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Trends In Bath Faucets

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When it comes to creating timeless, elegant designs its all about the finishes. Marine grade stainless steel, dramatic brass and unexpected use of wood and concrete are key themes for bath faucets and shower systems. These new products will take your bath to the next level of style and performance.

GAME CHANGING STAINLESS

Danish plumbing manufacturer QTOO's impressive new line of sleek shower systems are crafted from marine grade stainless steel, making them durable enough to withstand rigorous water and environmental challenges. This material features a high abrasion resistance and is so durable it can easily withstand outdoor elements so imagine how long it will last in your interior bath. QTOO's marine grade stainless steel showers are expertly engineered for impressive performance with an innovative volume control diverter that serves a two-way function for precise control over water flow and temperature. And there's even a built-in anti-scald protection, which is great for families with young children. The system includes a head shower and baton hand sprayer and comes in a brushed or polished finish.

BRILLIANTLY BRITISH BRASS

Bring a sense of grace and elegance to the bath with the stunning new Brigade faucet by renowned British manufacturer Barber Wilsons & Co. The Brigade Collection is notable for its gracefully arched swan neck spout and knurled detailing on the handles. Available with a 6" or 8" spout as a lavatory fixture, the Brigade line also includes a wall-mounted design, Roman tub fixtures and a thermostatic shower valve. The collection is offered in all of Barber Wilsons' standard finishes as well as their lovely new Brushed Brass finish. With its classic silhouette and distinctive style, this exceptional faucet compliments a variety of decors, from vintage to transitional and even brings a new twist to contemporary settings.

UNEXPECTED HANDLE MATERIALS

The Serie 240 from Isenberg was designed in their state-of-the-art DesignLab in Dallas, Texas. Inspired by the metronome and Panerai watch, the collection has luxurious lines and a sophisticated vibe featuring graphic cross handles that are available in traditional finishes as well as intriguing concrete and wood options. This beautifully cohesive bath ensemble offers 15 coordinating plumbing fixtures including wall- or deck-mounted sink faucets, a freestanding tub filler, thermostatic shower valves and components to complete the look of your bath space. The collection is crafted in solid brass and available in polished nickel, chrome and matte black finishes, with the addition of distinctive walnut and concrete handle options.