

# EUROCUCINA. NEW KITCHENS ON SHOW

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At Eurocucina special attention has been paid to materials

**A**t Eurocucina 2014 (Fiera Milano Rho, April 8-13, 2014), **Provasi** presented for the first time in a major event its Kitchen Line project. It's an art-deco inspiration model that uses polished ebony wood, combined with opaque black details. The kitchen is built around three multifunctional modules, with two or four doors, that can be organized according to the client's taste, integrated with classical elements and innovative technical solutions, and adapt-

ed to the already existing models of kitchen, thus allowing the project to offer endless customization possibilities. Thanks to its characteristics, the kitchen is a furnishing element featuring the aesthetics of a contemporary kitchen through the use of completely hidden doors.

**Elledue Arredamenti** presented a complete range of home furniture in contemporary style, with a preference for bright and light colours, like white and gold. The kitchen area featured the **LkitchenProject** with the Quattrocento model designed by Andrey Vega, an architect from Moscow, and available with new colours and materials.

"Xtend+" shelving system from **LEICHT** is a new philosophy of kitchen design. Idea and implementation come from the company's own Interior-Design-Studio: the wall-fitted aluminium shelving system with individually lit shelves, variably positioned in current-carrying rails, features horizontal slats (13 cm wide and 4 cm thick), that can be closed at any time at the push of a button to form a smooth wall surface or that can be opened entirely or partially. The slats are operated by

remote control; individual areas can be controlled separately. There is a control app available for iPhone. The MDF material of the slats is either lacquered in the same colour as the kitchen or in a different one.

With "Xtend+" **LEICHT** presents a trend-setting design development, which has the potential to make key changes in the kitchen and dramatically influence its architecture.

The **Ki** collection combines the prestigious Italian craftsmanship of **Scavolini** and the distinctive approach of Nendo, the Japanese studio headed by Oki Sato, which interprets design as surprise, experimentation and refined details.

The concept about Ki is trying to make it "hidden" into two objects to create space and offer a complete design freedom: a container, an object only by strong connotation, synthesis of an expressive code that can be repeated ad infinitum and a wooden shelf from pure essentiality (Ki in Japanese, meaning at the same time container and wood). The collection reveals a rigorous interpretation of minimalist and extremely contemporary taste, and embodies exclusive values, creative thinking, innovative challenges,

Provasi kitchen. Art-deco style and hidden doors





Scavolini Ki-kitchen



LEICHT "Xtend+" shelving system

on-going research, genuine Italian quality and fine-worked details. Ki comes with an exclusive range of decorative finishes specifically created for Scavolini, including three wood-effect nuances.

The new, handle-free design AV 7030 GL from the German kitchen manufacturer **Häcker Küchen** is a real surprise, both to the eye and to the touch, particularly when you discover that the front is crafted from real slate. Through a special manufacturing process, the slate is cut to a thickness of just a few millimetres. Then, the back of the layer is reinforced with fibreglass and connected to the MDF supporting panel. The open surface is additionally sealed, resulting in a truly extraordinary design, characterised by the elegant golden-green colour.

Atelier from **Rossana** is an unusual new collection of exquisite materials that redefines kitchen design. The wide collection of materials and finishes already present in the standard range is enlarged with a

selection of absolutely special materials for finishings, focusing on doors and worktops, to produce a tailor-made, exclusive, "haute couture" kitchen.

#### NATURAL MATERIALS

New functional features and new looks, thanks to the use of natural materials such as oilfinished heat-treated wood, or countless types of stone, marble and granite in special versions such as the leather, brushed or micro-sanded finishes, through to materials suitable for kitchens subjected to technical, intensive use, such as Corian and high pressure laminates.

#### SPECIAL MATERIALS

Special materials and treatments prove to be original solutions for kitchens through unusual finishings and applications. Portland cement finishes are absolutely original. Five different finishes are applied on a wooden substrate using a special procedure, that allows to personalise doors and worktops. A Rossana kitchen

can be created with a single seamless cement finish throughout. Elegant treated metal finishes, such as the new dark grey, slightly mottled, flawed "pewter" finish steel, with stain-proof finish, or the burnished brass finishes created using traditional methods utilised by restorers are also part of this family of products.

#### HIGH-PERFORMING MATERIALS

"Technical" materials suitable for heavy-duty use of kitchens can combine attractiveness and impressive performance, using hard surfaces resistant to water, heat and to other substances, which may damage surfaces. Advanced solutions allow the production of a one-piece worktop, as well as the integration of sinks and hobs, resulting in highly professional looking kitchens. Apart from stainless steel, already included in the standard range of materials, the Atelier selection extends the assortment to Corian finishes for both worktops and doors, and introduces high-strength high-pressure laminates in 6 colours.



Häcker. New design with fronts in slate



Rossana kitchen. Detail.