Johnson Controls Opens Second Training Center as Part of Nationwide HVAC Initiative

Johnson Controls celebrated the grand opening of a new Source 1 HVAC Supply and YORK NW Factory Direct training center on Nov. 20 in Fife, Washington. The opening marks the second training center Source 1 and YORK Factory Direct has opened as part of Johnson Controls nationwide training initiative.

The 2,450-square-foot facility features a classroom space that can hold up to 24 students as well as a live lab with 12 YORK HVAC units, ranging from basic to premium efficiency models, to provide hands-on learning to help technicians become YORK certified technicians. The training center also offers a variety of interactive and digital courses designed to educate and prepare the future workforce.

The grand opening event occurred on-site with more than 100 guests in attendance, including YORK dealers, customers, trade school representatives and Fife Mayor Kim Roscoe. Attendees enjoyed commentary from guest speakers, a facility tour, food, raffles and giveaways.

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The Best of BDNY
A look at today’s boutique hotel designs offer a glimpse into future residential trends.

There’s nothing like the synergy of a design show in the heart of New York City. The Jennings & Co. team was excited to be on-site for the 9th annual BDNY last week for a jam-packed marathon of tours and networking offering a source of endless inspiration. Boutique Hotel Design New York is one of our favorite events—a creative forum bringing together the top professionals in the hospitality community along with leading manufacturers.

The result is a singular experience that provided a fascinating look at what’s trending in upscale boutique hotels and how those trends may translate into the residential market. We’ve found that boutique hotels are often predilect of residential designs as people experience luxurious amenities and want to incorporate them into their homes. It’s like peeking into the future to see what showrooms will be featuring a year from now. Here are a few of our favorites from the 2019 event.

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QuickDrain USA was at BDNY with its award-winning WallDrain that takes water removal behind the wall. This system channels water along the downward slope of the shower pan into a drain channel concealed behind the base of the wall. Nearly any tile can be installed over the drain’s magnetic vertical cover before it is attached to the shower wall, creating a fully inte-

**Hands-Free Convenience**

We loved the pure practicality represented by the all-in-one SWAR cabinet from Stern Engineering. With its minimal design and clever “hidden” functions, we can see a version of this becoming very popular in residential bathrooms. Its SWAR (soaptowel air revolution) system in the ultimate sanitary bath- room cabinet with a touch-faucet and soap dispenser and a high-speed hand dryer functions as a mirror and includes LED pictograms for an intuitive user experience. SWAR dramatically reduces water and soap consumption, eliminates paper waste and helps prevent users from cross-contamination. Many functions can be adjusted by remote control, such as sensor settings, soap dosage and water temperature, which are some great safety features for families with young children.

**Crafted of marine-grade stain- less steel, WallDrain comes in three standard sizes up to 96 inches and is a perfect choice for both traditional and contemporary bathrooms.**

**Voice Mirror Technology**

The new Sirius Voice Mirror combines beautiful design with impressive technology to create a personalized experience in hotel rooms that would easily translate into home scenarios. Using the power of Amazon’s Alexa, the Voice Mirror acts as a personal concierge to hotel guests, allowing them to make requests and reservations, play their music using Bluetooth wireless technology and even allow them to control their room’s smart devices such as lights, cur- tains and temperature.

Our whole team loved the Voice Mirror and thought of so many ways it would be a wonderful addition for home use. The Sirius brand has an impressive backstory, starting as the inspiration of a husband-and-wife team working outside of their garage and evolving into an award-winning manufacturer of over-evolving TV and mirror applications.

It’s not surprising that boutique hotels are at the forefront of in-

**For more information about these luxury brands, visit their respective websites at:**

**MITI Baths**

www.miti-baths.com

**Quick Drain USA**

www.quickdrainusa.com

**Stern Engineering**

www.sternfaucets.com

**Seura**

www.seura.com