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# KBB'S DESIGNS OF THE YEAR



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## What's Hot in Showers

**1. THG PARIS** has partnered with designer Pierre-Yves Rochon for Le 9, a new collection that is a contemporary interpretation of the Art Deco style. The cylindrically shaped howlite handles of Le 9 feature a contrasting shape with the same finish as the coordinating showerhead.

**2. STEAMIST** has introduced a new matte-black finish offering, which is now an option within its line of advanced steam and digital shower products. In addition to the new matte black, Steamist's finish options include brushed nickel, brushed bronze, oil-rubbed bronze, polished brass, polished chrome, polished gold and polished nickel.

**3.** The SteamVection Steamhead from **THERMASOL** delivers floor-to-ceiling temperature uniformity. This means consistent and even temperature zones – no longer variable heat ranges that typically occur in steam showers. The steamhead also allows the closest proximity to the outlet, which avoids intrusion into usable shower space.

**4.** Originating from the Tuscan area of Italy, the MOD+ Collection from **GRAFF** offers handle cover options in pure marble or 17 brass finishes. Customers can mix and match the finishes, marble handles and a clip breaching the side of each handle, which provides better movement of the piece and a customization option.

**5.** Now compatible with Google Assistant, Apple HomeKit and Amazon Alexa, the U by **MOEN** shower is a next-generation Wi-Fi/cloud-based digital shower with three methods of control: voice activation, a smartphone app and an in-shower controller. It also is newly available in the matte-black finish.

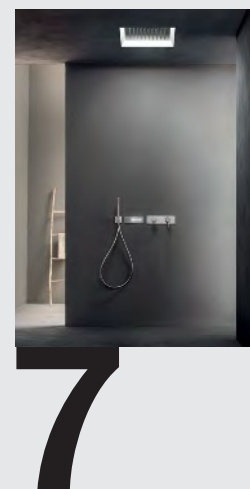
**6.** The new MTSB-6030IFMD shower base from **MTI BATHS** is distinguished by transitions that flow smoothly from all corners and sides into the shower pan floor. The drain is available for the left or right end and is offered in stainless steel or a white powder-coated finish. The base is made with a cross-linked, cast-acrylic construction and comes standard in a matte-white finish.



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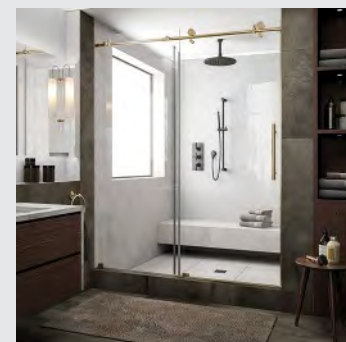
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**7.** Acquafit is **FANTINI**'s first shower to offer a double rain jet. There are 170 anti-limescale nozzles, 25 of which are grouped closely together in the center to boost function and enhance the experience. The either square or rectangular showerhead can be installed in three different ways: recessed, semi-recessed or surface mounted.

**8.** The new Avian Bath Collection from **DANZE BY GERBER** includes a showerhead with features like air injection for a high-quality shower at lower flow rates. Clean, modern lines and distinct edges give the collection a contemporary yet timeless character, and the tub and shower trim kits are fully compatible with the Gerber Treysta Valve.

**9.** **LENOVA**'s shower systems now feature a Thermostatic and Pressure Balance Shower Valve, which allows only one degree of temperature difference in the outlet water, regardless of the temperature or pressure change of the inlet water. The triple-function valve – made of solid brass – controls water temperature, volume and pressure.

**10.** A first for the North American market, the Frameless and Completely Frameless Shower collections from **ASTON** now boast a new finish option: brushed gold. With this new trim color, Aston's portfolio of frameless shower doors and enclosures – like the Coraline with StarCast Glass shown – will now be available with up to six hardware finish options.