DESIGN AWARDS 2011

And the winners are... (a gentle rub and all will be revealed)

A year of smashes and passing shots from boats to beds, architecture to ice cream and a contemporary castle in the air

Plus the double-faulting designs we'd rather forget
BEST BATHROOM

Ablution solutions for original sinkers

We're in a lather about the Bouroullec brothers' collaboration with Axor on a bathroom range that makes us want to strip off and scrub up right away.

The name of the game is flexibility. The 70-piece collection of basins, tubs, taps and shower fittings can be repositioned and redesigned to your taste. Want to put the mixer tap on the side of the sink or on the wall? You can. Want to create multi-tiered storage for grooming accessories? Go ahead. And we can think of no better backdrop to our ablutions than the new 'Phenomenon' tiles by Tokujin Yoshioka for ceramic manufacturer Mutina. Inspired by natural, or phenomena, such as rain, snow and honeycomb, the range combines the serenity of Japanese design with the innovation of Italian production. It is also, as is Mutina's way, very white, letting light and shade emphasise the depth of the pattern and the purity of the material: You'll want to reach out and touch it.

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