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New Flooring Division to Serve North America



LG HAUSYS AMERICA HAS OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED its LG Hausys Flooring Division to serve the North American market. The new division will carry a variety of luxury vinyl tile (LVT) and SPC products, as well as sports and commercial sheet flooring. Customers can choose from natural wood, stone and concrete looks to solid and woven modern designs. Multiple sizes in tile and plank formats, along with thickness and wear layer options, are available. The new flooring division will bring together a global design team of more than 100 professionals, an advanced testing and research center and technological product innovations. LG Hausys flooring products are 100 percent FloorScore and DIBt certified for low VOCs. They are also phthalate and heavy-metal free.

London Plumbing Brand Undergoes Revamp



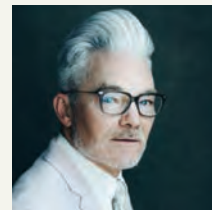
LONDON-BASED BARBER WILSONS & COMPANY has launched its redesigned logo and website at barberwilsons.com. The new logo is modern and streamlined to coordinate with the brand's new site, which features improved functionality and quick access to essential information on its products. The improved website showcases Barber Wilsons' faucets, showers and bath accessories, and each product is listed with a description, finish options and technical information sheets, which include dimensions and specific installation requirements. A convenient new search guide makes it easy to navigate the company's collections and find the right fitting for any wet environment.

Ambassadors Chosen to Expand Sustainable Design

THE SUSTAINABLE FURNISHINGS COUNCIL (SFC) has announced this year's SFC Ambassadors, a team of professionals dedicated to the advancement of more sustainable and conscientious design choices across the home furnishings industry. The council's mission is to help businesses reduce their environmental footprints and aid consumers in making healthier furniture choices.

The nine-member team includes (left to right, top to bottom):

- Corey Damen Jenkins of Corey Damen Jenkins & Associates LLC
- Thom Filicia of Thom Filicia Inc.
- Libby Langdon of Libby Langdon Interiors
- Breegan Jane of Breegan Jane LLC
- Laura Hodges of Laura Hodges Studio
- John Eason of John Douglas Eason Interior Design
- Jennifer Jones of Niche Interiors
- Anelle Gandelman of A-List Interiors
- Laurence Carr of Laurence Carr Design



JAMES AMENDOLA has been appointed **NEOLITH's** vice president of North America. He has had more than 30 years of experience in the stone surfacing industry and was most recently the director of sales and marketing U.S. at **SAPIENSTONE**.



MAJESTIC KITCHEN & BATH CREATIONS INC. has hired **JEFF ROBERTSON II** as vice president of manufacturing for its Youngsville, N.C., facility. He will be in charge of elevating the company's precision, production and first time right performance standards.



PLUM has named **MICHAEL TRAUB** its new CEO. His global experience encompasses manufacturing, distribution and finance in the consumer durables and home appliance industries, and he is the former president and CEO of **BSH HOME APPLIANCES** for North America.



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What's Hot in Smart Fixtures

1. THERMASOL's ThermoTouch Smart Touchscreen Control – which brings the multi-sensory powers of water, sound, steam and light into the user's complete control – has been updated with additional apps, the ability to customize the home screen with new icon buttons and instructions available in Spanish. The list of apps now includes more than 30 options, including Facebook messenger, Facebook Lite, Audible, Pinterest and The Globe. MSRP is \$2,390 for the 10-in. control and \$2,190 for the 7-in. control. www.thermasol.com/thermatouch

2. The AMERICH Nanobubble Experience ANEX features a system that infuses compressed air into the bath water to surround the body in a cloud of tiny bubbles that deep cleans skin. Nanobubbles are suspended in the water, keeping heat energy in the water and helping maintain a more consistent temperature in the bath. Air is drawn into the system and dissolved into the water at high pressure. MSRP is \$2,200. americh.com

3. The iWash S-11 bidet seat from **ICERA** includes a stainless-steel, self-cleaning sprayer with customizable spray options. The iWash can be programmed with two memory presets, and other features include a built-in deodorizer, in-bowl nightlight, silent-close lid and a wall-mounted remote control with LED backlit buttons. MSRP is \$675. icerabath.com

4. BAINULTRA introduces BU-Touch, a new virtual control app that sets the therapies on its ThermoMasseur baths. The BU-Touch application controls therapies like activating Hydro-thermo Massage, setting the heated backrest and head rest temperature, selecting colors for chromotherapy and programming the drying cycle. The app is available with the purchase of a ThermoMasseur bath. www.bainultra.com

5. The SPAH2O digital shower valve from **MRSTEAM** is the first to control both steam and shower digitally. The valve syncs to the iSteam V system, allowing for both steam and water to be controlled from the same wall panel – eliminating the need for separate controls – or directly from the SPAH2O app on one's phone. MSRP is \$1,950. www.mrsteam.com

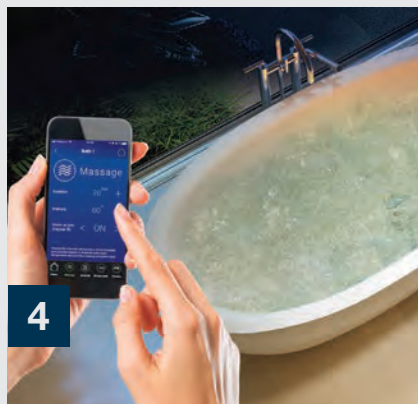
6. The Aqualogic Ozone Faucet Line from **LENOVA** produces aqueous ozone that kills viruses, bacteria, mold, yeast and algae within seconds of contact for an ecologically safe way to clean food and water-safe surfaces. Ozone water can also extend the shelf life of food, remove odors and increase the level of protection from food-borne illnesses. The Aqualogic faucet retails for \$2995. lenovasinks.com

7. KOHLER Touchless Toilet Technology is an integrated, touchless flush sensor located in the flush lever of the toilet that can help prevent the spread of bacteria. The flush lever features a sensor light, adjustable through the KOHLER app. The technology is listed at an MSRP of \$1,000 for the San Souci and Tresham models, and \$600 for the Reach and Corbelle models. www.us.kohler.com/us

8. AMERICAN STANDARD's Spectra Filtered 4-Spray Hand Shower Rail System reduces chlorine levels in the shower by at least 50 percent to keep skin and hair healthier. With a filter built into the rail system, it is easy to change and eliminates the need for a bulky add-on filter. This WaterSense-certified faucet starts at an MSRP of \$170. www.americanstandard-us.com



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What's Hot Everywhere Else

1. From **DCS BY FISHER & PAYKEL**, the DCS Power Burner ranges from 70,000 to 1,300 BTUs. Features include a cast-brass burner, two illuminated dials and grates specially designed to provide stability for pots and woks of all sizes. The DCS Power Burner is designed to accompany built-in outdoor kitchens. MSRP is \$2,349. www.fisherpaykel.com/us

2. Designed by Beverly Hills-based interior designer Christopher Grubb, the Roxbury StyleDrain from **CALIFORNIA FAUCETS** features an abstract zigzag pattern that is part herringbone, part woven basket. Made of solid brass, it has no visible or protruding screws and ranges in price from \$239 for polished chrome to \$382 in a premium finish such as black nickel. www.calfaucets.com

3. **WILSONART**'s Connected Collection draws inspiration from the exploration of how individual surface designs with threads of similarities can work together in a choreographed manner. The Connected Collection is available in Wilsonart's Virtual Design Library, which includes 16 abstracts and woodgrains, specially selected to coordinate with each other. Price is \$2.50-\$3.00 per square foot. www.wilsonart.com

4. The Series 260 Collection from **ISENBERG** has a curved base inspired by gently flowing water with a flat spout. All fixtures are crafted from solid brass and are available in chrome, brushed nickel, polished nickel and matte black with a single-hole or wide-spread design. Shown is the single-hole lavatory faucet in polished chrome, which retails for \$445. www.isenbergfaucets.com

5. The Cast-Iron Scoop Pull from **MOCKETT** has both a gritty and smooth texture that is coated with enamel to prevent rust. The pull measures 4 1/2 inches long, 1 1/2-inches projection and 3 2/2 inches on center. Price is \$9.05 each, and the pulls are sold individually. www.mockett.com

6. **NEOLITH**'s Six-S Collection of surfaces was developed to promote how material choices can positively impact public health, welfare and well-being, as well as the environment and global ecosystem. Shown here is Layla, which is available in 1/4-in., 1/2-in. and 3/4-in. thicknesses and in 126-in. by 64-in. and 126-in. by 60-in. formats. Price is available by request. www.neolith.com/en

7. The new Brigade Faucet from **BARBER WILSONS & CO.** has an arched swan-neck spout and knurled detailing on the handles. Available with a 6-in. or 8-in. 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 shown here in the brushed-brass finish. Price is available by request. www.barberwilsons.com

8. **TRACY GLOVER STUDIO** has introduced the Double Rondel Sconce, inspired by the original Rondel Sconce. The new fixture similarly features thin glass threading to create a visual effect while also diffusing light with two overlapping glass rondels. The sconce is shown with a 12-in. diameter in the wrap pattern with a clear color and a brushed-brass finish. MSRP is \$2,898. www.tracygloverstudio.com



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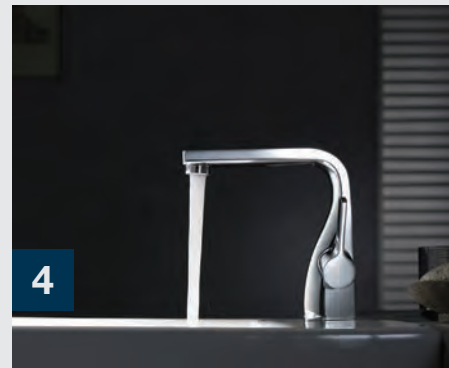
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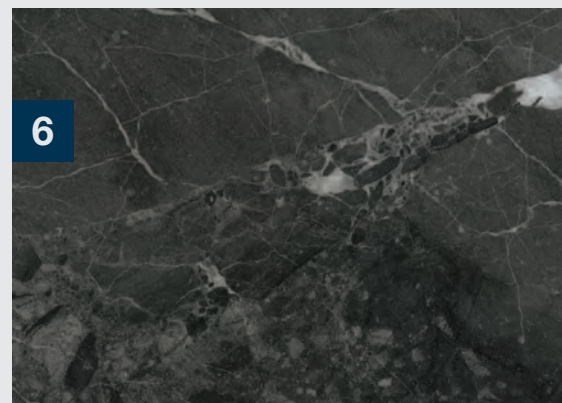
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