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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, er, 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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'Axor Bouroullec' mirror £535; sink, £757; three-hole basin mixer tap, £398, all by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, for Axor. 'Phenomenon Rain A' tilles, £28.30 per 25cm x 30cm unit, by Tokujin Yoshioka, for Mutina. Toothbrush, £2.50, by Muji. 'Principe Real' shaving brush, £33; soap, £7, both by Antiga Barbearia de Bairro. Cup, part of a set with glass plinth, £850; box, £225; jars, £160-£260, all by Andrea Walsh, from Contemporary Applied Arts
For stockists, see Resources, page 158. For more about the 'Principe Real' grooming range, see

