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Mixed Bag

Kitchen and bath design firms, while generally bullish over 2025 prospects, foresee a mixed bag of factors impacting their companies, a *KBDN* survey finds.

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As consumer interest in color grows, there are no color families that are off limits when it comes to kitchen, bath and interior home design.

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For an apartment that overlooks the ocean, Crystal Maki of Silverwing Interiors in Little Silver, NJ incorporated various shades of teal for the cabinetry and fluted backsplash, complemented by brass accents in the faucet, lighting and hardware. For more information about the latest color trends for kitchens and baths, turn to Color Explosion on page 48...

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Kitchen Fixture



↑ WINNER

Julien: FIRA Sink & Accessory Set

Handcrafted in Italy, each FIRA fireclay sink from Julien offers a smooth, non-porous finish with a reversible apron in flat or Shaker style. The firing process not only makes the surface impervious to dirt, it also fuses the materials together leading to higher impact and scratch resistance, states the company. The workstation sink includes a rim that fits accessories made from American black walnut. homerefinelements.ca



↑ HONORABLE MENTION

Ruvati: HexBottom Kitchen Sink

The HexBottom kitchen sink collection features an etched geometric design that keeps sinks looking new without grids or sink protectors, according to Ruvati. This patent-pending technology brings an embossed finish to stainless steel sink bottoms with a hexagonal pattern and matte finish for a semi-reflective look. The workstation sink includes a built-in ledge that provides a platform for 40+ Ledge-Fit accessories. ruvati.com

Bathroom Fixture

➤ WINNER

TOTO: Neorest LS Toilet

TOTO's NEOREST LS Smart Bidet Toilet sports a new low-profile, one-piece skirted design with decorative metal trim that provides a modern yet classic aesthetic. Spa-like features include: ultra-high efficiency dual-flush; aerated warm water, dual-action spray with oscillating and pulsating features; adjustable spray position, water temperature and water pressure, and warm air dryer with five temperature settings. totousa.com



← HONORABLE MENTION

LACAVA: BRIO TUB21

BRIO tubs project opulence and intricate fluted detailing making an interior statement of their own, reports LACAVA. The tubs are geometrically simple oblong soakers made of solid surface, available in gloss and matte white. The repeat flutes on the entire perimeter invite many creative possibilities for installation, the firm adds. lacava.com



The Galley offers the Ideal Workstation sink. Made in the U.S., the complete culinary system is a place where the user can prepare, cook, serve, entertain and clean in one central location. The Galley Tap product line is the only kitchen faucet designed to pair with the company's workstation. thegalley.com



The Kitchen Program from **Watermark Designs** includes monoblocks, pull-out sprays, pull-down sprays, instant hot and filtered water dispensers, prep faucets and pot fillers. The suite is made to order, which allows for tailored kitchen fittings, and the Program includes 16 collections and ancillary pieces. watermark-designs.com



The new LedgeFit by **Ruvati** boosts the flexibility of its workstation sinks with over 40 different accessories that integrate seamlessly into the ledge. Options for the accessories include natural wood or composite. Included in the selection are the new Nova black accessories. ruvati.com



The Ziel K-1360 faucet from **Isenberg by FLUSSO** delivers a sleek vibe with its high-arched spout. Constructed of stainless steel with a pull-down head and sprayer, the faucet features an extended 16" reach. The model is offered in 20 shades from bold to neutral, including Dark Tan. isenbergfaucets.com



Blanco has reintroduced its BLANCO CULINA II faucet family to include sleek new models such as beverage faucets and pot fillers, along with two touchless semi-pro faucets with dual-sensor technology. The collection boasts a slimmer design with triple coil hose protection and magnetic docking. blanco.com



The Tenet pull-down kitchen faucet by **Pfister** offers a sleek, modern aesthetic with a dual-tone finish option. Its streamlined design features a single handle and a pull-down spray head for added functionality. With a high-arc spout, Tenet offers ample clearance for pots and pans. pfisterfaucets.com



The Filone Single Handle Pull-Down Kitchen Faucet from **Current Faucets** showcases sleek, graceful curves. The functional faucet delivers two spray patterns, a 360-degree swivel, and one- and three-hole installation options. It's available in Chrome, PVD Brushed Nickel and Matte Black. currentfaucets.com



The Cocina 30 is a single-basin sink that offers a smart size option while its undermount installation allows for a subtle display of texture, notes **Native Trails**. Handcrafted by artisans in Mexico from 16-gauge copper, Cocina 30 brings modern functionality to a classic antimicrobial material, the firm adds. nativetrailshome.com

real growing market," notes Silverstein.

"With consumers' continued focus on health and wellness, kitchen faucet filtration experiences continue to be a key trend with simpler user interaction/interface," Wagner agrees. "This includes boiling, chilled and sparkling water options."

Chong states that health and wellness with regard to hydration has been on the rise, especially in the U.S. "The understanding of clean drinking water vs. eco waste is now a big concern for everyone, yet convenience is just as important," he remarks. More companies are adding all-in-one solutions for safe drinking water to their standard kitchen faucets, he adds.

Alyson Angotti, group product manager, filtration at Elkay, says there are many potential health impacts to the chemicals in standard tap water. "We offer an assortment of products to help homeowners overcome the largest chemicals found within PFAS, PFOA and PFOS," she emphasizes, including a filter that removes lead, microplastics and more. Their filtered kitchen faucet has a dedicated filter line, meaning only water intended for drinking is filtered.

AESTHETIC APPEAL

While function is a top concern, aesthetics are no less important. Consumers are playing with color a little more, with a range of style preferences creating demand for a wide array of materials and finishes.

"[Sinks and faucets] should integrate into the overall design concept," Bohmann stresses. "Stainless steel modules, dark woods and translucent stones with LED lighting are being used more and more frequently, for example. Together with a mix of colors and styles – including gold, glass, leather and fabric – a sophisticated and dynamic atmosphere is created."

"Industrial-style designs, with features like exposed springs and utilitarian looks are also standing out this year," reports Singh. Sleek and minimalist designs continue to be in demand for kitchen faucets, she adds. "Aligning with modern and stylish kitchen styles, high-arc and gooseneck shapes, for example, are on the rise due to their striking look, yet functional capabilities."

Silverstein reflects that traditional styles are now cleaner without a lot of fancy curlicues, and instead have light ornamentation that gives a nod to the traditional looks. He also says that bridge-style faucets, especially in traditional designs when paired with a farmhouse sink, have been strong over the past year.

WARM AND CLASSIC

Classic finishes continue to enjoy popularity, and warm, natural finishes are also on the rise. Matte black continues to be a strong preference as well, manufacturers say.

"Classic finishes like black and stainless steel remain timeless



FLOATING VANITY

The new OXO Vanity by **Noken**, part of the **Porcelanosa Group**, is an 85cm wall-mounted vanity featuring a drawer with a handle and slow closure. The exterior surface is made of Project Tech, the company's proprietary surface, which is antibacterial, anti-fingerprint, scratch resistant and easy to clean, according to the company. The vanity is available in Oak Matt Black.

noken.com



WALLPAPER-INSPIRED TILE

Piante from **Emser Tile's** ENHANCE collection draws inspiration from classic wallpaper, showcasing intricate floral and botanical patterns. Eight colors and styles are available (Amour, Desert, Flora, Island, Jungle, Palm, Romantic and Thorn), and each 23"x47" glazed porcelain tile features a matte finish.

emser.com



INDOOR SAUNA

ThermaSol has released a new line of indoor saunas, including the Fuji indoor sauna. Fuji features an interior crafted from lime wood and includes three benches, two headrests and integrated RGBW-LED lighting. Available in Onyx trim and oak hardwood, the Fuji Sauna comes in a small model, which fits two to four people, and a large model that accommodates up to five.

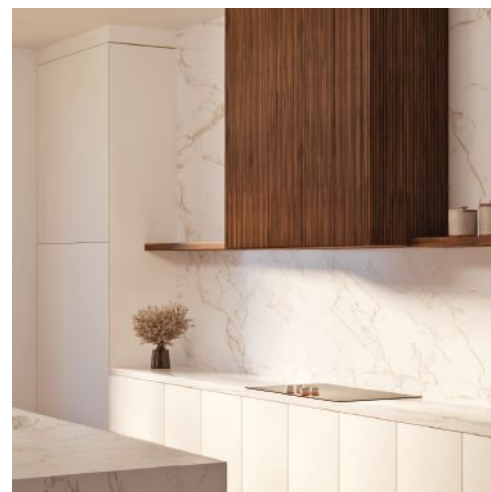
thermasol.com



INTEGRATED REFRIGERATION

In an expansion of their partnership, **True Residential** and **Room & Board** have unveiled new indoor/outdoor launches, including the Copenhagen Storage Cabinet with Refrigeration, which is available in single or double units with options including wire shelving, wine racks or stainless steel refrigerated drawers by True Residential. Crafted in North Dakota, Copenhagen is available in a range of sizes, finishes and top options.

roomandboard.com
true-residential.com



TEXTURED HOODS

Elmwood has launched its new Euro M Hood collection, which includes kerf and reeded (shown) options. All three models in the collection feature an improved removable front for ease of installation and servicing, as well as improved interior construction that enhances functionality, says the company.

elmwoodcabinets.com



FIRECLAY WORKSTATIONS

Now available in a new shade of emerald green, **Ruvati's** Fiore workstation sink is handcrafted in Italy by artisans from locally sourced raw clay and fired at extreme temperatures. The smooth enamel finish is resistant to chips, scratches and stains, says the company. Integrated ledges support accessories for prep and clean-up. Each sink includes a cutting board constructed of African Mahogany that fits atop the basin, a protective bottom rinse grid and a foldable drying rack.

ruvati.com

CYLINDRICAL FAUCETS

An infinite, cylindrical design makes DuraCircle by **Duravit** a unique choice for contemporary baths, says the company. The bathroom sink faucets are constructed with solid brass and are available in Chrome, Brushed Nickel and Matte Black, and include a matching pop-up drain assembly. Matching tub and shower options are available.

duravit.us

