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## KBIS 2019 Draws Record Attendance

Early figures estimate an increase of 30 percent in attendance over the 2018 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) with more than 600 exhibitors. Visitors included designers, builders, technology integrators, dealers and kitchen and bath showroom professionals at the Las Vegas Convention Center from Feb. 19-21.

Floor space increased, expanding to more than one million net square feet between KBIS and the co-located International Builders' Show, which together make up Design & Construction Week® (DCW). More than 400,000 net square feet of show floor space has already been secured for KBIS 2020, which returns to Las Vegas Jan. 21-23, 2020.

"KBIS 2019 was a banner year for us; the energy was palpable between the exhibitors and the attendees," said Brian Pagel, senior vice president of Emerald Expositions. "New products were being introduced by virtually every exhibitor, and the numerous programs, panels and events drew standing-room-only crowds. With registrations up 30 percent over last year, the number of total participants at DCW likely exceeded more than 100,000 industry professionals between both events."

The following pages detail what you hit or missed, so start planning for next year's show now!

### KBISNEXT STAGE

Sponsored by HomeAdvisor, programming included 18 panels on such topics as color trends, women in design, the new modern luxury, innovations in sustainability, wellness and living in place and the integration of design and technology. Panel sponsors included JSG Oceana, Control4, Hansgrohe and Kohler.

The return of the popular DesignBites presentations, where 10 brands are offered three minutes to impress an audience of industry media and design VIPs, included the following brands:

- CONTROL4
- FRANKE
- INFINITY DRAIN
- LG
- MAT INTER
- NATIVE TRAILS
- SAMSUNG
- SIGNATURE KITCHEN SUITE
- TITUS GROUP
- THOR KITCHEN



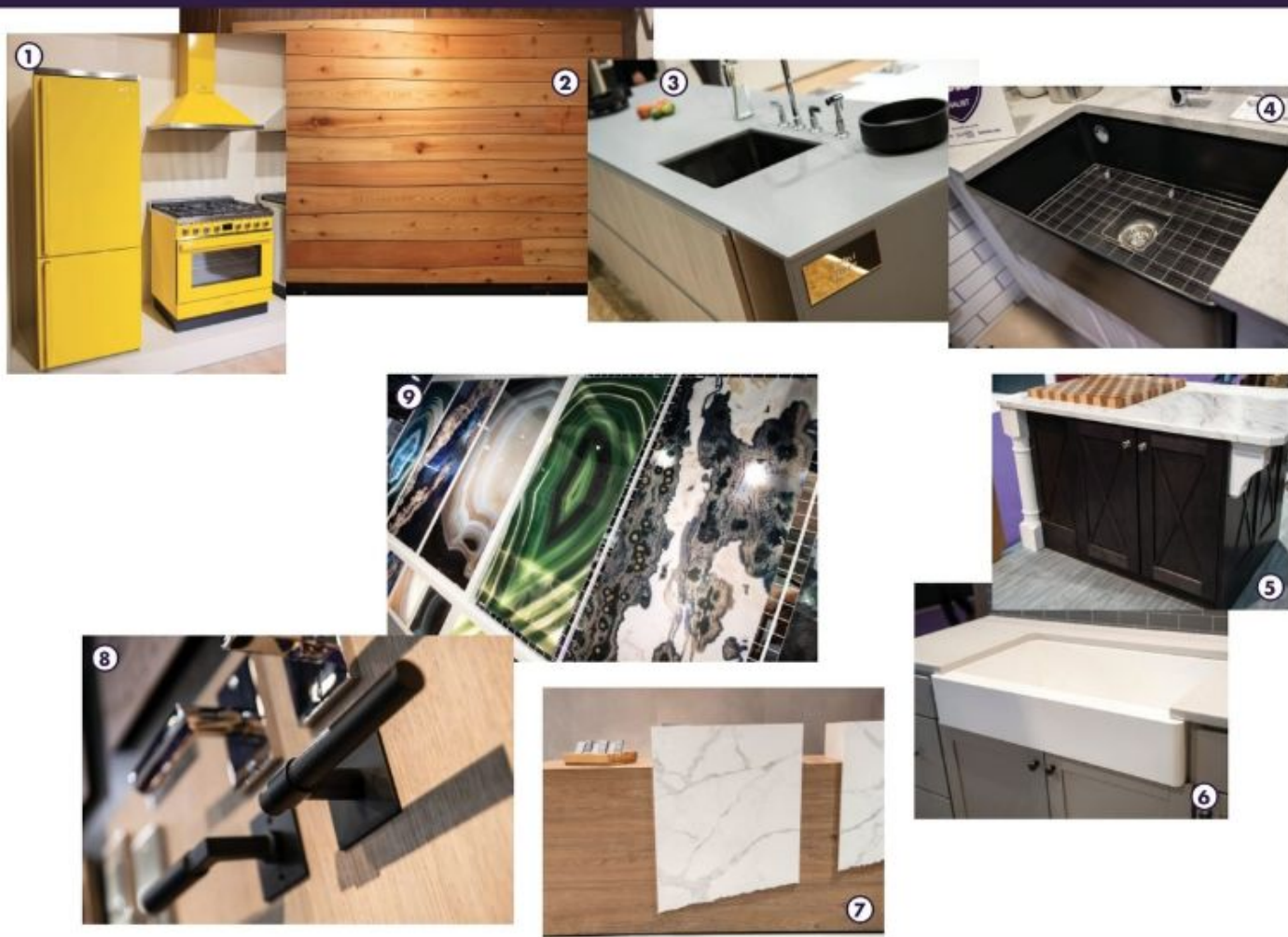
**1.** Available this fall, the Portofino Freestanding Refrigerator from **SMEG** will come in five finishes: red, black, anthracite, stainless steel and white. This 18-cu. ft., 27-in.-wide appliance features dual LED-lit bands running down both the left and right inside panels, as well as double-zone electronic temperature control and a three-drawer freezer.

**2.** WaveWood from **STIKWOOD** offers a new take on having real, reclaimed wood in the home with curvy planks. With its peel-and-stick system, Stikwood is lightweight, simple to install and made from reclaimed and sustainable woods sourced in the U.S.

**3.** Velvet from **LAPITEC** is a brushed surface product with a delicate look and feel. The names in the Velvet Collection are a tribute to four iconic cities with distinct, architectural styles, including Brooklyn, London, Berlin and Casablanca. Velvet comes in three thicknesses: 12, 20 and 30 mm.

**4.** **BOCCHI USA** adds the Forte Apron-Front Sink to its collection of fireclay sinks. This sink has a wall thickness nearly half that of traditional fireclay sinks, offering roughly 15 to 20 percent more cubic volume than the average apron-front sink. Forte also blends organic materials with aluminum, maintaining the warmth of fireclay while adding the strength of metal.

**5.** Assemble on Site (AOS Elite) Cabinet Boxes from **ELIAS WOODWORKING** are designed to accommodate any new remodel or refacing project for the kitchen and bath with less expense. Available in any width, height or depth, they allow designers to create a custom kitchen without the added expenses of creating their own cabinet boxes or shipping fully assembled units.



**6.** **KARRAN**'s QAR Farmhouse Series of quartz kitchen sinks features a fully integrated, vertical apron. Various depths make this a suitable option for new construction and remodeling projects. The single bowl is more than 30 inches wide with a rear drain to accommodate large cookware, and a large/small bowl combo is also available.

**7.** **SAPIENSTONE** is a thin-profile porcelain countertop material that is scratch, heat, UV and chemical resistant, and its full-body design is carried through the material. At KBIS, the company introduced marble looks in Calacatta Light (shown), Dark Marquina and Malm Black.

**8.** **ASHLEY NORTON ARCHITECTURAL HARDWARE** expands its collection of cabinet hardware with the addition of six solid-brass cabinet pulls. Shown here is the Knurled Pull, which features a hash-marked pattern for both tactile and visual texture. The pulls are available in six finishes: satin nickel, polished nickel, polished chrome, satin brass, dark oil-rubbed and flat black.

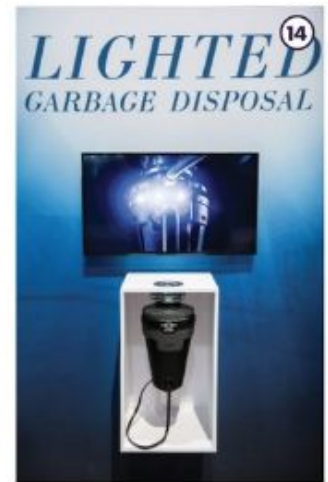
**9.** Part of the Vetrice Collection of large-format, glass slabs, Gem Glass from **SICIS** echoes the look of precious stones and dream landscapes in 13 options. Gem Glass is also offered in a solid version where the pattern and colors are saturated on a pure white base; chromo, where there is a mirror and chrome-plated effect; and opalescent, which has a translucent effect and can be backlit.

**10. DELTA FAUCET'S** First Wave Innovation Lab introduced the Tap or Talk Faucet, which needs no handle and allows the user to control it with touch and voice controls. Custom programming is available to manage water use through dishwashing modes and pre-programmed pour amounts. The product availability will be announced after consumer feedback is gathered.

**11.** The M.R. Walls Collection was designed with **CORIAN SOLID SURFACE** by Los Angeles-based artist Mario Romano. His sculptural designs are inspired by nature, and no painting, sanding or grout is required. The designs can fit any size wall – showers included.

**12. AXOR'S** MyEdition Collection of faucet cover plates is available in 13 PVD finishes, including leather, wood, marble and mirrored or black glass. Designed in collaboration with Phoenix Design, the collection can be mixed and matched with the company's faucets and tub fillers, and the FinishPlus program offers even more combinations.

**13.** The Solace Vanity from **NATIVE TRAILS** mixes solid oak with NativeStone and features two full-extension drawers. It is available in midnight or sunrise oak finishes and in two sizes – 30 inches for smaller spaces and 48 inches. It can be paired with the Solace Mirror in matching finishes and in two sizes.



**14. MOEN** has introduced a motion-activated, lighted garbage disposal; motion-sensing technology lights up the space under the kitchen sink when the cabinet door is open. The EXL100c model features six LED lights, a 75-lumen output, a sensor that adapts to any installation and a front-facing battery compartment that allows for quick replacement.

**15. FRANKE'S** Chef Center is a sink system that comes with a removable glass cutting board; a storage bin; an antimicrobial compost bin; a stainless-steel, over-the-sink colander; a stainless-steel drain board; a multi-level sink grid; and a roller mat. A wide basin is great for pots and pans, and the drain board slopes to direct water back into the sink.

**16. LIEBHERR APPLIANCES** has expanded its Monolith Line with a 36-in. refrigerator, as well as a 30- and 36-in. freezer. Monolith's features include InfinityLight, adjustable side lighting; BioFresh-Plus, a process through which water vapor is moved into the crispers at up to 90 percent humidity; and InfinitySwipe, an electronic control panel with a 3.5-in. touch-and-swipe screen that allows you to control every function within the refrigerator.

**17. HAMMERTON'S** Fusion Pendants were all the rage at KBIS. The fixtures, which house a 40-watt incandescent bulb, are available in a variety of metallic and stippled finishes.

**18. SHAW'S** Lancaster Above-Counter Sink is offered in a rectangular model and is made with fireclay. The vintage-look lavatory sink is available with a single white bowl with a central hole configuration.