

EXPLORE THE LATEST IN KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN
LuxeHome Boutiques Unveil New Products and Trends At LuxeHome Open House

CHICAGO (August 26, 2008)—In celebration of October's National Kitchen and Bath Month, the LuxeHome boutiques at The Merchandise Mart will present the latest in kitchen, bath and building products at the LuxeHome Open House on Saturday, October 4, 10am-3pm. LuxeHome, the world's largest collection of luxury boutiques for home building and renovation, is the premier destination for the finest products in the kitchen and bath industry.

National Kitchen and Bath Month is the perfect opportunity for LuxeHome boutiques to unveil what's new and hot and offer consumers and design professionals a trend-setting experience sure to inspire and ignite their next kitchen, bath or home project. In addition to new products and the latest trends, the LuxeHome Open House will feature keynote speaker, Monica Pedersen, host and designer of HGTV's *Designed to Sell*, celebrity guest appearances, product demonstrations, gourmet treats and beverages, and much more.

For more information about LuxeHome or the Open House, please contact Sophia Weiss, Public Relations Manager for Merchandise Mart Properties Inc., at 312.527.7841 or sweiss@mmart.com.

Listed below are highlights of the **new products and trends** in tile and stone, cabinetry, wall, vanity and wood products to be unveiled during the LuxeHome Open House on October 4, 2008.

TILE AND STONE

- **Ann Sacks – Suite 100-B**
312-923-0919, www.annsacks.com
Ann Sacks presents three new tiles, Gallery, Tiempo and Trend Glass Mosaics. Entirely handcrafted and handpainted in a small Bend, Oregon studio, Gallery uses a relief surface along with multicolored glazes. The result is stunning ceramic art tile that has the character and warmth of handmade tile and the sophistication and style of fine art. Trend handcrafted glass mosaic collections are available in a startling array of brilliant colors, and an engineered flooring option that is earth friendly. Tiempo takes its aesthetic cue from traditional patterns found in France and Spain. Designs are handpainted onto rustic terra cotta tiles that have been distressed. Imperfections are evident, which lends the tiles the rich look of centuries-old terra cotta.
- **Granite & Marble Resources – Suite 115**
312-670-4400, www.maestromosaics.com
Imagine the beauty, durability and functions of real stone in an enhanced look of wood in natural stone planking. Unsurpassed beauty without worry about water spotting, flooding, or moisture damages. For your custom kitchen, bathroom, or even the entire floor area, Granite & Marble Resources introduces the latest shades of Stone Wood.
- **Kerns-Wilcheck of Chicago – Suite 145**
312-755-1420
Kerns-Wilcheck introduces new stone and tile from Chadwick's Surfaces.
- **Paris Ceramics Sandstone – Suite 146**
312-467-9830, www.parisceramics.com
The Architectural Kitchen features individually cut 'planks' from sheets of Sandstone, laying them in the same way as wooden floorboards. Closely resembling a Wenge floor, they offer all of the hardy advantages of stone. Virtually indestructible and a perfect partner for under-floor heating, they introduce a sleek architectural look.

Paris Ceramics' newest mosaics are extraordinary works of art, each representing hundreds of hours of work. Detailed images, rendered with almost life-like precision, are built up from thousands of tiny pieces of marble and semi-precious stones. The effect, like a still life painting, is almost photographic. However, there is absolutely no technology involved ... just painstaking work by hand and eye, building the complex image. Paris Ceramics offer these mosaics to special order and can base them on any reference; a painting, a photograph or just an idea.

- **Urban Archaeology – Suite 108**

312-527-4627, www.urbanarchaeology.com

Urban Archaeology introduces new cement tiles, handmade by skilled artisans. They combine a traditional technique with a modern aesthetic, offering a fresh alternative. They are durable, functional and easy to care for, becoming more beautiful over time.

CABINETS

- **Chicago Kitchen Design Group – Suite 127**

312-245-0100, www.ckdgroup.com

The Corsi Group Cabinetry Lines launches:

The Logan Inset stands apart as a statement of grand architecture expressed in fine cabinetry. Layered moldings, beautiful doors, dynamic profiles, and exclusive elements all combine with detailed workmanship to create room concepts far beyond the typical. Architectural themes embrace French, Palazzo, Craftsman, Americana, and English. These are enhanced by beautiful woods, exquisite finishes, and even the optional touch of gilding.

Bamboo cabinetry is a beautiful, practical, eco-friendly, and increasingly sustainable wood offered in the Symphony line of cabinetry. The line is available in its natural color or with an amber tone. The look is clean and sleek with a beautiful grain pattern.

- **Christopher Peacock – Suite 148**

312-321-9500, www.peacockcabinetry.com

The new "Refectory" Collection includes new cabinetry moldings, hardware, wall and ceiling color, as well as a range of faucets, countertops and backsplashes. Refectory is a modern interpretation inspired by monastic dining rooms, prep school dining halls and Ivy League and English University eating quarters.

- **de Giulio kitchen design. – Suite 121**

312-494-9200, www.degiulio.org

Visit de Giulio kitchen design and see how classic kitchen interior design has been reinterpreted with the internationally-acclaimed BeauxArts collection. New BeauxArts Display featuring Amaranth Green cabinetry by SieMatic. New de Giulio Collection Apothecary Cabinet – an original de Giulio design. New Signature Nickel Plate Rack – an original de Giulio design.

- **Ernestomeda Chicago – Suite 128**

312-329-0229, www.ernestomedachicago.com

The Ernestomeda Chicago boutique celebrates its first anniversary. Experience Ernestomeda's acclaimed Italian designs including the Barrique and Elektra kitchens.

- **Neff of Chicago, Inc. – Suite 144**

312-467-9585, www.neffkitchens.com

Neff of Chicago cabinetry designers on site to showcase and present Neff's newest Classic, Traditional and Avant-garde Contemporary kitchen cabinetry for 2008-2009.

- **Poggenpohl U.S. – Suite 138**

312-755-9023, www.poggenpohl-usa.com

In addition to the award-winning Poggenpohl Porsche Design P'7340 Kitchen currently on display, Poggenpohl will also introduce the Cubanit cabinetry along with the new Miele built-in refrigerator and 30-inch oven. Cubanit is a high gloss acrylic finish with aluminum edges and its gold iridescent color is inspired by the color trends in the new P'7340 Kitchen as well as a popular color in the automotive industry.

- **Studio Snaidero –Suite 140**
312-644-6662, www.snaiderochicago.com
Studio Snaidero launches a new product line call Kube, simple details with great practicality and function. Refined style, Kube offers subtle formal design and balance in the kitchen.
- **Woodharbor Home –Suite 130**
312-321-5600, www.woodharbor.com
Woodharbor Home launches new v-grooved interior doors and a new line of vanity cabinetry.

WALLS

- **American International Tile – Suite 134**
312-379-1700, www.americaninternationaltile.com
American International Tile introduces Porcelains, the latest in trends and colors. Stop in and see the porcelain based glass tiles in sizes up to 12X35 in unique colors. Wood-like porcelain in sizes 4X26, 6X26, & 9X26. Great look for your spa. The latest look in “fabric” tiles. Wallpaper look with a silk background.
- **Christopher Peacock – Suite 148**
312-321-9500, www.peacockcabinetry.com
Christopher Peacock recently launched one of the world’s best and most expensive Paint Collections for the home. The new company will offer several types and finishes and two undercoats to fit everyone’s needs: Cupboard Low Lustre, Wall Emulsion Low Lustre, Wall Emulsion Matte, Architrave & Trim High Lustre, Undercoat Oil and Undercoat Acrylic. Christopher Peacock Paint Collection No. 1 contains 90 beautiful premium colors and represents Peacock’s signature style.
- **Farrow & Ball – Suite 105B**
312-222-9620, www.farrow-ball.com
Colour experts Farrow & Ball have created ‘The Rosslyn Papers’; a charming reproduction of a nineteenth century English cotton print featuring a delicate design with a hint of the botanical. A versatile collection of 48 colourways, ‘The Rosslyn Papers’ make a decorative statement equally suited to a romantic boudoir, sophisticated dining room or grand entrance hall. Choose from a wide and eclectic choice of colour combinations which allow you to create both subtle and dramatic effects.
- **Paris Ceramics Sandstone - Suite 146**
312-467-9830, www.parisceramics.com
Paris Ceramics’ introduces Mother of Pearl Mosaic and Iridescent Tiles for wall decoration. Mother of Pearl Mosaics are glittering, shimmering natural mother of pearl mosaics, backed onto white marble. The Iridescent Tiles are handmade brick pattern tiles with subtle iridescent glazes. Available in three colourways, ‘Mother of Pearl’, Black and Copper.

VANITY

- **Hastings Tile & Bath—Suite 120**
312-527-0565, www.hastingstilebath.com

Hastings Tile & Bath presents over 100 new products first unveiled during K/BIS including:

-Fantini Dolce High Spout Faucet- Simple and elegant, this high spout tub filler's design is nothing if not restrained. For those that want to add a touch of color, the handle is also available in white and red.

-Lipsi Vanity- This wall-mounted vanity comes with a variety of basins. The oval above-counter option has a lustrous surface and gentle wave texture that softens the vanity's angular shape.

-Natural Ceradur Basin. This above-counter basin combines a rustic-looking material (in fact a technical ceramic substance) with a very contemporary shape. The bowl sits above the countertop for a very distinctive look.

-Fire Clay Basin and Iron Legstand. A contemporary twist on a classic silhouette, this graceful legstand comes in bronze, black, or silver finishes. Also available: white basins, matching mirrors and cabinets.

- **Lefroy Brooks Chicago – Suite 163**
312-755-0776, www.lefroybrooksusa.com

Lefroy Brooks showcases accessories from all of their collections with special note to the new "Opera" accessory line.

- **Showhouse by Moen – Suite 163**
800-289-6636, www.showhouse.moen.com

The Fina™ faucet, from ShowHouse® by Moen®, features a marquise-shaped spout to offer a beautiful, sheeting water presentation that complements its modern styling. And while the faucet itself is remarkably designed, it's the story inside the faucet that is equally as important. The widespread and wall-mount lavatory faucets incorporate a flow-optimized aerator, allowing the faucet to flow at a rate of 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm), versus traditional aerators which flow at 2.2 gpm.

Available in a cool, Chrome finish, the Destiny™ powder room faucet, the first hands-free electronic faucet from ShowHouse® by Moen®, features a distinctly styled spout that produces a clear, sheeting flow of water that coordinates with the faucet's unique look.

- **The KOHLER Store – Suite 100**
312-755-2510, www.kohler.com

Kallista, a leading provider of luxury plumbing products, unveiled two new finishes, Gunmetal and Antique Bronze, as part of its introductions for 2008. Offered on the highly successful Kallista One™ collection of sophisticated bath products and accessories, the Gunmetal finish has a warmth and depth of color that complements the modern bath and showering systems found in One. Antique Bronze is exclusively available in Kallista's Hampstead collection. Complementing the full-range of product found in its highly successful Hampstead Suite, Antique Bronze is a living finish. The organic nature of the finish is due to its traditional finishing technique that does not rely on powder coating, physical vapor deposition (PVD) or other chemicals to impede the finish allowing its natural patina to come through over time.

The Perfect Tub is the first in a series of universal acrylic baths and airbaths that fuse precise engineering and innovative design with comfort and elegance. The Perfect Tub is thoughtfully executed for the ultimate bathing experience. The generous 69x37-inch size has been engineered to comfortably accommodate one or two bathers. Its generous, rectangular form includes a 22½-inch depth allowing for a deep, relaxing soak. Minimal, with clean, classic lines, the tub is equally at home in traditional or contemporary settings.

Kallista introduced an exciting new collection, *Inigo*, designed by internationally renowned interior designer, Michael S Smith, *Inigo* is Smith's fourth collection for Kallista. Currently the *Inigo* collection offers a basin and bath set fitted with lever handles, wall-mount showerhead, 24-inch towel bar, towel ring, toilet paper holder, and hook all offered in Polished Chrome, Nickel Silver and Brushed Nickel. Additionally Inigo features a white carrara marble console table and finish-matched legs.

- **The NANZ Company and Remains Lighting - Suite 103**
312-527-1300, www.remains.com

Remains will introduce 22 new products featuring several new Permanent Collection pieces including a vanity, flush mount, and billiard lights. And in keeping with the stainless trend in kitchen design, the Orson Pendant will debut in polished, satin and burnished stainless, to coordinate perfectly with today's appliances.

1. The Ibex Chandelier – a majestic six-light chandelier featuring scalloped bobeches and gracefully curved, elongated arms which rise from a central fleur-de-lis crown, based on our family of successful Ibex sconces.

2. The Elliott Billiard Light is a versatile streamlined fixtures composed of white linen shades with glass diffusers, simple and elegant over kitchen islands or tables of any kind.

3. The Orson Billiard – three domical pendant lights with frosted glass lens and a star finial. Available in stainless and quite applicable for kitchens.

4. The Philip Flush Mount combines solid muscular proportions and sharp, tailored details.

5. The seeds of the Marlowe family are details that gracefully coalesce into unique configurations to make vanity lights and flush mounts. This suite offers a high level of customization in both size and finish, adding to its versatility.

6. Inspired by classic French Moderne designs, the Veronique Picture Light is a member of the Veronique Suite, which also includes sconces and chandeliers; this profile was designed by Steven Sclaroff.

7. The Clyde Vanity Light, elegant, essential, and adaptable to any environment.

WOOD

- **Birger Juell, Ltd. - Suite 150**
312-464-9663, www.birgerjuell.com

Birger Juell highlights Old Forest Furniture, one-of-a-kind tables, from the finest of woods, completely by hand. Using only the finest woods and old world craftsmanship, Old Forest Furniture is art turned into furniture.

Sponsors include Show House by Moen

ABOUT LUXEHOME™

LuxeHome boasts more than 100,000 square feet of space with 30 boutiques that feature the finest kitchen and bath products for luxury home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide. Open to the public, as well as interior designers, architects and custom builders, LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to fit all lifestyles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of manufacturers, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. LuxeHome's boutiques are open for shopping Monday through Saturday.

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