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## THE NEXT STEP

OHBA's incoming president has been to Mt. Everest, but he's most at home when climbing into the political arena

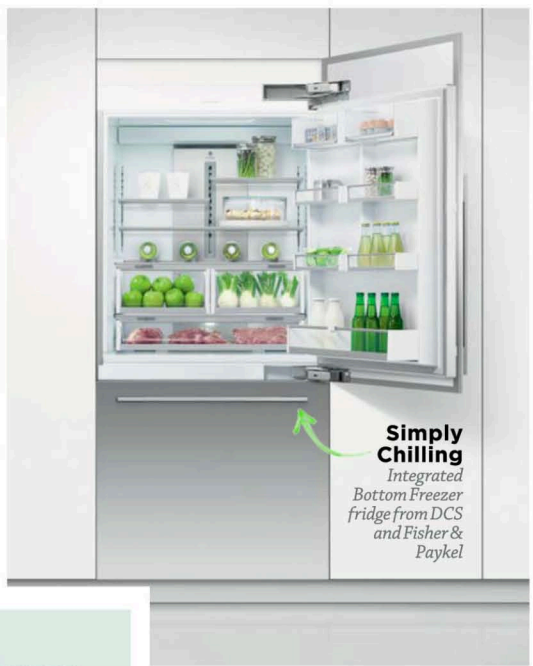


Builders Going  
to Extremes **P.88**



**Sinking Feeling**

*Victoria & Albert's Lavello vanity and Ravello 60 basin*



**Simply Chilling**

*Integrated Bottom Freezer fridge from DCS and Fisher & Paykel*

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being a grey kitchen with canary yellow, peacock blue or fuchsia accents.

Although white never goes out of style, black is gaining popularity—in cabinetry, countertops, plumbing fixtures, appliances, walls, lighting and furniture—Baxter adds. “In addition to black, we’re seeing a return to darker decor,” she says, citing the combination of charcoal greys mixed with warm wood tones. Also hot is the emergence of copper to accent spaces.

**MIXING AND MATCHING**

Touching on texture, the designer calls the growing use of concrete and metal cladding on cabinet doors and walls “hot hot hot!” Juxtaposed against natural wood, such cladding adds elegance to any space, she says.

Living plants can also be used to add texture, while patterned or unusually shaped tiles will create interesting patterns.

Shape plays a big role in defining kitchen and bathrooms. While linear geometry continues to dominate both rooms, builders should consider adding curves to soften the look where possible, including the ends of rectangular kitchen islands, Baxter advises.

With the popularity of those multi-

functional islands, the shape of cooktop hoods is undergoing a significant transformation, says Baxter, with many now on the market that look more like a decorative light fixture than a working exhaust fan, providing “an exciting mix of style and function.”

While kitchen trends in Canada generally align with what’s happening south of the border, there are two statistical differences between U.S. and Canadian design in the bathroom, says Bill Darcy, chief executive officer for the NKBA.

“Canadian designers are doing fewer contemporary-style bathrooms than their U.S. counterparts, and vessel sinks are less popular in Canada than the U.S. Otherwise, our trend data is consistent across both countries.”

The following is a list of kitchen and bath products builders maybe interested in.

**INTEGRATED REFRIGERATOR INSPIRES**

As its name suggests, the new Integrated Bottom Freezer Refrigerator from Fisher & Paykel and DCS offers design flexibility. It can be seamlessly integrated with minimal gaps around existing cabinets or customized to fit new spaces. And if the cupboards settle after they’ve been installed, the door panels can be adjusted to accommodate that movement. Featuring Smart-Touch controls and a large 36-inch-wide door, the refrigerator is available in 84- and 80-inch-high versions, with panel-ready and stainless steel door options. If maximum storage is required, both models can even be placed side by side and connected with a jointer kit which will provide more than 32 cubic feet of space if the customer desires it.

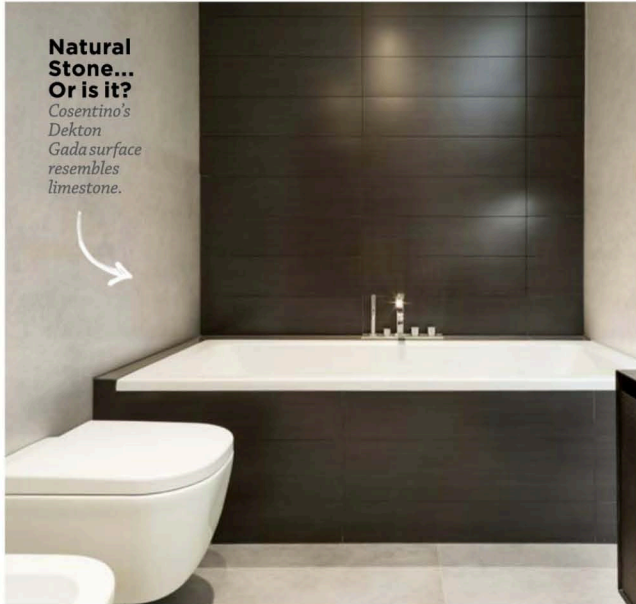
**FISHERPAYKEL.COM**

**FAUCETS WITH FLAIR**

Winner of this year’s Red Dot Award, an industry design competition that attracted registrants from 57 nations, the sleek and streamlined Edgewater Collection of pull-down kitchen and

### Natural Stone... Or is it?

Cosentino's Dekton Gada surface resembles limestone.



### In Search of Closure

Cabico cabinets offer no shortage of design choices.



ity, there's a unique, optional floating sink grid that is designed to handle the weight of pots and pans while gently floating along the inner sink walls. There is a choice of three colours and the unit can be matched with a variety of Blanco kitchen faucets.

**BLANCO.COM**

### A CENTENNIAL STOVE

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, Thermador has created a new stove that, the company claims, redefines kitchen design and the home cooking experience, while offering great flexibility. The 60-inch Pro Grand Range is equipped with six patented burners, including four that offer an extra-low simmering feature and a 22,000 BTU power burner. Users can also select various combinations, such as grille or griddle and steam or radiant oven, for their preferred cooking style on both the surface and interior of the appliance. Thermador has also introduced a 60-inch Professional Series Custom Hood and Insert that can be seamlessly integrated into the kitchen design. **THERMADOR.CA**

### A VANITY WITH VERSATILITY

Named after a small town in Southern Italy renowned for the talent of its artisans and crafted in England, the

Lavello vanity from Victoria + Albert is ideally suited for bathrooms where simplicity and sophistication are prized by the homeowners. Builders have a choice of two versions: the wall-hung Lavello 114 and the two-legged Lavello 114 Glass. Both are constructed with beech timber and covered with a waterproof lacquer paint finish. The Watermarks Boutique is a semi-exclusive dealer in the GTA.

**WATERMARKSBOUTIQUE.COM**

### NO DUCTS REQUIRED

Heralded by Whirlpool as its most energy-efficient dryer, the Hybrid Heat Pumper is the perfect solution for condominiums or renovations where installing venting is difficult. That's because no ducts are required. At the heart of the appliance is a ventless heat pump technology that uses a refrigeration system to dry and recycle air before returning it to the drum. Three energy modes help homeowners balance their needs for efficiency and drying times. An optional hybrid heat pump to reduce recycling times is also offered. **WHIRLPOOL.COM**

### ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES WITH DEKTON

Debuted in 2015, Dekton is a new product many might not be familiar with. Manufactured in Spain by Cosentino and now widely available in this country, Dekton is a large-format surface that

comes in a wide variety of beautiful solid and high-gloss colours, including finishes that mimic natural stone, slate, wood and textured concrete. Made from a blend of raw materials, it has several application possibilities, including kitchen and bathroom countertops. According to the manufacturer, it is the most scratch-resistant surface available on the market, is completely stain-proof and has a high fire and heat resistance, preventing it from burning, scorching or cracking under high temperatures. It is also equipped with thermal shockproof properties to protect from extreme cold. **DEKTON.CA**

### CABINETS WITH A HUMAN TOUCH

Featuring more than 100 standard door styles, five cabinet options, over a dozen species of wood and a vast array of colours, the Unique line of cabinetry from Groupe Cabico provides builders with plenty of design and style choices. Made to order and hand-finished, every order is handled from start to finish by the same craftsman. This approach provides consistency in brush strokes. Depending on the size or order placed with a dealer, delivery time for the cabinets will be between four to six weeks.

**CABICO.COM**