



VALCUCINE (below)

Gabriele Centazzo

Genius Loci, the new kitchen designed by Gabriele Centazzo that was launched by Valcucine at Milan's Fuorisalone 2015 event, makes the drawer the centre of the kitchen experience. The kitchen system's innovative and original drawers are inspired by antique desks and come in a variety of different finishes, such as distressed copper or bronze, or with handcrafted surfaces of inlaid and carved wood or inlaid marble. Genius Loci also has enlarged base units that provide greater storage capacity. valcucine.it



MINOTTICUCINE (right)

Incline is an outdoor kitchen in red stone edited by Minotticucine. Not far from Minotti headquarters, in a small village of early Christian origin in Northern Italy, ancient churches have three basic concepts: monochromaticity, monomateriality, and majesty. In addition, the areas around Minotticucine have always been known as places of stone working. It was then easy for the company to draw on the wisdom and the high quality of these features. Minotticucine therefore started to design kitchens with stone surfaces. The sink, too, is made using the same material, recalling ancient traditions. minotticucine.it



PHILIPPE MALOUI

Designer for Caesarstone

Movements, an interactive installation by London-based designer Philippe Malouin, was Caesarstone's core event during the recent Milano Design Week. Caesarstone is a leading manufacturer of premium quartz surfaces, and **Movements** is a two part installation that examines the unexpected use of its surface material and process-based design. Experimenting with the inherent characteristics and textures of the Caesarstone collection, Palazzo Serbelloni housed an interactive installation made of an eight-piece swing-set created from the new 2015 surface designs. "For me, the starting point was to explore the material", says the designer. "The idea was to spend time in the workshop, except that this was no ordinary workshop but a fully equipped, solid surface transformation facility. Caesarstone is an extremely versatile material that is easy to predict and to work with, and it offers a variety of colours and finishes. I therefore experimented with a series of techniques and applications, ranging from the mundane to the more unusual." Caesarstone has taken on the new, raw trend of industrial design, and pushed it further with its Concrete series. This makes a genuine design statement, combining coarse concrete with durability, performance, and style: an industrial look, with a clean, sleek, and sophisticated interpretation.

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MARC O. ECKERT

CEO of bulthaup

Among the latest novelties presented by bulthaup in 2015 are the bulthaup b3 kitchen in the new caramel colour, as well as the bulthaup solitaires. With their velvety texture, the bulthaup b3 unit-fronts feature the new soft-touch paint, an extra special, tactile experience. Their matte surface finish offers a highly attractive appearance, to appeal alongside the square preparation unit, bulthaup solitaire, which is accessible from all sides. Its solid oak or walnut top is treated with food-safe oil developed specifically for the purpose, much like that of a chopping board. The block's natural beauty emerges through repeated use, creating a one-of-a-kind piece. "The solitaire can be utilised in various ways and opens up numerous creative possibilities — whether it is deployed as a surface for cutting and preparing foods, or as a table for a cocktail reception. The boundary between the kitchen and the living space continues to blur. Treasured items, such as cutlery passed down from one's grandparents, are no longer hidden behind cabinet doors. Instead, they can be displayed to great effect in the bulthaup presentation element. Our conviction, rooted in the value of our framework, is to foster a high level of trust through the integrity of our products and materials. For us, this is a basic, clear conviction, as we see bulthaup as timeless and authentic. A key consideration is that individuals strive to find fulfilment through the demands they place on the world. This is why humanity's values are so important. We want to come closer together, and based on this, we have created the solitaire family. To meet this growing need for togetherness."

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PJ MARES

The **NOMAX** kitchen is a high-end performance kitchen with loads of personality. Made by hand in Belgium, it comprises of a powder-coated steel structure combined with beautiful materials. In the version shown here, the framework is in black with walnut veneer fronts and one marble front, solid walnut drawers, and a brushed stainless steel shelf in PJ MARES green.

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