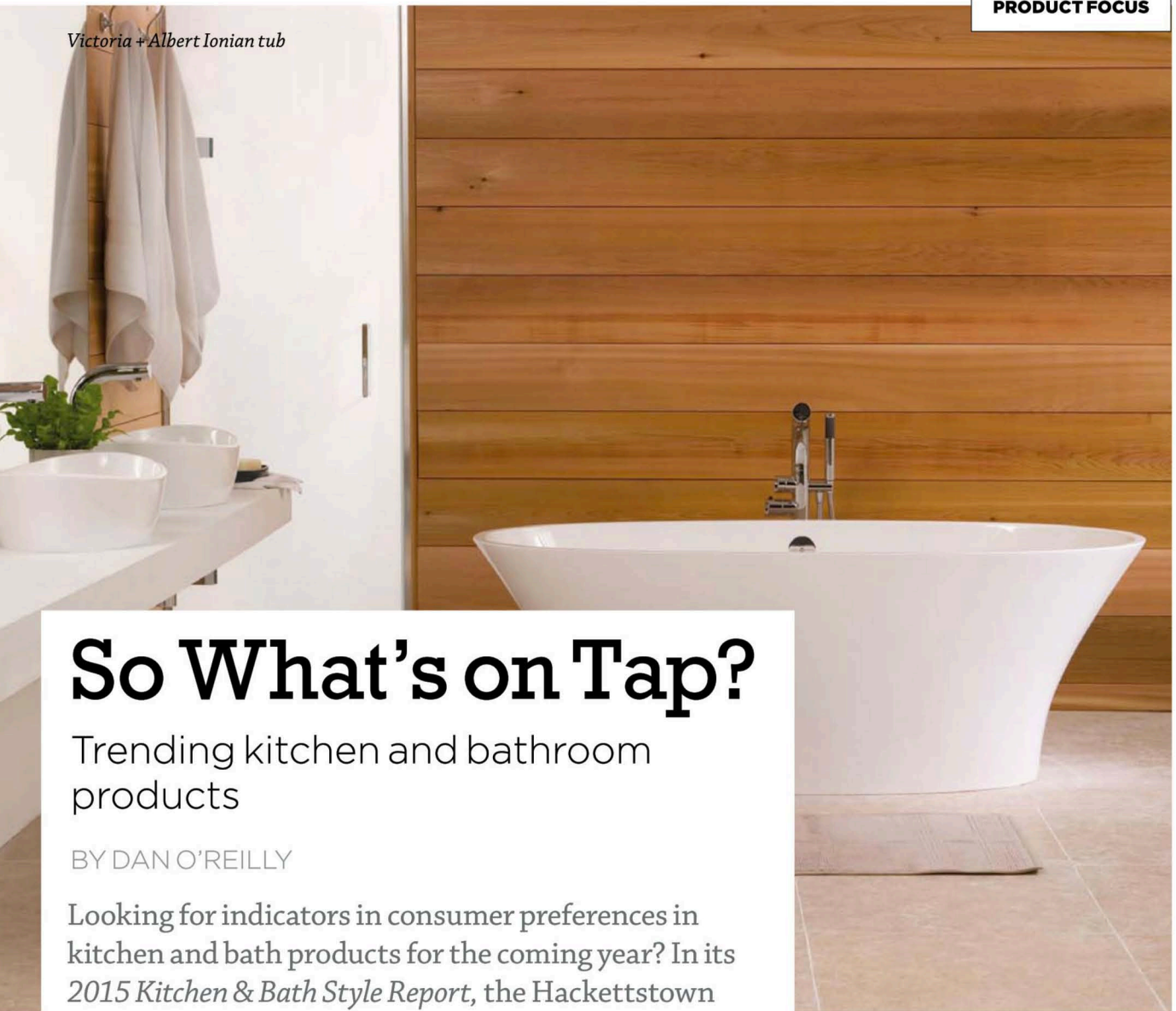
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Victoria + Albert Ionian tub



# So What's on Tap?

Trending kitchen and bathroom products

BY DAN O'REILLY

Looking for indicators in consumer preferences in kitchen and bath products for the coming year? In its *2015 Kitchen & Bath Style Report*, the Hackettstown New Jersey-based National Kitchen and Bath Association, a non-profit trade association that represents about 14,000 member companies, cites “cleaner more contemporary designs” throughout the product category.

Trending bathrooms products include floating vanities, open shelving, electric heated floors, trough sinks, showers and freestanding tubs, with white and grey the dominant colours.

As for kitchens, the NKBA cites European-style cabinets, wine refrigerators, televisions, docking stations and steam-ovens. As well, there will be fewer standard kitchens tables, as homeowners opt for counters or tall gathering tables.

Released earlier this year, the report's conclusions are based on an online survey of its members that the association conducted in late 2014. A total of 420 designer members participated, of which about 9% were from Canada.

Here's a closer look at kitchen and bath products that should prove a perfect fit to meet current and anticipated trends.

## A BATHTUB FOR TIGHT SPACES

Placing bathtubs into small bathrooms can be a major challenge for builders and renovators, especially when the homeowner still wants a tub with style. Meeting that objective has been made considerably easier with Victoria + Albert's new sophisticated Ionian. Designed for tight spaces with an oval configuration, the freestanding tub takes up little floor space. At the same time, it's not cramped, thanks to generous interior dimensions and gentle angles, which allow for a fabulous soaking experience. Made from a finely ground volcanic limestone mixed with resin, it is cast in one seamless piece that won't crack or flex. [VANDABATHS.COM](http://VANDABATHS.COM)