



opposite page Recline in exceptional style thanks to an impressive freestanding Calypso – the centre of attention within this grand en suite. In wenge, expect to pay around £5384, at Bozberg. A gilded, floorstanding mirror completes the ultra-glamorous, chic look. **Tel: 01206 547177. www.bozberg.com**



above Create a crisp, fresh appeal with a modern take on a nautical-theme's white/blue mix. Perfectly suited, the limestone Zeus bath costs £10,000, and decorative stone Briza cladding on the wall behind is priced from £198 per sq. m., at Indigenous. **Tel: 01993 824200. www.indigenoustd.com**

above Showcasing how less is more for a neutral setting, this Zen-like haven in soothing hues features the Crema Nilo marble Phuket basin, £3000, a Khoo tub, £15,000, plus a feature wall in Shannon and Stick Mix Nepal slates, £122 per m., at Porcelanosa. **Tel: 0844 481 8951. www.porcelanosa.co.uk**



below Make your space truly unique with this Blue-Grey granite tub. Cleverly carved from a single giant boulder, its highly polished interior contrasts with a tactile beveled edge for luxury tactility. It costs £22,000, at Bathrooms International. **Tel: 020 8202 8288. www.bathroomsint.com**



above Go for an instant statement-maker with a super-sized piece like Vaselli Marmi's Beach bath – offering ample room for special 'me time' or when relaxing with a loved-one. Crafted from Becagli travertine, it's made-to-order and costs £17,000, at Stonell. **Tel: 01892 833500. www.stonell.com**

above Ensure you select only the most graceful of fittings to complement an organic retreat like this curved, stainless steel FS1 floor-standing bath filler, priced around £2530, at Voia. What better way to unwind than lying in a steamy bath whilst relishing sea views? **Tel: 020 7580 7722. www.voia.com**



Welcome to a new era in bathroom design, with a spotlight on natural materials and some extremely exciting developments in technology. Whether you're a fan of our planet's treasures or feel drawn to high tech innovations, read on to find your perfect style.

Mother Earth's offerings are a timeless option for the wash zone. From honed tiles in dramatic super-sized slabs of marble, to limestone or granite basins, these work together in harmony for organic excellence. Joss Thomas, Founder of Indigenous, explains, "Fantastic focal points can be designed using 'slim finger' choices for a modern appeal. These can add important texture and help create that instant 'wow' factor in every beautiful retreat."

bespoke brilliance

Forget run-of-the mill. These days, you can opt for tailor-made pieces that are built to last. Stone baths bring opulence to the sanctuary, but, bear in mind, that they tend to be big and heavy so you may have to remove a window to get it in or reinforce the floor. Unless, of course, your haven is on ground-level.

Sure to attract plenty of admiring glances, why not pick up a tub in waterproof wood? Rich, dark grains will set the tone for a masculine feel while paler, blond options may enhance a light and airy scheme. Select timbers for flooring or cabinetry that wouldn't appear out of place in an upmarket boutique hotel so you can ensure a sophisticated air in your own home and unwind in sheer luxury.

left In this sensuous space for enjoying a soothing soak, the Summit furniture range helps enable a clutter-free, minimalist air. The two-drawer unit, in walnut laminate and white high gloss lacquer, comes with a bowl, a tall mirror plus a lamp, and is priced around £3720, at Colourwash. **Tel: 020 7586 1441. www.colourwashbathrooms.co.uk**

right Reflecting light to encourage a visually larger area, the lacquered RC40 Room Concept range in Reed adds chocolately richness. Pick from wall-set, fitted or freestanding pieces, priced on request, at Burgbad. **Tel: 01604 889010. www.burgbad.com**

below Instantly bring a new lease of life to your en suite with ultra-bright hues. In a Raspberry lacquer glass finish with inlaid flower design, this Unique vanity unit is available in a choice of sizes, colours and finishes; this version is priced around £2032, at Delpha. **Tel: 0033 45065 5347. www.delpha.com**



ultimate organisation

If you've got plenty of room to play with, the world is your oyster when it comes to choosing effective storage. Bespoke, fitted furniture will help create a sophisticated scheme, while a row of wall-hung individual cabinets or chic side-by-side units can enhance the contemporary look of a sizeable zone.

Modular styles are proving really popular as they are so versatile, providing as much or as little storage as needed. If you're tempted by something a bit different, then freestanding items allow total freedom of placement, so you are not limited in where you can access your everyday essentials. Look for smaller floor units on castors, so you can move them around from bathroom to bedroom if needs be. But, be careful not to overload to the max or you won't be able to push them effortlessly.

Depending on the layout of your new sanitaryware, you can make good use of awkward spaces with the likes of shallow-depth storage, for example. Another tip for compact rooms is to keep solutions wall-hung, which will boost available floor area and, so, draw the eye upwards for an illusion of space.

Bear in mind that many of today's choices do perform a double function, such as the traditional vanity unit, for instance, that will also employ the region under the basin. Graeme Blythe, Bathroom Category Manager at Fired Earth, explains, "Clients want their bathrooms to be uncluttered, luxurious places for relaxation. This means having plenty of beautifully designed housing for towels, bath oils and scented candles. A washstand might just be an eminently practical addition that will also keep any essential products organised when not in use."

right The brainchild of skilled interior designer Bill Bennette, this Oriental-esque décor cleverly hides cupboards behind painted wood panelling, with a handless push release door to allow easy access to a treasure trove of favourite indulgences. Prices are available on request, at Bathrooms International. **Tel: 020 8202 8288. www.bathroomsint.com**

far right A fresh, nautical vibe is achieved in this Original Shaker bathroom with its sea-blue hues and wooden accents while the Washstand 900 ensures the crisp look is easily organised and maintained. With an array of drawers and a neat cupboard to conceal towels and toiletries, it costs £2450, at Fired Earth. **Tel: 0845 366 0400. www.firedearth.com**

