



### COMBINED FORCES

Boffi's latest kitchen collections complement one another perfectly. The highly adaptable 'Open' kitchen by Piero Lissoni (from £30,000) is a streamlined modular wood-and-steel system suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, while the 'Works' range (out later this year) features freestanding tubular steel shelving and a kitchen trolley. For a modern structure and a rich mix of materials, look to the covetable 'Salinas' kitchen by Patricia Urquiola (pictured, from £30,000; find out more about the design on p197), which combines an aluminium frame with ceramic, wood, Paperstone and textured concrete (boffiuk.com).

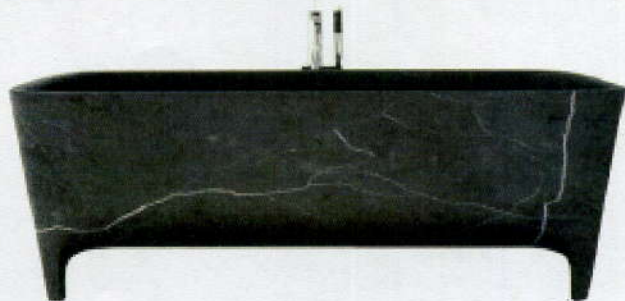
### CLEAN LIVING

As the divisions between rooms in the home become more blurred, modular units are gaining popularity for use in bathrooms because they allow for complete flexibility. Rexa Design's 'Esperanto' collection is a case in point: it consists of Du Pont Corian basins, mirrors, accessories, wooden trestle tables and shelving (from £6,924 for a basic system; rexadesign.it). If extra storage is a prerequisite, Marc Sadler's 'BB Concept Wall' for Burgbad, which has lacquered shelving and an integrated basin, is a good option (approx £7,100; burgbad.com). New Swedish company Swoon Editions, which aims to 'transform the bathroom into a living room', offers a fully customisable range. You can choose the colour and style of the legs, taps and even door knobs on the vanity units and furniture online in the brand's 'digital showroom' before the products are delivered to your home (from £544 for a side unit from the 'Side' collection; swoon.se).

For an alternative to a bathroom bench, Kreoo's 'Moon' seat-and-side table, designed by Enzo Berti, is crafted from an indulgent mix of marble, wood and metal (kreoo.com). Or how about a bath-meets-bookcase for relaxed bath-time reading? The 'Kelly Book' by Mastella Design is sealed with Mak Mat, a composite known for its scratch-resistant and antibacterial properties (pictured, £6,874; mastelladesign.it).



'Ellipse' bath, £18,000, Lapidica



'Accademia' bath by Carlo Colombo for Teuco, £3,196

### BATH IN GLORY

A marble bath is a big investment, but the material is renowned for its durability, ease of maintenance (it can be re-ground and polished in situ to remove chips and stains) and sheer beauty. Our pick of the best

models includes Lapidica's 'Ellipse' tub, (£18,000; lapidica.com); Carlo Colombo's 'Accademia' bath for Teuco (from £3,196, Alchemy Award; alchemyaward.com); Neutra's 'Hydrowell', a whirlpool tub

made from a single block of marble (from £29,000; neutradesign.it); and the 'Drop' Carrara marble bath by Benedini Associati for Agape (£8,891, West One Bathrooms; westonebathrooms.co.uk).