



# Luxury as standard

Enjoy a taste of the rich and famous with Le 11 by Alberto Pinto

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**A**lberto Pinto is the self-styled master of 'haute interior design'. Famed the world over for his ultra-luxurious designs, his work encompasses English castles, homes in Marrakech and São Paulo, apartments in Paris, New York and Monaco, plus high-end hotels and stylish office spaces. And all this, as well as sumptuous commissions for the private jets and yachts of the super rich. It was the latter that led to the launch of Le 11 by Alberto Pinto, a strikingly beautiful collection of brassware for THG Paris.

The collection started life in a typically glamorous way – as part of a commission for the interior of a private yacht shown during the Monaco Yacht Show last September. The paths of THG and Alberto Pinto had crossed on many such prestigious projects, but it was after Monaco that Pinto took up the challenge of creating a complete range of brassware and fittings for THG.

Le 11 by Alberto Pinto is named for the address of the spectacular 17th-century townhouse in central Paris – just a stone's throw from the Place des Victoires – where Pinto's design studio

is based. Angular but very graceful, a blade of water flows from the mixers for basin and bath, while these and the shower mixer come with cross or lever handles. Designed to suit all tastes and styles, Le 11 will be available in a wide choice of finishes, including chrome, nickel, matt nickel, gold and silver rhodium and will be sold in the UK at Bathrooms International. Cheryl Gurner says of the new collection, "It is both sophisticated and versatile. The elegant styling and innovative blade water distribution make these taps the perfect finishing touch for the contemporary bathroom."

However, this phase of Le 11 could be just the beginning, as M. Pinto himself reveals. "It is a collection that will grow. I have already been thinking about new versions, which will integrate precious materials such as rock crystal." Fans of true luxury should watch this space.

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