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KBB's Editorial Advisory Board Sweeps the Show Floor

The team reported on all that wowed them during the 2017 show. Everything from the Opening Ceremonies to the exhibitor booths to the latest trends were noted during their exploration.

Some of this year's trends include:

- ⇒ Micro-sized appliances and fixtures
- ⇒ Mixed materials on cabinets and hardware
- ⇒ Color customization and boldness
- ⇒ Residential design taking queues from other industries
- ⇒ Easy-to-use everything

BILL FEINBERG

Allied Kitchen & Bath
Wilton Manors, Fla.



"I loved the Opening Ceremonies with Peyton Manning and his winning attitude and being the best. It's about every player on the same page watching out for and protecting each other."

He was also impressed with **Elmwood's** (now part of Cabico Group) finishes and cabinetry – especially the pocket door system on the buffet and the Urban Cultivator feature. "It is built in like a beverage refrigerator or wine cooler with a light as a water system to grow plants, herbs or veggies indoors."

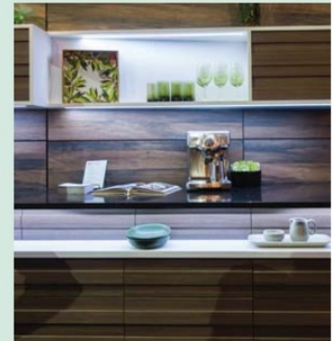


SUSAN SERRA, CKD, CAPS

Susan Serra Assoc.
Long Island, N.Y.



"I loved **Wilsonart's** new Artfully Repurposed Woods Collection (right). To include sustainable properties combined with stunning colors and textures is very impressive. This surface seems to check off all the boxes for a product that should be appealing to many."



"I was already a huge fan of Dekton by **Cosentino**, but these exciting new patterns in the spirit of the original pattern of this type – Trillium (left) – were very exciting to discover. There are endless ways in the home to use these new patterns, whether as a small accent or dramatic focal point. I'm a fan."



BRANDY SOUZA

Kitchen Views
New Bedford, Mass.



"I noticed all the fun accessories in cabinets. From innovations to wine distribution and storage to vacuum pans in the toe-kick of the cabinets, technology has really advanced in cabinetry. There's storage for your pet food and supplies and plugins for all your devices to store and charge out of site. The show was exciting and brought out modern lines with rustic materials and technology that really make your cabinetry work for you."

DAVID STIMMEL

Stimmel Consulting Group
Philadelphia



"I was really impressed with the **Formica** booth. The wipeable and chalkboard surfaces were really useful, and the leather substrates were terrific. They are made from real leather scraps from the auto and furniture industry and feel and smell just like the real thing!"



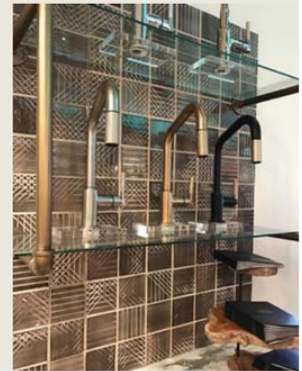


MICHELLE HENDERSON

Banner Plumbing Supply, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

"Elkay's Quartz Innovation Sink in Tuxedo Gloss (left) really caught my eye because it is a quintessential example of how home design follows fashion and automotive trends. The sink has carbon fiber as part of the makeup – much like the rear hood of a McLaren 570S or the trim of the Audi R8 V10 – even down to the high-gloss reflective sheen. This is a perfect fit for the ultimate man cave."

"Last year at KBIS, Brizo launched the Litze Bath Collection, and now they've expanded the incredible stylings to a full kitchen suite (right). Customarily, I am not a fan of split-finish faucets, but this one is so striking you can't help but fall in love with it."



TIFFANY ANDRUS

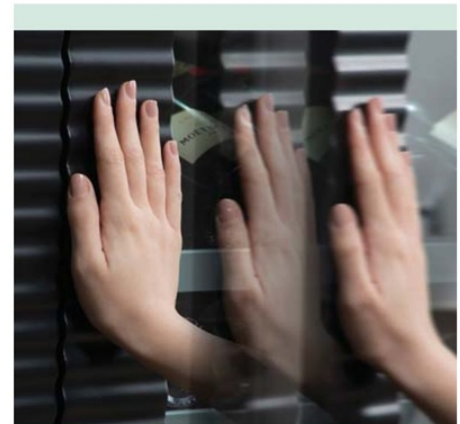
Mountain Land Design, Salt Lake City

Andrus appreciated the colored ranges as a bold step from stainless steel. "BlueStar, La Cornue, Viking, Smeg (below) and Dacor used different colors in their pro ranges. It was nice to see a pop of color, and some of them can be customized."



Andrus also saw the trend of compact, European-sized appliances with such manufacturers as Bosch, Technogas and Liebherr that showcased a 24-in. width. "These are such fun items to use especially in basement kitchens, studio-sized kitchens or even a wet bar."

"U-Line launched a great item – a filtered water dispenser and pebble icemaker all in one unit (above). This piece can be integrated in different ways as a standalone unit, on a countertop or even in an undercounter application. People are going to freak out over this one!"



TONI SABATINO

Toni Sabatino Style, New York

Sabatino was impressed by new appliance innovations like Thermador's push-to-open technology in its Freedom Collection with Culinary Preservation. Refrigerators boast an Open Door Assist feature that gives the option of pushing or pulling the door to open.



PAULA KENNEDY, CMKBD, CAPS

Timeless Kitchen Design, Seattle

"No more hand waving – just like we talk to Alexa, now we can talk to Pfister's Auris faucet (left). Talk about water conservation! And keeping the toilet clean can be a full-time job in a busy house, but American Standard's self-cleaning toilet (far right) keeps it simple. I'm in love – silly I know – but it's these little things that make this kitchen and bath designer giddy. GROHE's interchangeable colored kitchen faucet (right) was another one of the 'star' moments at KBIS for me."

