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# THE MARVELS OF MARBLE

## THE SURFACE WITH STAYING POWER

If sleek stone is what you're looking for, you're far from the first. "Intensely durable, marble has always been used as a building material, but the Romans are responsible for its luxury stature and mined it wherever they settled," says Jason Cherrington of Lapidica. Considerations should be colour, character, texture, size and finish, which will all decide the final price, says Cherrington. His top tips for picking the right marble for your space are buy the best quality you can afford, if it seems very cheap then it is probably not worth buying, and purchase from a reputable company. As much as marble is rooted in history, replicas of it are firmly of the present. "Technological advances in tile production now mean that manufacturers can authentically reproduce the veining and marbling effect seen in genuine marbles such as calacatta and carrara, in tile form," says Colin Lincoln Evans of Tile Mountain. "The latest HD inkjet printing technology is used during production, meaning that almost any variant of a natural marble can be faithfully reproduced or even have its hue tweaked so as to be in keeping with the latest colours and interior design trends."



Marble floors and walls in the bathrooms of the Ritz Carlton Residences MahaNakhon in Bangkok, by David Collins Studio



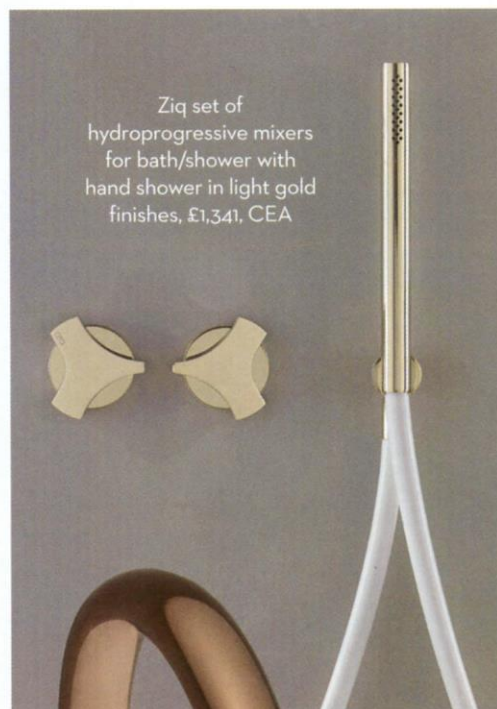
Serpentine Cast Iron Skirted bath, from £3,390, Drummonds







Double Ladybower  
Vanity, from  
£8,340, Martin  
Brudnizki for  
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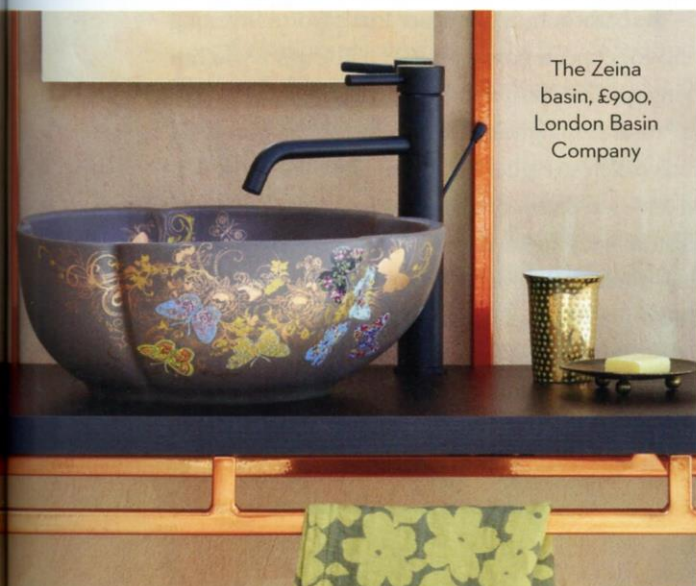
Ziq set of  
hydroprogressive mixers  
for bath/shower with  
hand shower in light gold  
finishes, £1,341, CEA



Essence Single-lever basin  
mixer in Warm Sunset, £310,  
Grohe



Nude Collection,  
£POA, Sybille  
de Margerie for  
Zucchetti.Kos



The Zeina  
basin, £900,  
London Basin  
Company



Oval cast Iron Basin Gold Leaf Ext  
Vitreous Enamel Int, from £835,  
Hurlingham The Bath Company



Spey freestanding bath with a polished and lacquered exterior, price from £3,570, Drummonds



Medusa Tissue Box in Brown, £432, Versace Home

Liaison, from £893, Ann Sacks



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Quartz bath towel, £220, Hermès



avoid feeling clinical.”

Don't forget to allocate a portion of the bathroom budget to accessories, such as towels – they are more important than you may think. “With towels being used every day it is worth investing a little time and money in getting it right,” says Christy's Julia Galloway. “Consider the material carefully. Egyptian cotton towels are luxurious, with a soft touch and slight lustre, whilst Supima cotton towels are an affordable alternative and still have a soft handle. GSM or “grams per square metre” is the way weight is measured in a towel. Generally the greater the GSM the thicker a towel will be, which is ideal if you are looking for sumptuous styles.” Again, the same logic applies, spend the money now and you won't have to in the future: “Although purchasing high quality towels may be a little more expensive

than standard towels, they are likely to be more durable, retain their condition for longer and therefore not need to be replaced as frequently,” says Galloway.

Along with investing money in the bathroom, you will need to put in the time as well. Conduct research into the products that you are purchasing and how to take care of them – even the towels. “Whether you choose to go for the most extravagant or simple, standard towels, by taking good care of them you will increase their life and help maintain their condition,” says Galloway. “Try to wash towels before first use and then after every third use, to keep them clean and fresh, and avoid using fabric softener as it will coat the towels and decrease ability to absorb water.” Now that you know what to invest in, it's time to start the spending.