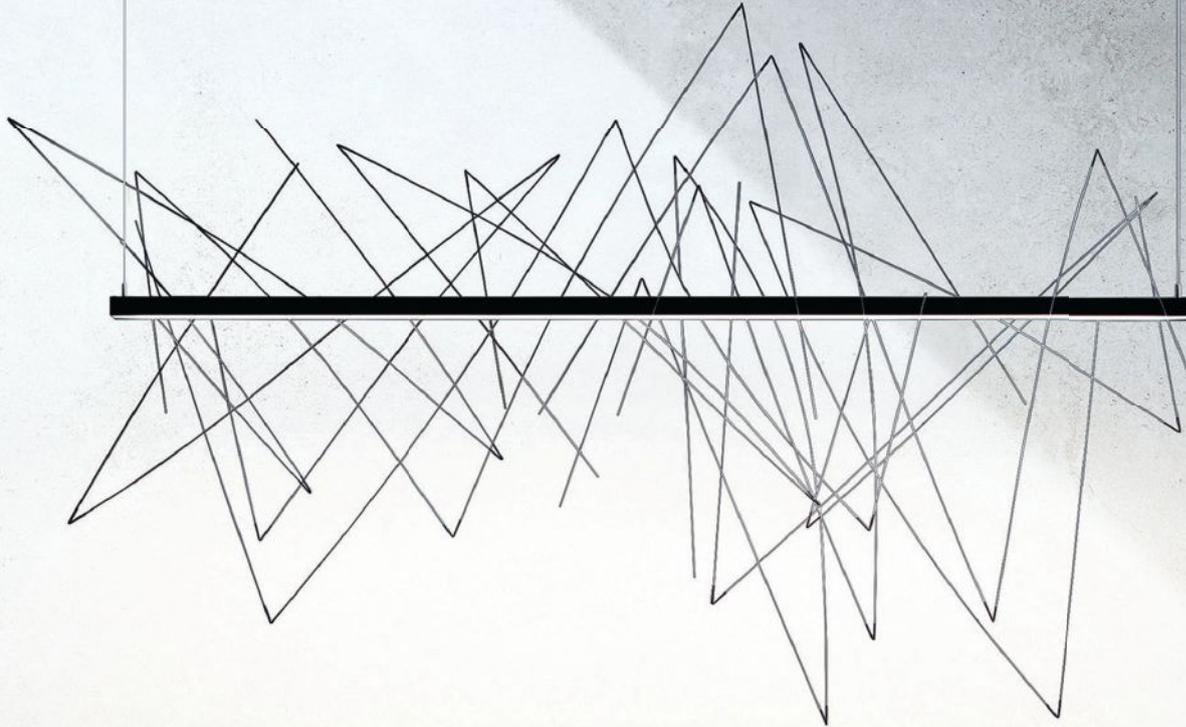


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The chrome-profile XSquare mirror's main light, ambilight, and defogger can be adjusted using a contact-free control panel built into the glass. Stepless adjustment of LED light color enables varied light settings to 300 lux that can be recalled via memory function. Interiors boast improved organization with optional storage boxes and a magnetic strip for accessories.

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CIRCLE 845



WETSTYLE

Frame Linea medicine cabinets feature an aluminum frame and mirrored interior, as well as electrical sockets for charging various accessories. Optional LED mood lighting and defogger functions can be added to the mirrored doors.

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and that people are bringing various devices into the bathroom to enhance their experience, and we also know that clutter in the bathroom causes frustration and can take away from the enjoyment of the space," says Kohler senior product manager Jesse Lemel. "We incorporate technology that people are using into the design of our products in a seamless way to help provide a more gracious and enjoyable experience."

Similar to smart tech in other parts of the home, connectivity in the bath is accompanied by strong homeowner desire for unobtrusive technology. On the back end, that means installing more gangable boxes in vanity areas to meet the wiring demands of advances in glass and mirror-based display technologies, putting the medicine cabinet front and center as the commode command dashboard.

"Mirrors and medicine cabinets offer the ideal slate for a variety of audiovisual components without compromising or impacting space in the bath," says Timothy Schroeder, president of Duluth, Ga.-based Duravit USA. "Because of their centralized location and inherently clean design, the mirror market has definitely used this to its advantage to up the tech factor. We've seen LED clocks built into corners, smartphone notifications synced to displays on the mirror, and all kinds of things that are following the smart bath revolution."

Schroeder's mention of clean design keys in to the importance of modernity in bath design in general, and vanity and cabinet design in particular. Designers say unbroken lines, flush profiles, and muted tones in whites, off-whites, and grays are likely to rule the day through 2019 as homeowners seek cool, contemporary retreats that induce relaxation and rarefied privacy.