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Focusing on Kitchens & Bathrooms

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A home revolves around a kitchen and bathroom

Two of the most positive emotion-arousing places in the home are the kitchen and bathroom. Imagine relaxing in soothing fragrant water, massaged by streaming jets, gently pummelling away the aches and stresses of a hectic life-style. Think of the wondrous smells emanating from your warm, friendly low-maintenance kitchen as you prepare your dishes accompanied by tasty sauces for your family.



Vitra's showerheads designed by Ross Lovegrove for the aspirant golfing champion. On request at New Anchor.

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THINGS TO CONSIDER when renovating or building new kitchens or bathrooms besides the diameter of the pipes are the overall shape and style of the room.

If you make most of your major decisions while soaking among aromatic bubbles, consider having an oval-shaped bathroom or tub. L-shaped rooms optimise space, especially when used at the corner of a building and the small part of the "L" can be used for a scullery/laundry off the kitchen or a steam-room/sauna off the bathroom.

A theme bathroom, such as a small Roman bathhouse, can be made into a very interesting focal point of your home. If your tastes tend to the ultramodern, then a Scandinavian-style bathroom - with a wooden floor and similar cladding of the sauna - may just be the answer.

While the designs of ancient Roman kitchens haven't really made it into the 21st century, those of the Victorian era certainly have. Victorian authenticity in the kitchen, however, is usually sacrificed at the altar of modern practicality.

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ShowerTime shower doors

FURMAN GLASS' CEO Leonard Malkin gives some facts about shower doors and the Furman Glass ShowerTime range:

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Le Creuset cast iron cookware

CAST IRON COOKS very evenly, distributing heat throughout the piece so that each corner or curve achieves the same temperature. Every single piece of Le Creuset cast iron can be used on the stove, in the oven or under the grill - and then served directly to the table.

Cast iron is a highly efficient material that absorbs heat from the hob very well. This is why medium and low hob settings should be used at all times in order to achieve the best cooking results.

However, this does not mean that heating-up times are excessively long, as the efficiency of cast iron results in heating-up times equal to, or sometimes quicker than other materials.

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The new "Toughened Non-Stick" range by Le Creuset combines a special strengthening process and an internally reinforced non-stick surface to create a new, unique, toughened finish for extra durability and superb cooking results.

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The Le Creuset "3-ply Stainless Steel" range is made of a high-quality, multi-layered material. An aluminium core is sandwiched between two layers of 18/10 stainless steel ensuring that the excellent heat conducting properties are guaranteed from the base to the lip.

The range also includes non-stick frying pans. The non-stick coating is a very tough, long-lasting non-stick coating, creating a cooking surface which is ideally suited to frying at low temperatures.

Ergonomic oven-proof handles, made of solid 18/10 stainless steel, are attached so as to minimise heat transfer and are oven-proof, while the pot lip allows for accurate pouring. The pans are suitable for all types of hobs, are easy to clean, dishwasher safe and come with a 10-year guarantee.

Le Creuset's "Traditional Stoneware" performs beautifully in the microwave and oven, but its classic design lends a distinctive charm to any table. It is fired at 1 280°C, giving it unmatched strength and durability, making it resistant to chipping, cracking and staining.

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CaesarStone products and plant procedures were approved by the International Quality Network, and awarded the prestigious ISO 9001 emblem. This guarantees operations and quality management according to strict ISO 9001 procedures.

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The beauty, quality and durability of CaesarStone's vast range of quartz surfaces makes them the first choice of highly diverse clientele all around the globe.

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Help in conceptualising your new bathroom design

BUILDING A NEW home or remodelling your existing home, is all about planning a lifestyle that also yields a long-term return on investment. Two rooms in the home that always yield the best return on the investment is the kitchen and the bathroom.

This process incorporates various aspects that need to be taken into consideration, namely style, design, colour, lighting, electrical installation, plumbing, mixers, sanitary ware, accessories, furniture and fixtures.

So, you've got your eyes on those latest bathroom designs and applications you see on the glossy pages of the magazines and newspapers; thinking you cannot afford it?

Now, it is not impossible at all. All you need to have is the right combinations of a fine bathroom package and essentials. You can easily live in a house influenced by having your bathrooms fitted with the right pieces of inspirational bathroom products.

A dedicated team at New Anchor Exquisite Bathrooms will help you in conceptualising your dream bathroom design. We are a family-owned business which was established 16 years ago with two branches in Johannesburg - a full retail/wholesale outlet with the first fully-functional and interactive showroom in South Africa which is situated at 7 Medina Road, Anchorville, Lenasia (south of Johannesburg), and the most eye-catching showroom at 141 Jan Smuts Avenue, Parkwood.

The success of our business lies in the passion for the industry and dedicated staff. All the staff members receive regular training and have great technical knowledge of the products we sell, to assist our clientele in making the right decision.

We only stock products that we have confidence in selling to our loyal clients. As retailers and wholesalers, we carry many brands and

therefore have a competitive edge in variety and price, and are a leading company to be associated with, where you are spoilt with choice when investing in your bathrooms.

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These are some of the leading brands we stock:

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Bathrooms accessories: Geesa, La Gio Bella, Ixia, Jeeves, Bathroom Butler, Lecico.

Tiles: various porcelain and ceramics. We also import our own range of Sanchis and Sarporsa tiles from Spain.

Kitchen sinks: Franke, TEKA, Kwikot and Stonebuild.

Plumbing: Kwikot, WE Geysers, Marley, DPI, Coppertube Africa, South Ocean, Cora, etc.

Electrical: Legrand, Lesco, Radiant Lighting, Brightstar, Eurolux, South Ocean and Waco.

Interior designers never stop looking for fresh ideas, and it is the same for bathroom designers. New Anchor has pleasant must-visit showrooms that have aesthetic appeal to entice creative minds with new insight to the latest trends.

Some of the latest trends in bathroom design:

One of the most popular choices nowadays, is to having frameless shower enclosures. These are a great choice not only for aesthetic reasons but for safety as well.

They emanate a grand, elegant effect of a seamless feature and flow of openness. A frameless shower enclosure is easy to maintain.

A great way to change the look of your bath-



Heated towels by Jeeves - for a complete luxury bath experience

room is through a colour change and changing the light fittings and fronts of the vanity units, the basins and the window treatments, bath and shower areas. Many homeowners keep the existing lighting as well as the existing mirrors in a bathroom for much longer than they are in style.

The bidet is fast becoming an essential item in the bathroom from a hygiene perspective. Soft-close toilet seats are a must for those who have the need to visit Mother Nature at odd hours of the night or morning. There are few people that realise that a choice of a toilet set in the bathroom can change the entire look of the room. A concealed cistern with wall-hung toilet pan is the way to go and is fast becoming more affordable

as the demand increases for trendier styles

Changing the colour of your bathroom is a great, inexpensive way to transform the space. Incorporating calm cool colours in the blue or green family emanates like feeling of relaxation. Adding beautiful fresh towels and new bathroom accessories finish up the new look.

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High-end kitchens go green with the aid of Valcucine

PROFIT HAS BEEN the main objective of industries for many years. Important factors such as quality, safety and non-toxic products, were of secondary importance, thus neglecting respect for the environment and for Man.

All this has caused the destruction of resources, the pollution of the earth, water and air and the accumulation of a large debt with nature that will be inherited by our children.

A sustainable lifestyle is the result of a combination of virtuous daily behaviours and the use of eco-compatible products and services. Valcucine's remarkable commitment to environmentally

sound practices, as commended by the EU, has brought the Italian kitchen manufacturer to the attention of the world's most discerning and eco-concerned architects.

Their products are tested against independent standards; they control toxic emissions, use natural finishes and have drastically decreased their use of energy and materials.

Emphasising what they call "dematerialisation", the determined reduction of unsustainable resources in favour of recycled or recyclable materials: aluminium, wood, glass, recovered stone, carbon fibre and FSC woods with low VOC finishes.

In addition to their manufacturing practices, at the end of each year Valcucine plant trees to

mitigate their carefully factored carbon footprint. These kitchens combine technological innovation with impeccable aesthetics and are as environmentally responsible as they are visually striking, but also provide unparalleled durability to the impacts of weight, water, humidity and heat.

Lengthy research into materials and their limits of resistance, have allowed designer Gabriele Centazzo of Valcucine to revolutionise the furniture industry by developing the Invitrum base unit system, what she says is the world's first 100 per cent recyclable kitchen made entirely from

glass and aluminium.

The exclusive range of Valcucine kitchens incorporating: Artematica (the technological kitchen), Riciclantica (the environmental-friendly kitchen), LaCucinaAlessi and Démodé are available from Apollo Interiors at 141 Jan Smuts Avenue in Johannesburg and Cucina Design in Cape Town.

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Aesthetics - part of modern bathrooms and kitchens



Nokia SA Headoffice - canteen and staff area - designed by I.Scope Interiors

IT IS ONLY FROM the turn of the century that evidence was found that aesthetics were generally introduced to two of the most important living spaces of our environment, namely the bathroom and the kitchen.

Historically, both were located away from the main living areas for fear of germs, odours and smoke. With the invention of more adequate plumbing, water heating and appliances, both became more available to all.

Consequently both areas are today incorporated into the home as important tools for comfortable living.

As specialists in home interior design, Latria home décor have vast experience in creating successful interiors, integrating functionality, hygiene and beautiful aesthetics to kitchens and bathrooms. While the kitchen is very much nowadays the "heart of the home", a practical space used for interaction and socialising for family and friends as well as food preparation, the bathroom is seen as a "sanctuary".

As a place for personal hygiene and relaxation, it is seen as a very private space filled with little luxuries like an abundance of hot water and beautifully fragranced scents. The importance of understanding good design in these two spaces in the corporate world, should also not be overlooked. I.Scope Interior architects have over 15 years' experience in incorporating these areas into the office environment successfully.

The privacy and hygiene aspect to public toilets should be wholly integrated to be both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

Interestingly, the office kitchen has developed over the years to be incorporated into the work environment. A popular trend these days is to create "chill areas" off a small wash-up kitchen where all appliances are easily accessible for one to prepare one's own refreshment and relax within a lounge or casual dining experience.

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5) We will deliver free of charge in the Johannesburg area.

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Kitchen and bathroom renovations by Design Construction



THE RENOVATION of bathrooms and kitchens will greatly enhance your quality of life, as well as the resale value of your home. Many homeowners are now choosing to improve their existing asset, rather than move.

Design Construction has been in business for the past 28 years. They approach bathroom and kitchen renovations in a professional and businesslike manner, providing a superior service to the customer.

They have been members of the Master Builders Association since 1981. This is an assurance of a high quality renovation and value for money.

So, if you require a modern bathroom or a new kitchen with all the necessary design features and style, Design Construction can assist.

They specialise in a complete turnkey renovation, from conception to completion. They handle and co-ordinate all aspects of the operation, including designing, stripping, plastering, plumbing, electrical work, tiling, painting, rubble removal, etc.

Their range of kitchen finishes is extensive

and offers you door choices of wrappe, veneer and solid wood; worktop choices of granite, caesarstone and formica and a wonderful range of stylish, contemporary handles.

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There were no built-in work counters. Food was prepared on a large, centrally placed table and cupboards were small and usually glass-fronted to display their content. The stove burned wood or coal.

Invented in 1826 by James Sharpe, the gas stove only became commercially viable in the 1880s; toward the end of the Victorian era, but - fortunately for our traditional kitchen designers - still a part thereof. Therefore, there are many Victorian kitchens out there, with enamel coated stoves and their gas ranges mounted on top of electric ovens.

The other "authenticity" to consider when planning a kitchen or bathroom is the brand. The rationale for choosing a designer label for kitchen and bathroom products is the same as that of choosing designer clothes - assurance of quality, pleasing aesthetics and status.

Thus many of the internationally prominent manufacturers of kitchen and bathroom equipment ask internationally renowned design studios to design some of their product ranges. Hansgrohe uses designers like Phillippe Starck, Jean-Marie Massaud and Antonio Citterio for their Axor Collection of taps which can be seen at New Anchor - 141 Jan Smuts Avenue.

VitrA's Istanbul range of bathroom ware by Ross Lovegrove has a unique set of shower heads shaped like the heads of a set of golf "woods", ideal for the dreamer who has fantasies of beating Ernie Els.

The famous French cookware producer Le Creuset has had designers Raymond Loewy and Enzo Mari design their utensils. Alessi of Crusinallo, Italy is a "design factory" employing the world's most famous designers to create their ranges of tableware, kettles, watches and gadgets.

The Electrolux 2008 Design Lab competition produced some wondrous new appliances. First prize went to the FlatShare - a modular "fridge that is stackable and portable". Another winner was the iBasket - a hamper that starts washing your clothes automatically once it's full.

If it's uniqueness that you want, get (if you can) the new Veuve Clicquot Vertical Limit Champagne storage tower. Created by Porsche



Design, it stands over two metres tall and holds 12 magnums of Clicquot's most prized vintages. Price - including contents - is \$70 000.

Porsche Design has also designed taps for Hansgrohe, kettles, a toaster, the Nespresso coffee machine for Siemens and collaborated in the design of a kitchen with Poggenpohl.

While the Nordic and German designers tend toward superb functionality in a minimalist design, the Italians combine their functionality with marvellous artistic flair. Such a combination has given us the Valcucine range of eco-friendly kitchens.

While your new designer kitchen and bathroom are being built, it would be wise to take sensible precautions against break-ins to these and any other rooms in your home. By law there has to be an exterior exit from the kitchen area.

While I have not yet come across any security gates or burglar proofing with a designer label, it would be advisable to use a trusted, proven brand such as Xpanda for your security installation.



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