

SWISS BATHROOM CULTURE

DESIGN LINES The New Classic 02 Sonar 08 IIBagnoAlessi One 14 Palomba Collection 20 Living SaphirKeramik 26 Ino 30 Val 34 Palace 40 Laufen Pro S 44 Laufen Pro A 50 ABOUT LAUFEN The Company 56 The Production 58 The Innovations 60 The History 62

- The Designers 64

# THE NEW CLASSIC Design by Marcel Wanders

080



# THE NEW CLASSIC

A collection of perfectly shaped innovations for the bathroom. The New Classic radiates the practicality of harmonious form combined with contemporary style. A clear formal expression of modern elegance celebrates the bathroom as a place of cleanliness and purity. The award-winning technological quantum leap of SaphirKeramik turns every piece into a confirmation of progress.

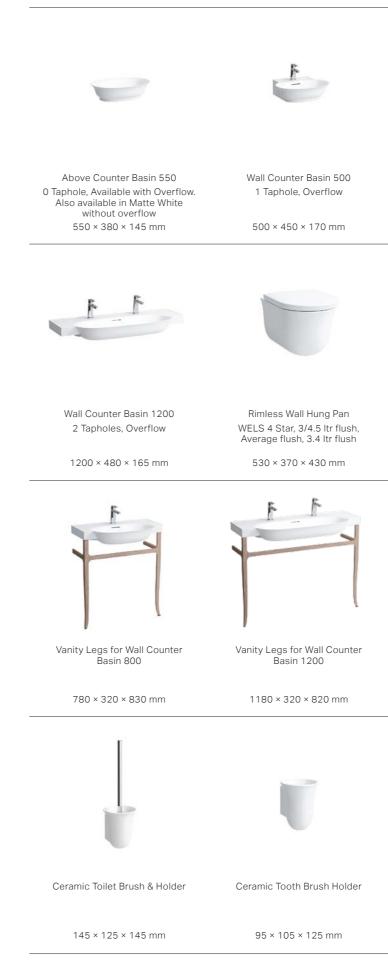




reddot design award







Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.

# THE NEW CLASSIC





Wall Counter Basin 600 1 Taphole, Overflow

600 × 480 × 165 mm

1 Taphole, Overflow 800 × 480 × 165 mm

Wall Counter Basin 800



Rimless Back to Wall Pan WELS 4 Star, 3/4.5 ltr flush, Average Flush 3.3 ltr

530 x 370 x 430 mm



Vanity Legs for Wall Counter Basin 600

580 × 320 × 830 mm



Freestanding Bath 1900 Sentec, Use Capacity 230 Itrs

1900 × 900 × 580 mm

Ceramic Shelf

420 × 165 × 50 mm



Ceramic Soap Dish

140 × 113 × 32 mm



Soap Dispenser

95 × 105 × 125 mm

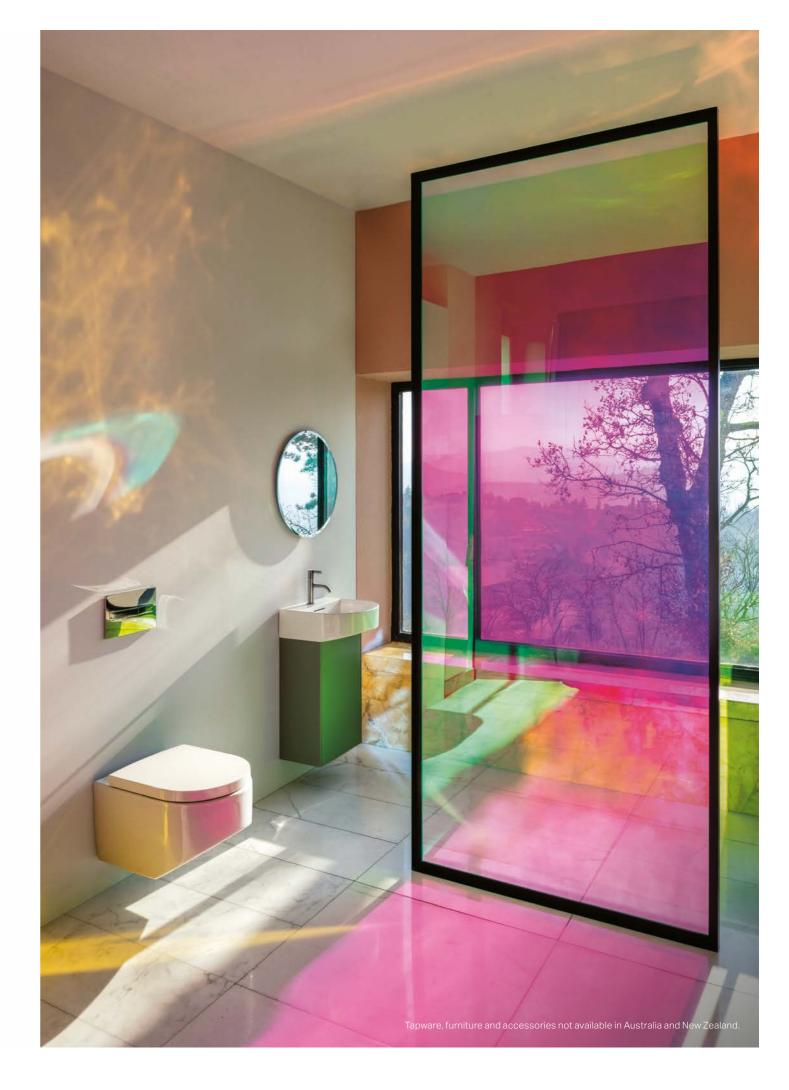
# SONAR Design by Patricia Urquiola





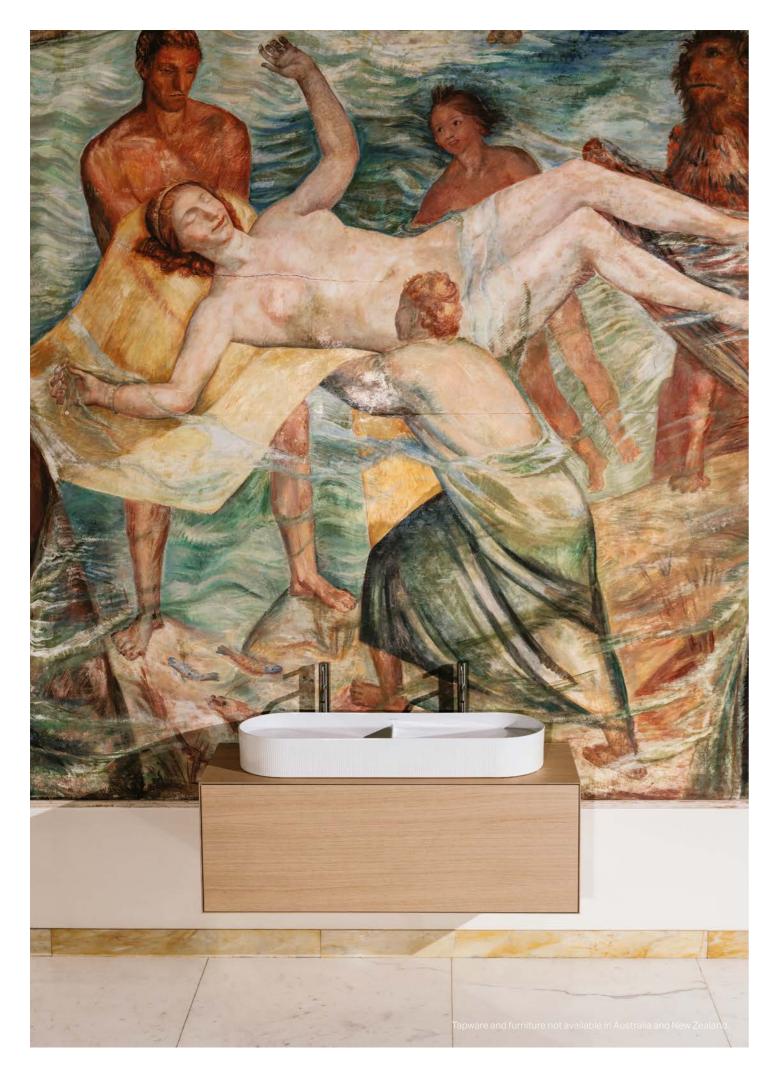
# SONAR SAPHIRKERAMIK

Patricia Urquiola exploits the fineness of LAUFEN's SaphirKeramik to achieve one of the biggest material evolutions seen in the bathroom. It is the spectacular elegance of the SONAR series. Accentuated geometric shapes and sensual textures draw on a new dimension inspired by water achieving momentum.











Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.



400 × 90 × 625 mm

270 × 80 mm

<u>SONAR</u>

# ILBAGNOALESSIOne Design by Stefano Giovannoni



# **ILBAGNOALESSI ONE**

Italian architect and designer Stefano Giovannoni breaks out from traditional forms and geometric shapes. He leaves worn stereotypes behind and combines the extraordinary with the popular. Well-known structural frameworks suddenly evoke irregular, subtle associations that dissolve the principles of perception and open new spatial worlds. The newly conceived contours of the Italian architect and designer are reflected in the first complete bathroom scenario for ILBAGNOALESSI ONE. Stefano Giovannoni's work is exhibited in the permanent collections of the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

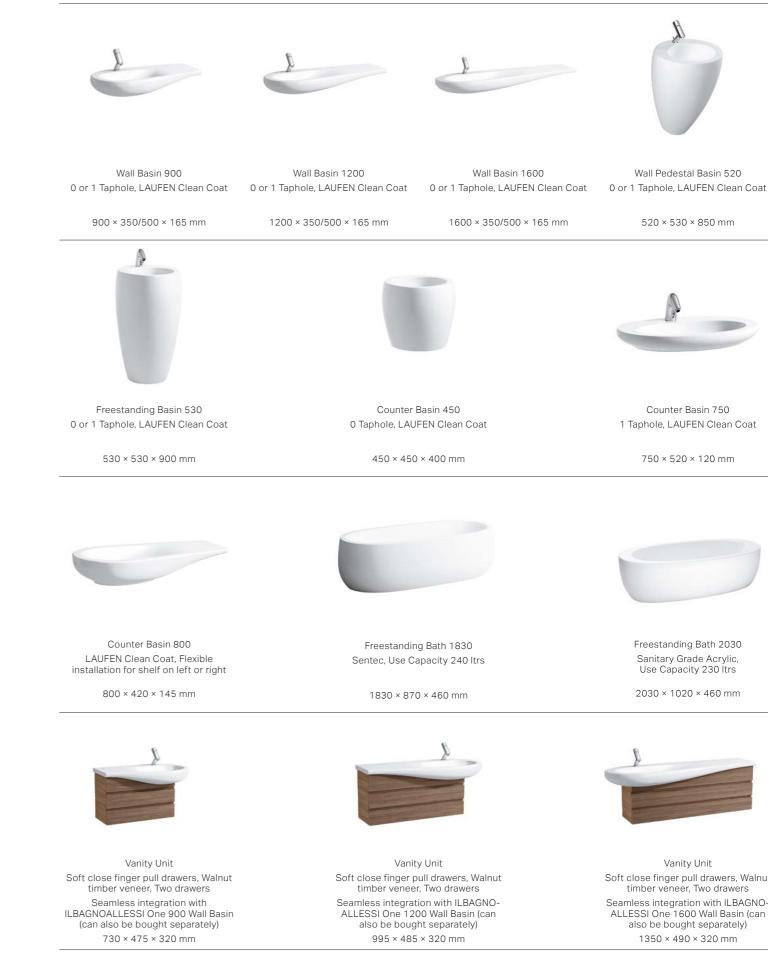












Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.

# **ILBAGNOALESSI ONE**





520 × 530 × 850 mm

Wall Pedestal Basin 520



Counter Basin 750 1 Taphole, LAUFEN Clean Coat

750 × 520 × 120 mm



Freestanding Bath 2030 Sanitary Grade Acrylic, Use Capacity 230 Itrs

2030 × 1020 × 460 mm

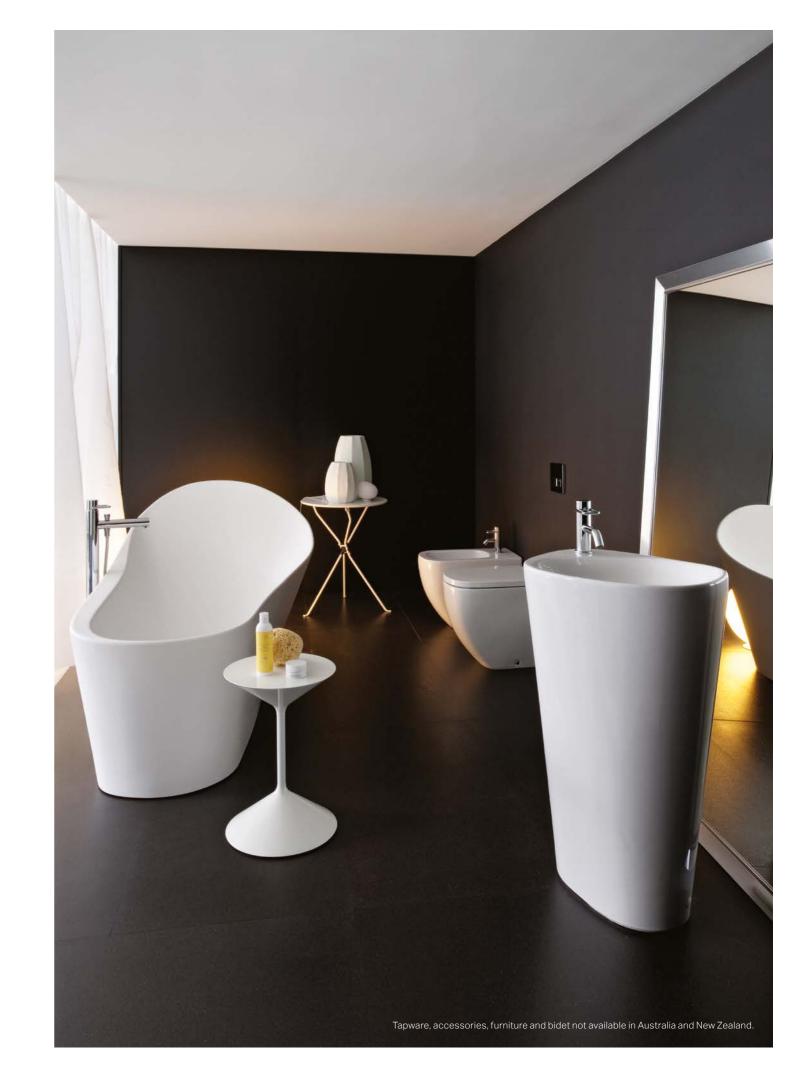
Vanity Unit Soft close finger pull drawers, Walnut timber veneer, Two drawers Seamless integration with ILBAGNO-ALLESSI One 1600 Wall Basin (can also be bought separately) 1350 × 490 × 320 mm

# PALOMBA COLLECTION Design by udovica+Roberto Palomba



# PALOMBA COLLECTION

Water, as a source of life, represents the source of inspiration for Ludovica and Roberto Palomba when designing the PALOMBA COLLECTION. The intensive connection with the fluid and sparkling element finds its definition in the formal language, which the famous Italian designer duo describe with the expression "fingerprint of nature". The tension between strict geometry and organic form characterises the entire collection and ensures that all pieces come closer together. In the extension of the PALOMBA COLLECTION, soft, organic lines present themselves as harmonious elements that enable the most demanding bathroom designs.











Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.

# PALOMBA COLLECTION



Floorstanding Basin 1 Taphole, LAUFEN Clean Coat, Wall Connection Model Available

525 × 435 × 900 mm



Counter Basin 520 0 Taphole, LAUFEN Clean Coat

520 × 380 × 130 mm



Wall Hung Pan WELS 4 star, 4.5/3 ltr flush, Average flush, 3.4 ltr flush

540 × 360 × 265 (430) mm



Back To Wall Pan WELS 4 star, 4.5/3 ltr flush, Average flush, 3.4 ltr flush

360 × 560 × 430 mm



Inset Bath 1800 Sanitary Grade Acrylic, Use Capacity 170 ltr

1800 × 900 × 455 mm

# LIVING SAPHIRKERAMIK Design by Andreas Dimitriadis



# LIVING SAPHIRKERAMIK

LAUFEN opens up new perspectives. It breaks up the traditional scope for bathroom design and, since the invention of SaphirKeramik, allows us to look deep into a new era of form design. LIVING SAPHIRKERAMIK makes full use of the accurate characteristics of this revolutionary material and sets new standards with strict lines and tightly defined edge radii, which find their perfection in finely coordinated furniture combinations.



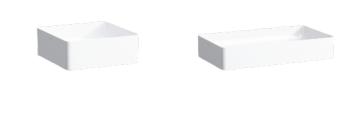


DESIGN PLUS





Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.



Counter Basin 360 0 Taphole, LAUFEN Clean Coat

360 × 360 × 130 mm

Counter Basin 600 0 Taphole, LAUFEN Clean Coat

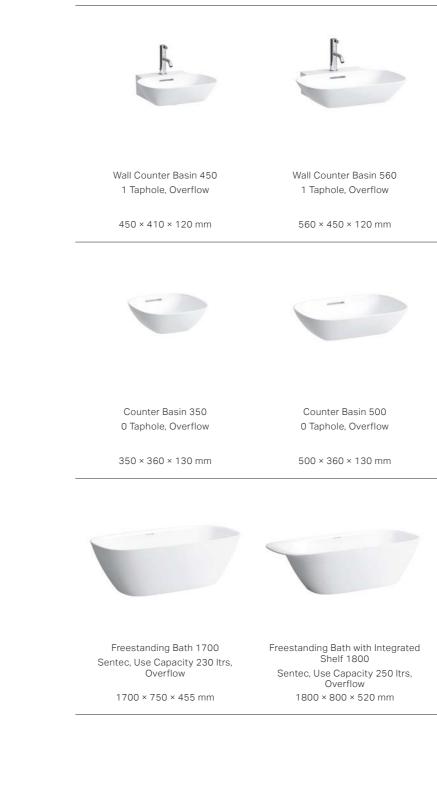
600 × 340 × 110 mm

# <u>INO</u> Design by Toan Nguyen



# INO

Toan Nguyen does not allow himself to be locked up. He loves expansiveness. Both mental and physical. This is reflected in the new bathroom collection, which the French designer has designed for LAUFEN. Immaculate objects with simple lines and delicate yet extremely stable walls conjure up an elegant, inviting and almost weightless look. A new interpretation of classic forms which even touches the hearts of hard-line purists.





Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.

# INO



Wall Basin 900 0 or 1 Taphole Overflow Right hand shelf

900 × 450 × 120 mm

Wall Basin 900 0 or 1 Taphole, Overflow, Left hand shelf

900 × 450 × 120 mm

Semi-Inset Basin 350 0 Taphole, Overflow

Semi-Inset Basin 500 0 Taphole, Overflow

350 × 365 × 40 (150) mm

500 × 365 × 40 (150) mm

# VAL Design by Konstantin Grcic



# VAL

A material that offers new possibilities, a Designer who pursues new methods and a connection that creates new worlds and a bathing experience that awakens unknown emotions. With his evolutionary designs, Konstantin Grcic architecturally stages the revolutionary SaphirKeramik from LAUFEN, thereby completing the bathroom collection VAL. Clear geometric lines, extremely narrow edges and finely textured surfaces united in harmony, open up a unique category of bathroom culture.

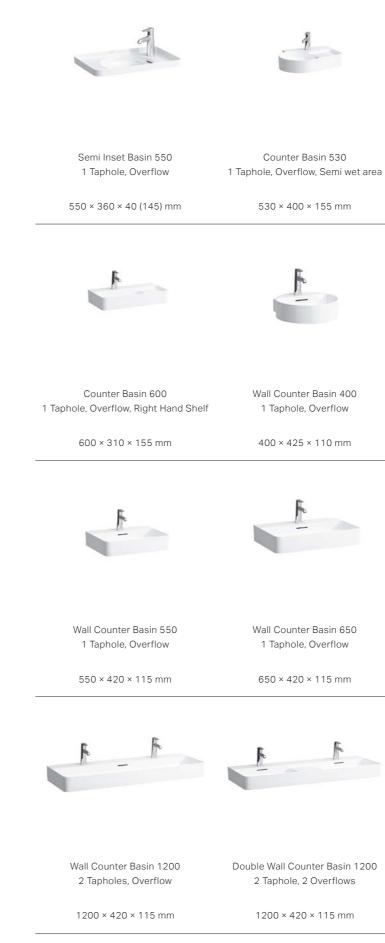












Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.





Round Counter Basin 500

0 or 1 Taphole, Overflow

500 × 400 × 125 mm



Counter Basin 550 0 Taphole, Overflow, Fine Surface Structure Detailing

550 × 360 × 125 mm



Wall Counter Basin 450 1 Taphole, Overflow

450 × 420 × 115 mm



Wall Counter Basin 550 1 Taphole, Overflow, Right/Left Shelf

550 × 315 × 155 mm



Wall Counter Basin 750 1 Taphole, Overflow

750 × 420 × 115 mm



Wall Counter Basin 950 2 Tapholes, Overflow

950 × 420 × 115 mm



Round Freestanding Bath 1300 Sentec, Use Capacity 460 ltrs, Overflow

1300 × 1300 × 505 (550) mm

Freestanding Bath 1600 Sentec, Use Capacity 275 Itrs, Overflow

1600 × 750 × 450 (520) mm





Tapware, furniture and accessories not available in Australia and New Zealand.

# PALACE

Design is not an end in itself. It is here to serve. Andreas Dimitriadis provides PALACE with humanity and authenticity. He gives each form a clear function, generates a strong emotional attraction in addition to clearly visible benefits. As a timeless classic, designed for the future, PALACE demonstrates its unique strength. Dimitriadis' homage to ceramic as a material thus enables a tailor-made room design that previously seemed impossible.









Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.



Palace Back To Wall Suite WELS 4 star, 4.5/3 ltr flush, Average flush, 3.4ltr flush, Back or bottom inlet available 700 × 360 × 475 (430) mm

# LAUFEN PRO S Design by Peter Wirz



# LAUFEN PRO S

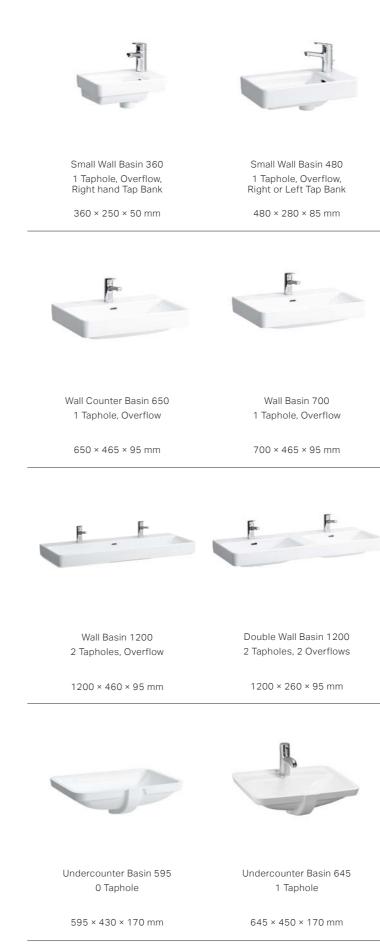
With lots of sensitivity Peter Wirz brought about a systematic, production-optimised evolution of the PRO concept: Thanks to its slim silhouette and clearly-defined radii, the washbasin has a light and elegant, appearance. The deep bowl means that it's also functionally appealing. The aesthetics of LAUFEN PRO S definitely take the range in the direction of LAUFEN's premium design lines – while remaining affordable by all.











Selected LAUFEN products are custom order with a 17-19 week lead time. Please visit reece.com.au or contact your local Reece branch to confirm delivery timeline.

# LAUFEN PRO S





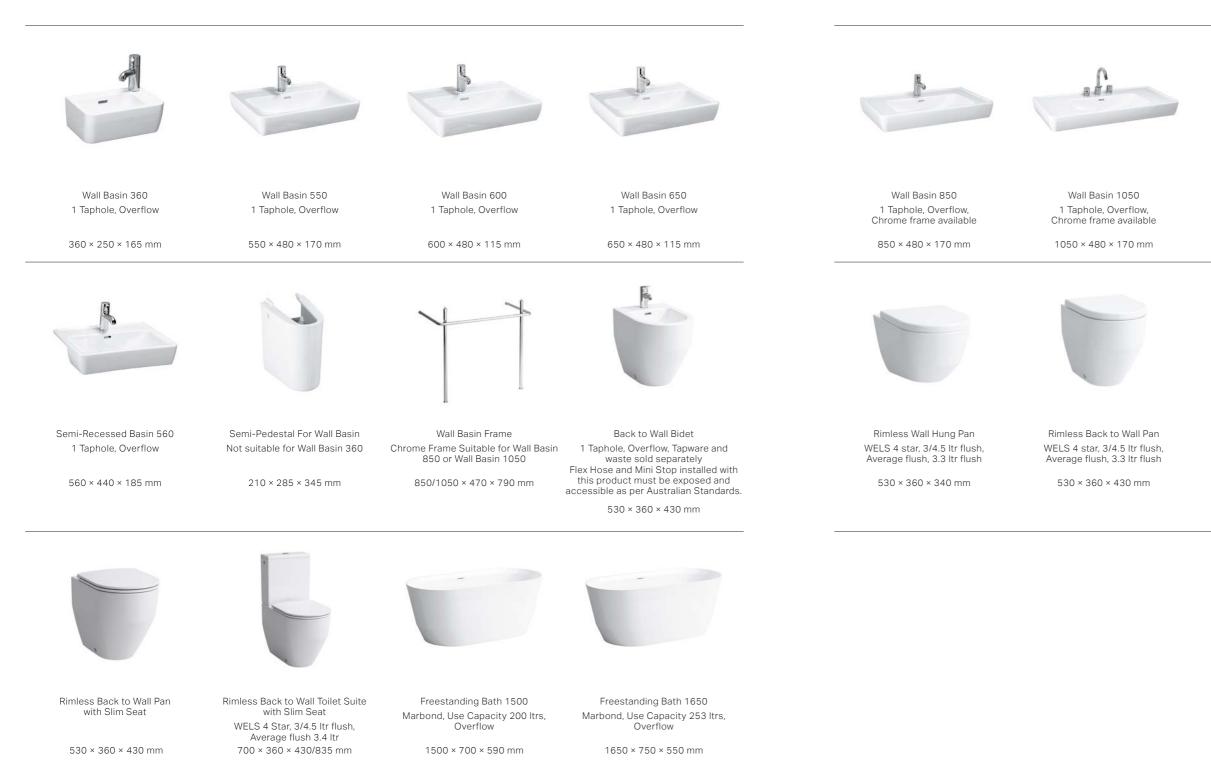
# LAUFEN PRO A

A Classic design integrates unobtrusively into the living space and sets timeless benchmarks. This forms the vision of the LAUFEN PRO A series, which adapts to every room situation with the most modern design and inspires with numerous variations of imaginable ceramic art. Designer Peter Wirz has designed a bathroom programme that has been intelligently optimised for the ceramic production process. Democratic design thus finds its place even in bathrooms suitable for generations.





# LAUFEN PRO A



# LAUFEN PRO A





Semi Inset Basin 560 1 Taphole, Overflow

560 × 440 × 20 mm

0 Taphole 595 x 430 x 170 mm

Undercounter Basin



Rimless Back to Wall Toilet Suite WELS 4 Star, 3/4.5 ltr flush, Average flush 3.4 ltr

700 x 360 x 430/835 mm



Rimless Wall Hung Pan with Slim Seat

530 × 360 × 340 mm

# LAUFEN – THE COMPANY

LAUFEN stands for swissness. quality and design, offering complete bathroom solutions around the world.



## Making the bathroom a living environment

The personality of this highly traditional Swiss brand reflects a symbiosis of design, quality and functionality.

LAUFEN is one of the world's leading manufacturers with a global distribution network. The company's core competence is its knowledge in the area of sanitary ware manufacturing

For over 125 years, the LAUFEN brand has been using the oldest malleable material known to man to make innovative sanitary products in state-of-the-art plants with legendary Swiss precision. Knowledgeof the bathroom as a whole is developed from the competence of LAUFEN in ceramics manufacturing, and sophisticated design



Contract of the second

THE CANTON OF BASELLAND BETWEEN THE RIVERS DOUBS AND RHINE

# From humble beginnings to today's global player

When LAUFEN was founded in Switzerland in 1892, sanitation was still a far cry from the standards and comforts offered today; standards, which were particularly influenced by LAUFEN, the only sanitary ceramics producer that manufactures exclusively in Europe



**BATHROOM CULTURE FOR 125 YEARS** 

What makes LAUFEN products unique at first glance is that their Swiss design unites two major design trends: emotional Italian design from the south and the northern tradition of design precision



FIRST MECHANICAL FACTORY FOR SANITARY WARE ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT, ZNOJMO

Some of the production facilities that belong to the company today can be traced back even further into history.

In 1878 for example, the pioneer in the mechanical manufacture of sanitary ceramics was a production site belonging to the Austrian monarchy. It is not just tradition, but also the strong anchor which various European manufacturing sites maintain in their domestic markets, Switzerland, Austria and Czech Republic, that underpin the quality of LAUFEN as a company. LAUFEN's goal then was the same as today's: to lead on technology, service and design. Back in the 1980s, LAUFEN engineers invented the most efficient highpressure casting technology for ceramic production and therefore ensured a sustainable breakthrough in industrial production.



#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALL HUNG TOILET BY LAUFEN ENGINEER XAVER JERMANN, 1964

Just as important at LAUFEN are the constant developments in design: wall-mounted WCs and floor-standing washbasins have enabled a new sense of aesthetics. In 2013 LAUFEN's worldwide material innovation SaphirKeramik succeeded in revolutionising the design language of ceramic.

The innovative and valuable patented SaphirKeramik formulation gives the starting material unprecedented possibilities and scopes. SaphirKeramik is used when a design includes thin walled shapes and tight radii.



THE NEW CLASSIC DESIGNED BY MARCEL WANDERS

## A building of great symbolic value



THE LAUFEN FORUM IS A 6,500 CUBIC METER ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT, A VISITOR AND PRESENTATION CENTRE DESIGNED BY BASEL BASED ARCHITECTS NISSEN & WENTZLAFF, PHOTOGRAPHED BY MAURIZIO MERCATO.

LAUFEN is synonymous with perfection in terms of form and craftsmanship and for advanced technology with an unobtrusive face. LAUFEN's headquarters in the conton of Baselland reflect this identity.

Ludovica + Roberto Palomba designed "bowl/08", a washbasin for the Palomba Collection. Architects Nissen & Wentzlaff then created a larger version of this object in the form of the building which stands out with its impressive exposed concrete and elegant statics.

An inventive spirit and desire for technical innovation are also part of the building's concept and require efficient resource usage and an acceptable ecological footprint. As a result, the multi-award-winning building is an outstanding feature in the Basel area, an area which is rich in superb architecture.

With the Forum, LAUFEN has created a new architectural setting for its products: it is a comprehensive architectural statement in concrete with the bathroom at its centre and acknowledges Switzerland unequivocally as the company's headquarters and production site.

A space for the bathroom with the power to inspire clients, architects, retailers and tradesmen alike as well as providing a source of information. This is also the home of the training centre of LAUFEN Bathrooms AG.

A wide range of seminars is held here to train groups and communicate product knowledge.

## Live and in person -**LAUFEN Showrooms**



IN FOUR FUROPEAN CITIES AND IN MIAMI, YOU CAN EXPERIENCE LAUFEN LIVE

LAUFEN is pursuing a new type of presentation and encounter with the LAUFEN showroom concept, which has so far been implemented in Berlin, Vienna, Prague, Madrid and Miami. Each location has its own identity, with its own individual interior design. In Madrid, interior designer Patricia Urguiola styled the rooms of a historic villa. Prague also hosts temporary exhibitions on an area over 600 m<sup>2</sup>.

EOOS Design drafted the exhibition in Vienna and used analogies to the firing process of ceramics. In Berlin, Konstantin Grcic pursued a clear, industrial, visual and material language with his interior design, which is based on the production in the factory, whilst the showroom in Miami is part of the Miami Ironside, a complex in old industrial halls with offices and restaurants.

# Individual solutions

The individual planning and design of bathrooms is a growing segment of the sanitary market. Architects and planners of high-quality private residences in particular, but also public and semi-public buildings, such as hotels, often require individual solutions that can be fitted precisely into the floor plans of sanitary rooms and bathrooms, in order to meet the special requirements of the client. LAUFEN is adapting to these requirements with numerous solutions from its range of products and creating bathrooms made to measure: These include, for example, washbasins, ceramic shelves, mirrors and bathroom furniture manufactured to the millimetre, but also colour or customisation options. Even tapware can be individualised, and special handles, logos, colours, and surfaces can be provided as required.



TAILOR-MADE SOLUTIONS CAN BE REALISED TO MEET CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

In the meantime, modern solid surface materials are also available that can be used to realise individual customer reguirements in the shortest possible time in small quantities. When it comes to washbasins, worktops, accessories, furniture, shower trays, bathtubs, sinks, and even wall coverings, there are almost no limits to creative drive.

This enables architects and designers to create their own designs that harmonise perfectly with the room and decor. LAUFEN also offers a complete service package, which includes feasibility checks, assistance with technical drawings, the manufacture of models and prototypes, the adaptation of accessories, direct shipping, and after-sales service.



VARIETY OF SHAPES THANKS TO MINERAL MATERIALS



REECE PRODUCT **QUALITY GUARANTEE** 

# LAUFEN – THE PRODUCTION



LAUFEN BATHROOMS AG IS A SWISS COMPANY SPECIALISING IN PREMIUM SEGMENT SOLUTIONS FOR BATHROOMS. THE HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN LAUFEN NEAR BASEL. MANAGED BY THE FAMILY-OWNED ROCA GROUP SINCE 1999 LAUFEN RUNS 6 MANUFACTURING SITES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WITH 2500 EMPLOYEES AND SALES OFFICES IN 44 COUNTRIES.





## Global network with local service



#### PRODUCTION SITES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

**1** The company is named after the town of LAUFEN near Basel in Switzerland where it has produced washbasins, bidets and toilets in sanitary ceramic for 125 years. The management of LAUFEN Bathrooms AG, tapware production, training centre and the LAUFEN Forum are also located here.

2 The production facility in Gmunden specialises in the manufacture of highly sophisticated bathroom sanitary ware. The Gmunden facility has acquired this expertise through a long tradition in ceramics production.

**3** The state-of-the art factory in Znojmo, in the Czech Republic, produces high quality bathroom ceramics. This factory has a long tradition which goes back more than 135 years.

**4** Bechyně is not only the home of the oldest vocational school of ceramics in the Czech Republic, it is also a modern factory where high quality ceramics have been produced for more than 50 years.

**5** LAUFEN ceramics products are produced in accordance with strict LAUFEN quality standards (LQS) at the state-of-the-art Roca Group factory in Gliwice.

**6** In addition, LAUFEN bathtubs are made of acrylic and mineral cast materials in Gryfice, Poland.

# Sustainable quality

Globally, environmental impacts are caused primarily by the overuse or incorrect use of materials, followed by fossil fuel energy. LAUFEN addresses these challenges by promoting a zero waste policy in all production sites, with a view to continuously improve production processes, optimise raw material usage and eliminate waste. To increase energy efficiency, LAUFEN is investing in the transition towards clean energy, as well as deploying heat recovery infrastructure in the factories.





The continuous drive for innovation, a sophisticated understanding of responsible product design, and a deeply embedded culture of collaboration are at the heart of every new product development. As such, LAUFEN is able to offer complete bathroom solutions that ensure comfort, a long-lasting lifecycle, a reduction in water and energy consumption, and easy maintenance.



Certification

The first two LAUFEN production facilities were successfully ISO 14001 certified and EMAS registered in 1997. Both of these factories were awarded the European Environment Prize 2007 for exemplary environmental management. All the LAUFEN production facilities are now certified with the Environmental and Quality Management Systems ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.



LAUFEN branch
Worldwide export



#### Swiss Quality

Products with the Q-Plus certification meet both the European standard and the established more stringent Swiss suissetec/VSA standard.

LAUFEN sanitary ware products meet these Swiss quality standards and have been recommended for approval accordingly.





# LAUFEN – THE INNOVATIONS

# SaphirKeramik

### Freedom to Reshape



SAPHIRKERAMIK VERSUS FINE FIRECLAY

SaphirKeramik available on the market is the latest, globally significant innovation from LAUFEN.

This revolutionary, ceramic material reaches its exceptional hardness blended with corundum, a colourless mineral, which is a component of sapphires. This gives SaphirKeramik a flexural strength equal to that of steel. Yet it has the potential to be wafer-thin, giving designers almost infinite freedom to experiment - and tear up the rulebook of bathroom design.

After some years of experience of producing SaphirKeramik pieces on an industrial scale, LAUFEN is now stretching the patented material's limits by exploiting its super-fine forms not only to create exquisitely detailed textures and patterns but also by engineering the innovative material to increase its maximum size - a 120 cmlong washbasin in SaphirKeramik is the largest to date. LAUFEN has also applied its impressively efficient, highpressure casting technology to, highvolume pieces in SaphirKeramik.

docian

SCHWEIZ



Design Preis Schweiz Prix Design Suisse Design Prize Switzerland **Preis** 



THE THIN-WALLED SAPHIRKERAMIK WAS TESTED FOR IMPACT RESISTANCE AT THE KERAMIK INSTITUT MEISSEN

Simultaneously hard and malleable. SaphirKeramik enables pieces to be made with very thin, yet very strong walls of only 3-5 mm, as well as with narrowly defined radii of only 1-2 mm. The slim profile of SaphirKeramik means that it saves space, is light and environmentally friendly. The new design characteristics of this innovative material are rooted in its exceptional hardness and strength.



SAPHIRKERAMIK HAS A TWO TO THREE TIMES HIGHER BENDING RESISTANCE THAN TRADITIONAL CERAMICS

When the mechanical properties of the two traditional sanitary ceramic masses - namely vitreous china and fine fire clay – are compared, the performance of SaphirKeramik is unique even in international comparison.

The comparative values measured by the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing in Berlin (BAM) for SaphirKeramik are, at an average of over 120 MPa:

Production of SaphirKeramik with the casting technology invented by LAUFEN

Comparable with carbon steel and twice as high as for vitreous china. LAUFEN was awarded the Swiss Design Prize 2017/18 for the development of SaphirKeramik.

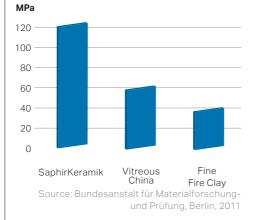
"Aspects such as ecology and sustainability may not have been the focus of attention in the development of SaphirKeramik, but they contribute significantly to the positive overall image of the material," the jury commented. In doing so, it acknowledged the additional advantages of the material: Lower material costs, for example, which are also due to a simplified structure of the ceramic parts, as well as the advantages in terms of environmental protection and sustainability, since fewer raw materials and less energy are used in the firing, production, and transport of SaphirKeramik.



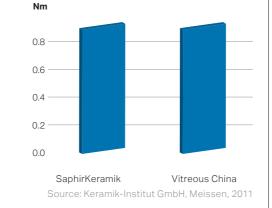
PRODUCTION OF SAPHIRKERAMIK WITH THE CASTING TECHNOLOGY INVENTED BY LAUFEN

«New materials have always been one of the most important driving forces behind the development of design. With SaphirKeramik, the traditional Swiss brand LAUFEN has succeeded in creating an equally surprising and remarkable innovation whose effects on sanitary ceramics can only be estimated to a limited extent today.»

#### **BENDING STRENGTH**

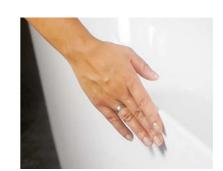


#### IMPACT ENERGY



«The composite material, which does not require chemical additives, wows with its specific properties - hardness, bending strength - and offers the enormous economic advantage of being suitable for processing using traditional production processes.» These were the words the jury used to elaborate on their decision to award SaphirKeramik the Swiss Design Prize.

Marbond is a unique material developed by LAUFEN, consisting of two layers, which are firmly bonded to one another. The basis is provided by a mineral cast whose surface is refined with high quality gel coat finish. Thanks to the material composition, LAUFEN Marbond products are durable and stable, chemical and thermal shock resistant according to DIN EN 14527 and can be easily repaired with LAUFEN repair kit.







SCRATCH RESISTANT



## Marbond

PLEASANT AND NATURAL FEEL



RETAINS WARMTH



#### MATERIAL COMPOSITION REDUCES WATER NOISE



EASY TO CLEAN - THE ANTIBACTERIAL SURFACE IS REPELLENT TO DIRT



UV RESISTANT, NO DISCOLORATION THROUGH SUNLIGHT

# LAUFEN – THE HISTORY



# 1892

It was on 4th July 1892 when the success story of the "Tonwarenfabrik LAUFEN" started with the production of bricks and clinkers. The company was founded by three men: Albert Borer, Johann Spillmann & Joseph Gerster-Roth.



# 1898

Demand for earthenware increases to a volume that makes the construction of a second factory in LAUFEN necessary. The factory, which started production in 1898 was mainly used for the production of roof tiles and bricks as well as drainage pipes.



1905

A canteen is installed on the premises, where quality meals are offered for the workers at 40 cents.

## 1924

to 1 Mio Swiss Francs.

The acquisition of the Aktienziegelei Allschwil, the chimney production Allschwil and the brick factory Tranzer had a "positive impact on all brickyards in the LAUFEN valley". As a result, a third kiln is inaugurated. In the same year, the share capital of the "Tonwarenfabrik LAUFEN" is increased



# 1925

Under the directive of Guido Gerster, CEO and member of the supervisory board of the Tonwarenfabrik LAUFEN. the "Aktiengesellschaft für keramische Industrie LAUFEN" is established on 26th November. Fire clay is introduced, which enables the company to produce washbasins and sinks.

# 1931-1933

An innovative porcelain-like material is launched under the brand name KILVIT. KILVIT is much stronger than fire clay and the pieces come out completely white and dense.



A factory is built to produce wall tiles from stone ware. Thus turning the "AG für keramische Industrie" into the first manufacturer of wall tiles in Switzerland and serving the national construction industry during the war years.



1938

The production of wall tiles is followed by that of floor tiles. Another factory is built in LAUFEN to produce these floor tiles from stone ware. In a difficult business environment new jobs are created.



# 1949

After World War II, the Swiss Federal Railways, SBB, turns its attention to the electrification of the vast national railroad network. LAUFEN responds with the production of electro-technical porcelain - mainly insulators - and becomes a strong supplier of SBB.

# 1952

Within a short period of time, a new factory is constructed in Campo Largo, in the greater Curitiba region, by "AG für



keramische Industrie LAUFEN" to also manufacture wall and floor tiles in Brazil. The company is registered under the name of INCEPA S.A.

# 1967

LAUFEN acquires the Vienna-based OESPAG (Österreichische Sanitär-Keramik und Porzellanindustrie AG) with its two Austrian production sites in Gmunden and Wilhelmsburg.

# 1970

The "Keramik Holding AG LAUFEN" is founded in response to the organisational structure needed to successfully guide the 4'000 employees at various locations in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Spain and Brazil.



Ceramic pressure casting, developed by Keramik LAUFEN over years, is unveiled to the public for the first time in October 1982. A process which sets new standards for the sanitary industry, it enabled LAUFEN first to significantly boost its capacities, its efficiency as well as its range.

# 1986

Issue of 140 000 share certificates at 650 SFr each.

# 1971

The progressive development of the company necessitates new headquarters. The appointed architect is Giuseppe Gerster, a grandson of Joseph Gerster, who once founded the company.



# 1973

"On Saturday 3rd August shortly before 3:00 p.m. a fire had broken out in the floor tile factory belonging to the Tonwarenfabrik LAUFEN AG. It emanated from the oil burner at kiln I. Despite the quick reaction with fire extinquishers, the fire was able to spread out, thus destroying the plant to a great

extent." [Extract from the media]





# 1982



# 1990

LAUFEN focuses increasingly on design. Porsche Design is the first internationally renowned name to be consulted.

# 1997

From 1992 to 1997, the company went into debt through acquisitions and embarked on the restructuring of the group which had been due for years.

# 1999

LAUFEN becomes part of the ROCA group, and thus belongs to one of the largest and most influential enterprises in the bathroom and sanitary ware industry.

# 2002

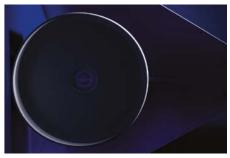
In 2002 LAUFEN launched 'Tam Tam', the world's first standing washbasin, cast in one piece.

The washbasin belongs to the design line ILBAGNOALESSI One by Stefano Giovannoni.



# 2009

The LAUFEN Forum opens its doors. In addition, the Similor headquarters and production facilities are relocated to LAUFEN. This was the last step in the creation of the Swiss competence centre for bathroom culture in LAUFEN.



# 2013

With the innovation of "SaphirKeramik" LAUFEN presents a groundbreaking world novelty and sets a new standard for bathroom design.



Keramik LAUFEN celebrates its 125th anniversary.

# LAUFEN – THE DESIGNERS

# Andreas Dimitriadis | Stefano Giovannoni

# Konstantin Grcic



Andreas Dimitriadis launched platinumdesign in 2007. In the heart of Stuttgart, his team of product designers, CAD specialists, and model makers works for international brand manufacturers. platinumdesign stands for premium quality as well as commercially successful and multi-award-winning design.





LIVING SQUARE // LIVING SAPHIRKERAMIK iF Product Design Award 2012 German Design Award 2013 - Nominee German Design Award - Special Mention 2013 Design Plus powered by ISH 2013 AiT/Innovationspreis Architektur + Technik Architectural Products Award (PIA) IDEA International Design Excellence GOLD Award 2015

PALACE Red Dot Product Design Award 2011 German Design Award 2013 - Nominee FLORAKIDS iF Product Design Award 2011



Stefano Giovannoni was born in 1954 in La Spezia, Italy. He studied architecture in Florence. From 1989 onwards, he designed the successful Girotondo accessories collection for Alessi. Today, he lives and works at Studio Giovannoni, on restored former factory premises in the centre of Milan. As well as industrial products, he also designs interiors and architecture.



IL BAGNO ALESSI ONE Design Plus 2003 Manufacturer Design Awards 2003 Manufacturer Design Awards 2006 Green Good Design Award 2010 Good Design Award 2011 Design Awards 2011 Best of Year (BOY) Awards 2014 ADEX Awards - Platinum Award 2015



Konstantin Grcic was born in 1965 in Munich, Germany. After training as a cabinetmaker at the John Make-peace School (Dorset, England), he studied industrial design at the Royal College of Art in London.

In 1991, Grcic established his studio, Konstantin Grcic Industrial Design (KGID), in Berlin and is now one of the leading industrial designers of the modern era.







VAL AiT/Innovationspreis Architektur + Technik 2015 iF Design Gold Award 2016 The Architect's Newspaper Best of Product Awards 2016 Best of Year Awards 2016 Red Dot Award: Product Design 2017 Red Dot Award: Product Design 2018

# **Toan Nguyen**



Toan Nguyen was born in Paris in 1969 and graduated from ENSI-Les Ateliers in Paris as an industrial designer.

Nguyen gained experience by working in various design offices in Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid before working with Antonio Citterio as a design director and design partner.

Toan Nguyen set up his own design studio in Milan in 2008. The Toan Nguyen Studio is multidisciplinary, specialising in design development in various product areas.



Ludovica Serafini and Roberto Palomba studied architecture at Rome University. In 1994, they founded their Milan-based company together. They have made a name for themselves with their unconventional interior designs for bathrooms, kitchens, and living spaces. Their concepts unite their intuitive grasp of architecture, lifestyle, and industrial objects to create exceptional designs.





INO Design Plus powered by ISH 2015 Designpreis Rheinland-Pfalz Best of Year Awards 2015 AZ Awards 2016 - Award of Merit

ANTERO Red Dot Product Design Award 2012 German Design Award 2014

PALOMBA COLLECTION Design Plus • Manufacturer Design Awards 2005 Red Dot Product Design Award 2005/2007 ADI Design Index 2006 • iF Product Design Award 2007/2013 • Green Good Design Award 2012 • Best of Year Awards- Honoree Interior Innovation Award 2013 Good Design Award 2013 KARTELL BY LAUFEN Wallpaper\* 2014 • Casa Vogue, Brazil 2014 • Elle Deco International Design Award 2014 • ADEX Awards2014 Platinum Award Best of Year Awards Winner 2017

## Ludovica+Roberto Palomba



# Patricia Urquiola



Patricia Urquiola was born in Oviedo, Spain, and now lives and works in Milan. She studied architecture at the Polytechnic University of Madrid and Milan Polytechnic, where she earned her degree in 1989 under the tutorship of Achille Castiglioni.

In 2001, Patricia Urquiola opened her own studio, where she concentrates on product design, architecture and interior design.





SONAR iF Design Award 2018 Best of Year Winner 2018

# LAUFEN – THE DESIGNERS

# Marcel Wanders



Marcel Wanders has a leading product and interior design studio located in the creative capital of Amsterdam, with over 1,900 iconic product and interior design experiences all around the globe for private clients and premium brands. Marcel Wanders' 27 years of design are celebrated in some of the most renowned art and design museums around the world.





THE NEW CLASSIC Red Dot Award: Product Design 2019 iF Product Design Award 2019



Peter Wirz

"Design of the human touch": This is the motto of the Vetica design workshop, which was founded in 1997 and has branches in Lucerne, Taipei, Hamburg, and Hong Kong.

The international team around Swiss designer Peter Wirz, who was born in Brienz in 1960, supports the development processes of industrial products with regard to both form and function, acting as a generator of ideas - going above and beyond pure design, which it sees as an interdisciplinary process in a wider context.



LAUFEN PRO Manufacturer Design Awards 2004 Universal Design Award 2011 Universal Design Consumers Favorite 2011 Red Dot Product Design Award 2014

CLEANET RIVA Red Dot Award: Product Design 2016 Design Plus powered by ISH 2017 iF Product Design Award 2017 Home & Trend Award 2017



25 Hours Hotel The Circle Kartell by Laufen — Ludovica & Roberto Palomba SaphirKeramik Cologne / Germany Interior architect: Studio Aisslinger



#### **Bathroom Happiness**

Visit any one of our showrooms in Australia or New Zealand for all the latest products, concepts and inspiration to make your bathroom whatever you want it to be. And for the ultimate bathroom experience, go to one of our bathroom life™ stores where you will find the biggest range of leading international brands. For our nearest bathroom showroom:

AUS: visit www.reece.com.au NZ: visit www.reece.co.nz

Due to limitations in the printing process the colours in this brochure are a guide only. The manufacturer/distributor reserves the right to vary specifications or delete models from their range without prior notification. The manufacturer/distributor takes no responsibility for printing errors. LAUFEN fumiture, toites, baths, tapware and basins enjoy a 15 year product replacement warranty and a one year parts and labour warranty – Domestic use only.

