

KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL

Whether dramatically modern or warmly rustic, Snaidero's kitchens are always innovative, state-ofthe-art productions. With the introduction of its Opera and Loft lines, the leader of North American import of European kitchens has expanded its partnership with world-renowned designer Michele Marcon. The Opera trends toward the mature urban sophisticate seeking to transform the kitchen into a startling architectural space. The Loft (shown here) marries traditional elements—such as repurposed wood and metals—with forwardthinking designs that reconceptualize the urban warehouse into something distinctly new and vibrant. As Marcon explains: "Loft corresponds to the natural transgression of the younger generation, while Opera represents a more seasoned perspective that at the same time is very strong."

DESIGN DETAILS Prices upon request, 371 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, 310.657.5497; 2658 Bridgeway, Ste. 206, Sausalito, 415.332.1745; snaiderokitchens.com





FAB COLLAB

Leaders in fashion and furniture design have been mixing metals for ages now, so why not in the kitchen too? To celebrate 10 years of partnership with San Francisco-based designer Fu-Tung Cheng, Zephyr has created the limited-edition Okeanito ventilation hood in rose gold and black-mirror stainless. Cheng's style-setting range hood also features cutting-edge LED lighting. \$3,499, KIVA Kitchen & Bath, 7550 Miramar Road, Ste. 550, San Diego, 858.433.9200, kivahome.com



What kitchen lighting product is your new favorite?

"We are loving the new soft gold finish from Hubbardton Forge lighting (\$175 to \$15,000). The subtle warmth and tone of the light source and texture of the metal make for elegant light fixtures. And all of its products can be customized and are made to order in Vermont."

Alison Smith-Dorvillier, president, InPlace Studio, 7739 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858.454.7397, inplacestudio.com



IN THE DARK

freestanding

stainless steel

\$3,999, by KitchenAid

BLACK MAGIC

The dark horse emerging from the product-launch pack this season is **KitchenAid**'s newest collection of appliances offered in a first-of-its-kind black stainless steel finish. The new finish combines the warmth of a neutral tone with the luster of brushed steel. A welcome break from the commercial look of stainless steel appliances, the brushed surface conceals fingerprints. Just think of it as the new black. *Pacific Sales Kitchen, Bath & Electronics, 975 Bryant St., San Francisco, 415.558.1439, pacificsales.com*



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Thanks to its fluidity and seamless haloshape, **Graff**'s new Ametis Ring provides an experience as tranquil as its design. Created by Davide Oppizzi, the circular shower fitting is inspired by nature and Japanese typography, and features a unique chromotherapy function with a full-spectrum, six-color LED lighting system. The main spherical body is designed so the water falls at a perfect angle, merging in the center. With balance as its mantra, it's a profound way to start your day. *International Bath and Tile, 158 S. Solana Hills Drive, Solana Beach, 858.481.4984, ibtsdiego.com*



EVEN FLOW

Known for its innovative design and top-notch construction, German-based company **Dornbracht**'s newest bath intro, CL.1, offers a sleek spout silhouette—with 40 invigorating water streams—and four sculptural mix-andmatch handle options. From \$1,833, Snyder Diamond, 1399 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, 310.450.1000, snyderdiamond.com

OCEANFRONT OASIS

When Denver-based clients requested a vacation house exemplifying the Laguna Beach lifestyle, local firms Horst Architects and Aria Design more than delivered. Horst and Arianna Noppenberger, heads of their respective firms, who also happen to be husband and wife, built Rockledge, as it's called, to take full advantage of its spectacular perch. "The couple requested a tranquil place to recharge," says Arianna. "The interior materials recall the textures and colors of the coastline, while the continuity of materials, inside and out, dissolves the boundary between interior and exterior." Nowhere is that more on show than in the master bath, where seamless transitions create an airy, spa-like feel. Strategic lighting, frameless glass and raised-stone platforms that hide drains are but a few of the designer's secrets. The clients wanted the bath to connect to an outside space but "indoor-outdoor living is orchestrated by balancing views with privacy," Arianna cautions. Limestone surfaces, Holly Hunt draperies (\$58 per yard, hollyhunt.com) and an Agape tub (price upon request, agapedesign.it) define a corner that leads to an intimate deck. Outside, the designer used Porcelanosa's wood-look tiles (price upon request, porcelanosa-usa.com), a Giati sofa (\$2,733, giati.com) and a Porro Frog chair (\$2,065, graye-la.com) from L.A. gallery Graye. "This residence," adds Arianna, "truly embraces its unique ocean site."

DESIGN DETAILS Aria Design Inc., 247-C Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, 949.376.5996, ariades.com; Horst Architects, 241 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, 949.494.9569, horst-architects.com

