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For our inaugural Standouts feature, in which Surface's editors review countless objects in search of the top 10 most artful and forward-looking new products in a category, we tackle the hardest-working rooms in the home: the kitchen and the bathroom. As each piece that follows proves, the quotidian rituals of cooking and washing up can be a surprisingly refined, inspiring experience.

BY TIFFANY JOW

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Equipped with a foot warmer, remote control, and motion-activated seat, Kohler's Numi Intelligent toilet redefines the way we go. Built-in Bluetooth speakers and ambient lighting—in seven colors—enhance this next-level john.

kohler.com

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Designed by Michael Gottschalk using Blu Bathworks' signature Bluestone—a durable, non-porous material composed mainly of quartzite—the Fini 1 bathtub's seamless shape has a natural, stonelike texture.

blubathworks.com



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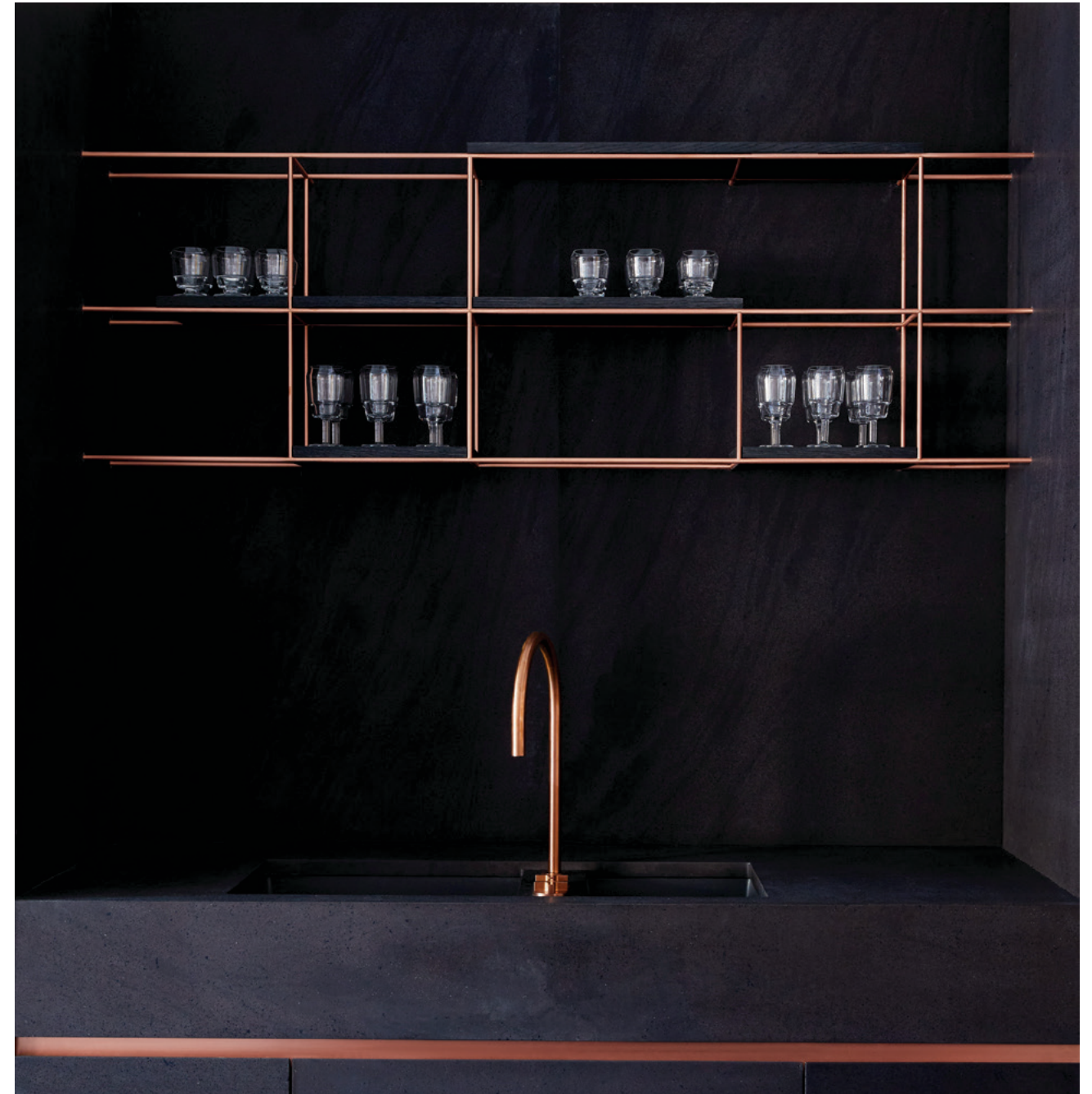


GREG NATALE
DESIGNER OF BISAZZA
MOSAICO GREG NATALE
COLLECTION

“Creating sinuous forms with these little squares is an intriguing process. It’s a lot like working with image pixels, and the team at Bisazza are the world leaders in this game. The process of applying a pattern to a grid isn’t as straightforward as it might seem. What was also fascinating was the breadth of glass types available to work with. Laying tiles with a slightly rougher finish alongside smooth, glossy ones with metallic flecks results in a fabulous texture.”



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Australian interior designer Greg Natale’s striking New Malachite mosaic pattern for Bisazza is composed of meticulously arranged 10x10” green-and-gray glass tiles.

bisazza.it

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Available at Avenue Road, French designer Bruno Moinard’s Signature Kitchen for Obumex incorporates rose copper, brushed oak, and lava stone in its refreshing interpretation of the cooking space.

avenue-road.com



SCOTT HUDSON
FOUNDER AND CEO,
HENRYBUILT

“The most challenging part of designing the Unity 1 was maximizing the usable space, and building it so it would support the sink without a visible cross-member. The result has the presence of a piece of furniture rather than a built-in unit. So its form remains pure and unaffected by how it’s installed.”



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05 Despite its small footprint, Henrybuilt’s handsome Unity 1 vanity incorporates a substantial dark wood base and a generously sized enameled steel sink.

henrybuilt.com



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06 This monolithic faucet, part of Brizo’s Vettis bath collection, delivers a cascade of water via its rectangular open-flow spout, creating a kind of in-home waterfall.

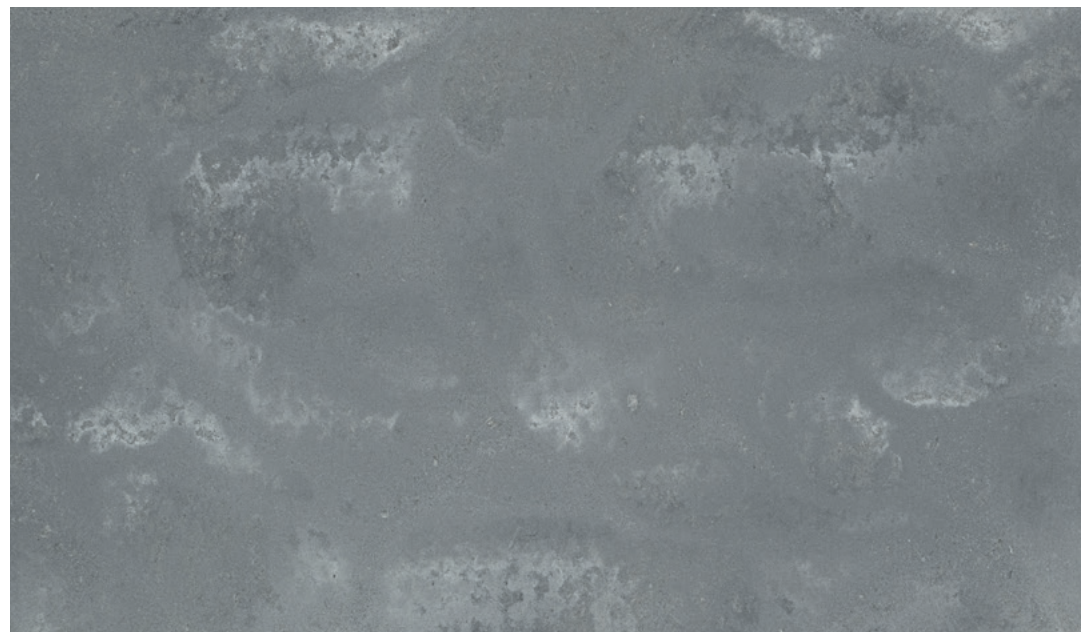
brizo.com

07 Made for that hard-to-outfit space between the kitchen counter and cabinets, Arclinea’s aluminum and stainless-steel Mensolina storage system offers made-to-measure open wood shelving and integrated lights.

arclinea.com



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08 Caesarstone's cool, confident Rugged Concrete quartz countertop is marked by its rich gray base with cloud-shaped splotches of white.

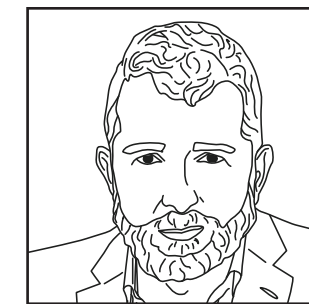
caesarstoneus.com

09 Porcelanosa studied more than 1,500 different trees to create its Desert Nebraska Coffee porcelain tile, which mimics the knots and whorls of real hardwood with striking precision.

porcelanosa-usa.com

10 Arizona-based designer Daniel Germani created Orix, one of four colors in Cosentino's Dekton Industrial collection. Made of inorganic raw materials found in glass, porcelain, and quartz, its blue-gray and green surface evokes eroded concrete.

dekton.com



DANIEL GERMANI
DESIGNER, DEKTON
INDUSTRIAL COLLECTION
(COSENTINO)

"There's something to be said for finding beauty in the ugly. Exploring materiality in decay is what inspired the development of the Industrial series. It's about appreciating materials for what they are and embracing their organic decomposition. The rich, intricate patterns of these processes can be paired beautifully with modern furniture and design. The current offering of the series only scratches the surface—we're exploring new metal- and cement-inspired designs to further expand the collection."

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