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Every two years, German bathroom brand Duravit hosts hundreds of customers and journalists for a 'pre ISH' event to showcase its new products. This year's broad selection of new additions included striking designs from the likes of Eeos Design, Phoenix Design and Philippe Starck – all of which will feature in *Designer* in the coming months.

But when it seemed like they had unveiled enough new ideas for one ISH, their final big reveal was for an extra offering from the company's long established collaboration with Starck.

Called Cape Cod – and inspired by the picturesque and unspoilt peninsular on the US East Coast – the range has been designed to bring a touch of nature indoors.

The iconic French designer has sought to remove the barriers between nature and the indoors. The range features ceramic wash bowls with distinctively thin edges, a coordinated range of bathtubs, and bathroom furniture that can be combined on an individual basis and positioned as desired within the room. It also incorporates a diverse range of materials, in particular, wood and Duravit's DuraCeram ceramic formula that allows for especially thin and delicate wash bowls – in this case just 5mm – which are available in round, square and tri-oval shapes.

The consoles with shelves have a classic yet modern feel, making clever use of the contrast between the floor-standing frame in chrome together with four 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. Starck intended this to be reminiscent of a ship's plank that has been weathered by storms and washed ashore on the beach.

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

Cape Cod also includes a bathtub that features a shaped headrest. The tub has been designed as a monolith and produced from the new solid surface material DuraSolid A, which offers a warm feel and matt appearance. It is available as a freestanding model and as a back-to-wall and corner version for left or right.

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

In order to create a uniform and harmonious look, the Cape Cod products can be combined with selected toilets and bidets from the Starck 1, Starck 2 and new ME by Starck ranges. **d**

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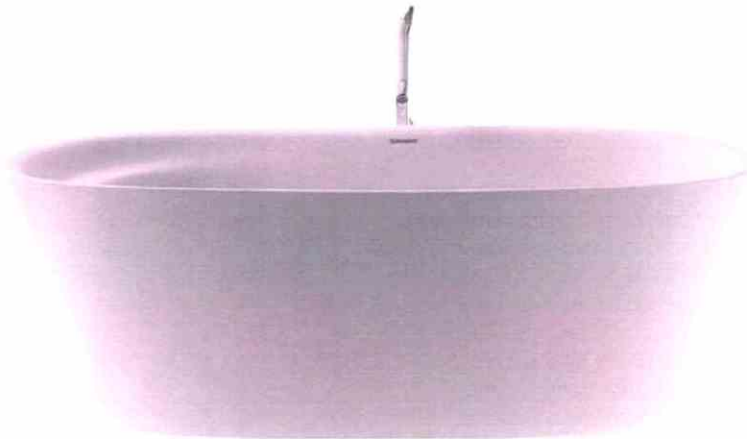
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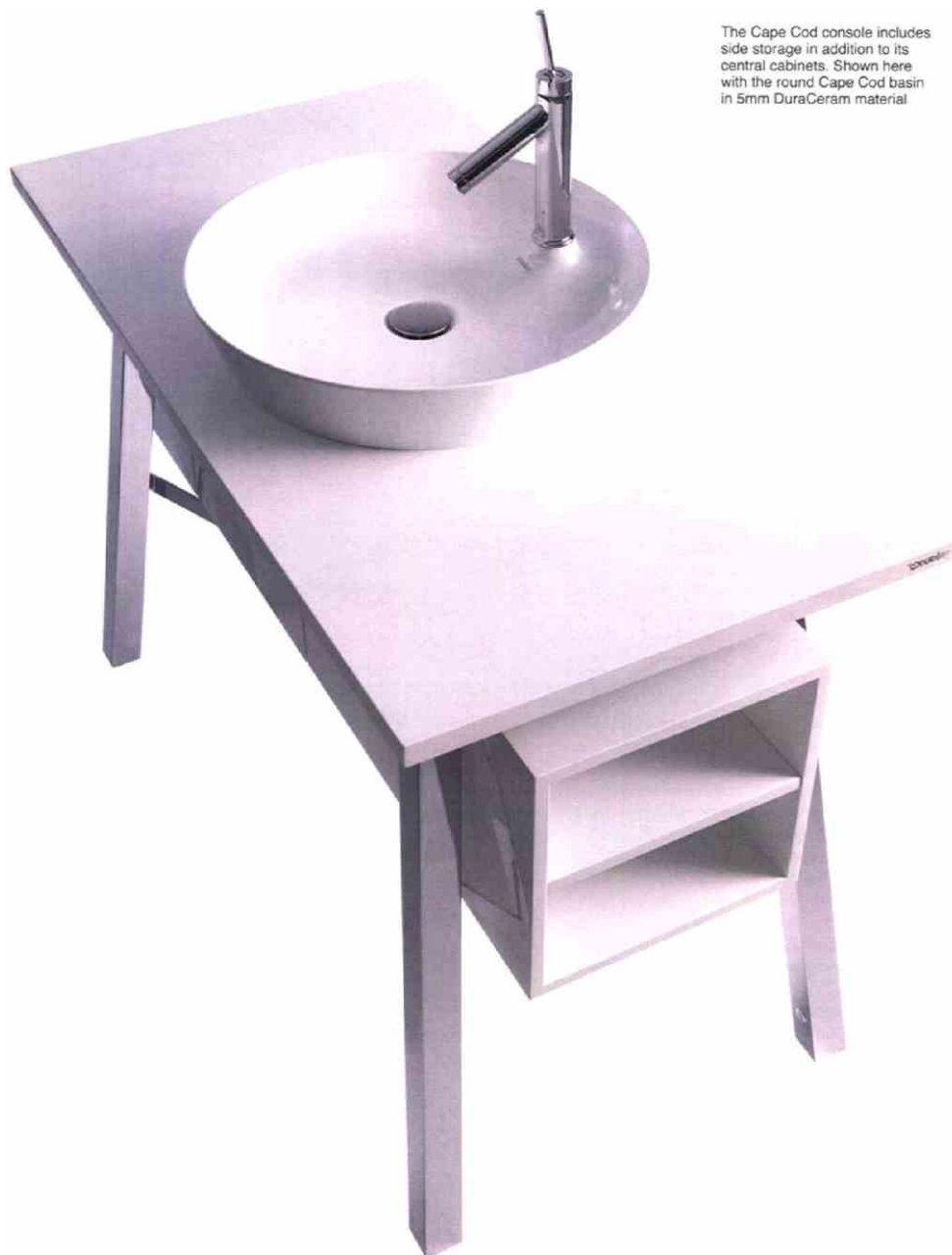
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The Cape Cod console includes side storage in addition to its central cabinets. Shown here with the round Cape Cod basin in 5mm DuraCeram material

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The Cape Cod console unit in High Gloss White and accompanying minimalist rectangular mirror with LED illumination

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Cape Cod console units feature a simple shelf below the countertop and are available in four wood finishes. The High Gloss White version also features doors and shelves on the side for more discrete storage

