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VICTORIA + ALBERT BATHS WAS BORN OUT OF A PASSION for luxury bathing. The vision was simple: to create design pieces that set the standard for style, innovation and performance. Bathtubs, basins, faucets, furniture and accessories that deliver a superior bathing experience. The result is a complete range of bathroom products that take the concept of luxury bathing to a new level. With the peace of mind of a 25-year domestic warranty, choosing Victoria + Albert is more than a purchase, it's an investment for life.

The specially developed **ENGLISHCAST™** material is made from a unique blend of **Volcanic Limestone™** and high-performance resins. Perfect for making bathtubs and basins, ENGLISHCAST™ is a world-class stone composite that delivers unrivalled strength, durability and beauty. From roomy roll tops, to compact soaking tubs, to undermount basins, the collection raises the bar on exceptional product design. Luxurious faucets, vanity furniture and accessories add the perfect finishing touches.

For over 20 years, Victoria + Albert has been renowned for attention to detail; from the first-class craftsmanship and materials that go into each of the products, to the support from the dedicated customer services team. What's unique is the total control of the manufacturing process from start to finish; every tub and basin is hand finished and inspected in dedicated factories near Cape Town, South Africa. An investment in maintaining high levels of inventory means that orders can be dispatched from a distribution center within days. A commitment to the finer details is one of the many reasons Victoria + Albert has been specified in some of the most luxurious hotels and residences worldwide.

"We are thrilled to be a winner of the Readers' Choice Awards," says Edward Davies, managing director for Victoria + Albert Baths. "It's a real honor to be recognized by the readers of *KBB*. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our showroom and industry partners who have worked so hard to champion Victoria + Albert Baths. We look forward to many more successful years ahead."

To find out more about Victoria + Albert Baths, please visit www.vandabaths.com. ★



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What's Hot in Smart Fixtures



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1. **MOEN** has expanded its line of hands-free faucets to include MotionSense Wave. Faucets with the touchless technology feature a single sensor on the base that provides hands-free control so users can turn the water on and off with just the wave of a hand. The technology is available on the following faucet collections: Arbor, Sleek and Align Spring (shown here).



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2. When paired with the **GEBERIT** In-Wall Toilet System, the Geberit Sigma80 Flush Actuator keeps things hands free. Simply approach the toilet, and a small and large bar of pure colored light appear. Wave a hand over the large color bar for a full flush and the small color bar for a half flush.

3. SteamLinX from **MRSTEAM** is a wireless interface that consists of a smartphone app and two small transmitter modules: one connects to any MrSteam E-series generator and the other to the home Internet router. The two transmitters communicate with each other, allowing the user to control steam room functionality wirelessly through the app on their smartphone.

4. The Genius Shower from **RIOBEL** is an electronic, pressure-balanced, thermostatic shower system, which means it provides stable and safe water temperature in the event of a drop in hot or cold water pressure. Its digital keypad is easy to handle for everyone in the family, regardless of age or dexterity, and it outputs up to 19 liters of water per minute, even in the event of a power blackout.



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5. **DELTA** has developed a skill for Alexa that allows consumers to control faucets using only their voices with Voice Activation Technology, which links Amazon Alexa and Delta Touch2O Technology faucets. Voice instructions for Alexa, which include turning water on and off, measuring water quantity and even warming water, allow users to continue working while seamlessly and accurately controlling water via a Wi-Fi connection.

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6. **MTI BATHS** introduces Microbubbles Technology, which super-saturates water with up to 50 percent more dissolved oxygen than regular water. This new sensory therapy option detoxifies pores and envelops the body in extra oxygen, and it is available on most Designer drop-in and Sculpted Finish soaking or air tubs.

7. **TOTO** has developed the world's first zero-gravity bathtub where users feel total weightlessness: the Flotation Tub with Zero Dimension Technology. This tub has been proven to put the bather in a meditative, low-frequency brainwave state. This tension-free position also allows for deep muscle relaxation and serves as a remedy for physical and mental fatigue.



8. Coming this summer, the DTV+ Showering System with **KOHLER** Konnect allows users to adjust water temperature and control showerheads, body sprays, music, lighting, steam and shower duration with voice commands, the DTV+ interface or from a mobile device with the KOHLER Konnect app. Consumers who already have DTV+ systems can upgrade by having a bridge module installed in their existing system.