

Cape Cod brings a touch of nature into the bathroom

Cape Cod, which is located in New England on the East Coast of the USA, possesses a memorable flair. It is a region of sandy beaches that stretch for miles, crystal-clear water and untamed nature – and this place was indirectly the inspiration for Philippe Starck, who designed this collection from his house in Cap Ferret, which in many regards is his very own Cape Cod. With his new Cape Cod bathroom range, the French creator has reinvented the bathroom, removing the barriers between nature and the indoors. Nature becomes a permanent part of the bathroom, a place for rejuvenation and refreshment with aesthetically appealing materials and forms. Ceramic wash bowls with distinctively thin edges, a perfectly coordinated range of bathtubs, and bathroom furniture that can be combined on an individual basis and positioned as desired within the room: Cape Cod is captivating not only on account of its unique and timeless design, but first and foremost because of its authentic materials, solid real wood and an innovative ceramic formula that allows for especially thin and delicate wash bowls.

Iconic and nature-inspired forms are the foundation of the Cape Cod range. The exclusive basins are produced from a specially developed high-strength ceramic mass with an elegant finish (DuraCeram). This material makes it possible to create countertop basins with a rim thickness of only five millimetres that are extremely easy to maintain, amazingly robust and impact-resistant. In order to allow scope for individual bathroom design, the wash bowls are available in three different shapes: round, square and tri-oval.

“In the history of Duravit in general and for the Cape Cod collection in particular, I mainly used iconic shapes. Some people would call that archaic, but it is not. The word archaic relates to the past, whereas icons refer to continuity in time. I step back and put all signs in perspective ; all signs that are cleaned by time, washed by History, and therefore extremely comprehensive and universal in all cultures around the world. “ PHS

The consoles with shelves boast a timelessly modern design and meet the very highest demands, making clever use of the contrast between the floor-standing frame in cool, smooth chrome and four exclusive wood finishes: Vintage Oak, American Walnut, European Oak and White Beech. The Vintage Oak version appeals thanks to its solid quality and distinctive look, which features a visible irregular edge that makes each item of furniture unique. It is remi-

niscent of a ship's plank that has been weathered by storms and washed ashore on the beach.

An elegant alternative to the wood finishes is offered by the version in High-gloss White, which is also available with doors and shelves on the side.

The minimalist rectangular mirror (1106 x 766 mm) can be combined with LED illumination to create a harmoniously coordinated washing area.

Cape Cod also offers no-nonsense bathtubs that have been designed with relaxation in mind: an ergonomic headrest provides a bathing experience that is particularly serene and produces a feeling of lightness. The tub has been designed as a monolith and produced from the new material DuraSolid A, which offers a pleasantly warm 'feel' and high-quality matt appearance. It is available as a free-standing model and as a back-to-wall and corner version for left or right.

“We have worked a great amount of time on the Cape Cod bathtub, with tenth of millimetre accuracy between shape and function, and on this new material we developed with Duravit, the DuraSolid. It is surprisingly smooth, surprisingly feminine, and surprisingly human to the touch. It is also incredibly bright and deep, and extraordinarily solid. DuraSolid allows a sculpture-shaped bathtub with amazing light effects and a fine interplay between light and shadow.” PHS

“The Cape Cod collection is really a new way of life, of living in your house, in your body, of living with one another.” PHS

As a special option, the bathtub can be equipped with a discreetly integrated air whirl system and/or an integrated sound system that is operated using any Bluetooth-compatible device.

In order to create a uniform and harmonious look, the program can be combined with selected toilets and bidets from the Starck 1, Starck 2 and ME by Starck ranges.