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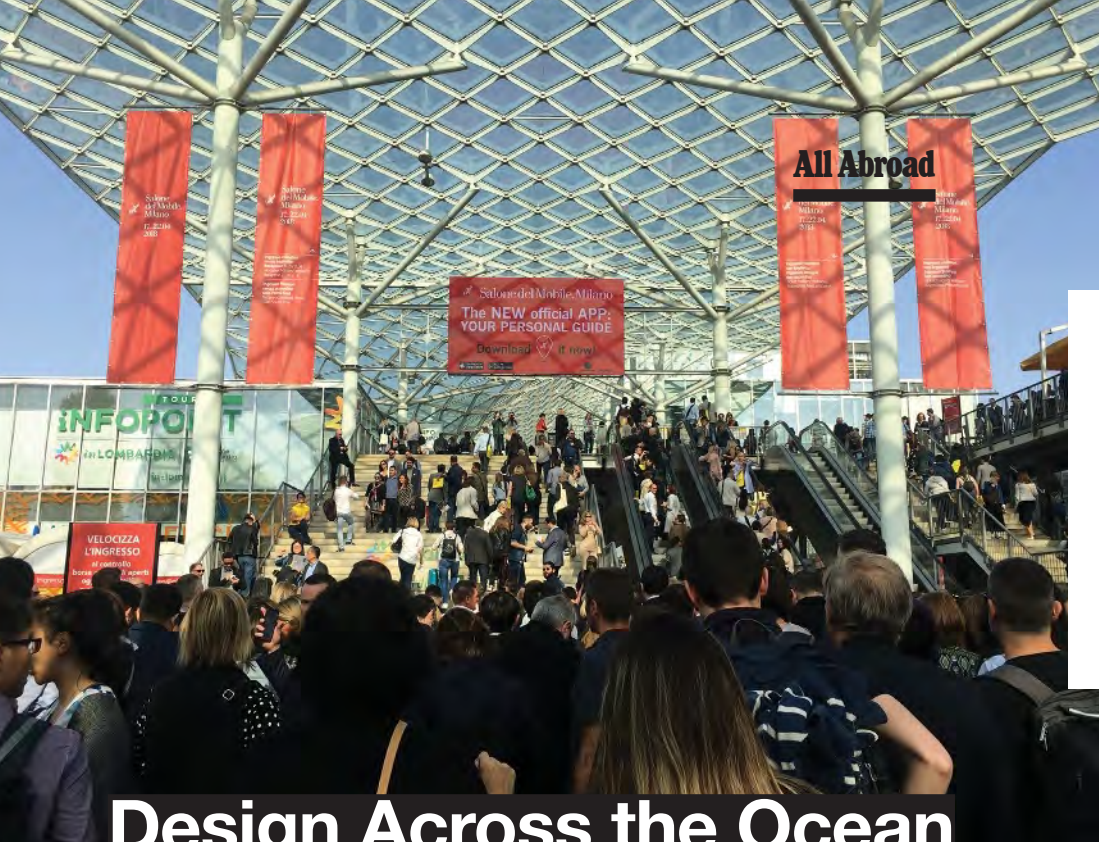
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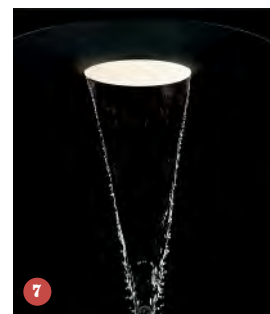
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All Abroad



# Design Across the Ocean

Salone del Mobile speaks to upcoming global trends in the kitchen and bath

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EVERY YEAR, DESIGN COMPANIES THROUGHOUT EUROPE congregate on the fairgrounds in Milan for Salone del Mobile, the international home design show. This year also featured the biennial kitchen show, EuroCucina, and the International Bathroom Exhibition – Salone Internazionale del Bagno – as well as EuroCucina - FTK, a special exhibit just for technology in the kitchen. *KBB* joined the more than 300,000 visitors scouring more than 2,000 exhibits for the latest in kitchen and bath trends and products from Europe.

## THE OASIS BATHROOM

The bathroom has become much more than a utilitarian space, and people are looking for more ways to make it somewhere in which to spend quality time. This has been a slowly growing idea for a while everywhere, but the commonality of smaller spaces in Europe calls for more functionality and creativity to make the bath spa-like.

→ **Customization is King.** With a small space, having the ability to enhance every inch so it fits the client perfectly is essential. The Azure shower system from **1 Inda** caters to this with a fully customizable look across the bathroom, while **2 Fiandre's AQUA MAXIMUM** offers a collection of personalized shower trays and washbasins that can be made in standard-size variants. **3 Axor** allows for customization in its Signature Line of faucets, including personalized inscriptions.

→ **Getting Thinner.** Slimmer cabinet doors and fixtures save square footage and give the illusion of more space. **4 FIMA Carlo Frattini's MAST** features these thin lines in both the spout and the body of the faucet, while the base is integrated and the outline of the lever is minimal. The Metallo 61 Quartz Washbasin from **5 Victoria + Albert** is ideal for a small space with its thin legs that reference traditional bathroom pipework. Sinks – both above and undercounter models – are also boasting smaller sizes without losing aesthetics or functionality, like the Tino and Tina washbasins from **6 Ceramica CIELO**.

→ **Channeling Nature.** Making nature a part of daily life has definite health benefits, and shower manufacturers are seeking even higher goals when it comes to referencing the environment. Aquamoon from **7 Dornbracht** is intended to make the user feel like they are standing beneath a tranquil waterfall. Azimut from **8 antoniolupi** can be applied to the wall or the ceiling for a rainshower effect, and a hinge allows the user to rotate and direct the jet more than 180 degrees for a relaxing, nature-inspired experience. **9 Hansgrohe's PowderRain** spray technology also echoes the feel of a rain shower ↓



# A Coveted Collection

**Last but not least, our guest editor shared some of her favorite interior design products with us - from lighting to plumbing fixtures to hardware.**



**BY TINA RAMCHANDANI, KBB'S 2018 GUEST EDITOR**

## Favorites



"This Lario 100 Volo Vanity from **Victoria + Albert** is the perfect example of smart design that's executed in a beautiful way. It's very clean in composition and features hidden storage compartments that store unsightly bathroom accessories in the most stylish way."



"I love a good statement piece. This sink from **KOHLER** is a work of art that's sure to elevate any bathroom space with its decorative pattern and finish. It is both distinctive and usable, and I can see it being successfully incorporated in a wide variety of bathroom styles while still maintaining an individual feel." *Pictured is a unit from the Dutchmaster Collection, a collaboration with artist Ashley Woodson Bailey.*



"This bathtub is the epitome of modern luxury. From the deep, dark color to the understated sensuality in its shape, the entire bathroom space could (and should) be designed around a piece that speaks this clearly of its existence." *Pictured is Vov by Italian company, Nella Vetrina.*



"I'm a huge fan of sconces, especially in bedrooms and small spaces. They are a sophisticated way to add light and interest while keeping side tables free for fresh flowers or other small accessories. This Signal Sconce by **Workstead** is a great option; it's a sculptural piece that adds romantic, soft light and can emit both femininity or masculinity depending on the surrounding decor."



"When I was asked by **Obeetee** to create a rug for its Express Program to benefit DIFFA, I knew I wanted to create something that brought relaxation into the home. The design and color palette were inspired by a trip I had taken to Iceland, where I was infatuated by the black sand beaches of Vik. Everything was dark, which evoked a very special calmness, and watching the navy blue waves crash on the black sand beaches while the white caps of the waves broke against the moody water was mesmerizing."



"These hand-blown lamps are sculptural and luminescent. They provide a romantic light while adding unparalleled interest when not in use." *Pictured is the Brokis Balloon Lamp.*



"When hosting an event that involves a decorative tabletop, the place settings are very important, and the pieces you choose to complete your dining table should be about more than just the food. This modern and artistic collection ensures there will be something to talk about at the table other than work and politics." *Pictured is the Radiance Summer Collection by Lenox.*

"These barstools are a favorite of mine. Their substantial quality makes them extremely comfortable, and the lightweight materials used in construction embody style and versatility." *Pictured is the Verner Panton Series 430 Barstool for Verpan.*



"I'm impressed by the simplicity and beauty of **Baldwin Hardware's** new Hollywood Hills Collection," said Ramchandani. "The designs are very versatile, which makes the integration of door hardware with cabinetry hardware appear seamless. I'm itching to use the stunning cabinet pulls in my next project." *The pictured pull features a Venetian bronze finish.*