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NEW AGE KITCHENS



Kitchens have evolved from functionality to spatial experiences. Trends, designs and high-tech features are ruling consumer choices for their kitchens.



This contemporary concept kitchen by Nolte available at Etre Luxe offers a stunning red and white high quality lacquer finish in combination with Oak laminate.

NOLTE NEO FROM NOLTE KITCHENS

Nolte Neo embodies a ground-breaking and radical vision of future kitchens. It represents hybrid kitchen planning playing with surfaces and styles. The modules include a yellow lacquered depot, a display cabinet, a library, a fireplace and a pedestal for art. It is available in three styles - Nolte Neo Loft (graffiti prints and stainless steel look), Nolte Neo Chalet (dark oak, marble surfaces and a crackling fire) and Nolte Neo Salon (modern drawing room element). Nolte Neo is yet to be launched.



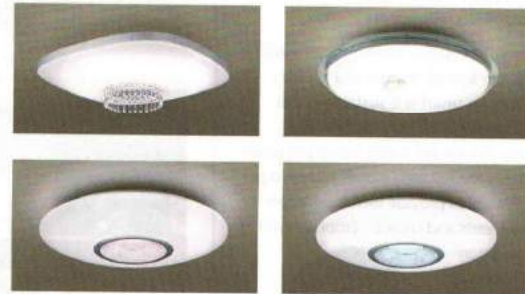
ICEBERG KITCHEN FROM BLEU CONCEPTS

A revolutionary concept for kitchen storage, Iceberg maintains a fine balance between design and functionality. The rear wall in lacquered glass and LED-lit is designed with customised fittings and shelving system to address different storage requirements. The overhead shutters are made of lacquered glass set in an aluminium frame, and the base units are finished in a Hi Gloss paint imported from Italy. The counter top is 12 mm Du Pont Corian. Provided with German engineered fittings for the sliding and drawer channels, this unit is available in more than 30 finishes. Iceberg is priced at ₹20,00,000 upwards.



DISHDRAWER FROM FISHER & PAYKEL APPLIANCES

Winner of the most innovative kitchen product of the year at the Indian Kitchen Congress in 2013, this innovative dishwasher in a drawer form offers multiple configurations, along with a choice of material finishes. Ergonomically designed, it requires no bending and less movement to open, load and close. The flexible racking system ensures efficient loading to minimise water and energy consumption. It is powered by SmartDrive intelligent technology and has nine wash programmes, including eco options, flood protection, key lock and tub lock. Price range - ₹70,000 - ₹1,35,000



PANASONIC LED FROM ANCHOR ELECTRICALS

This state-of-the-art range for residences includes LED ceiling lights, compact ceiling lights, Chandeliers, LED brackets and Batten lights that boast of features such as built in LED drivers, aesthetic designs, availability in warm white and cool daylight, with remote controlled features, too. This signature range of Panasonic LED offers operating efficiency with 40,000 burning hours life of the lamp source. The price ranges from ₹1,000 to ₹40,000.

HINDWARE COOKER HOOD FROM HSIL LIMITED

The Cooker Hood ranges available in stainless steel and tempered glass equipped with wind tunnel that helps in maintaining a clean smoke-free and fresh environment. With a soft touch control, digital display and a cassette filter it has an air flow of 1100m³/hr. Price: ₹45,990





This contemporary kitchen in jet black high quality lacquer finish combined with a high quality light Oak laminate by Nolte is available at Etre Luxe.



Engineered stone counter top, mat and glossy back painted glass with aluminium profile, gives this double loaded 'C' shaped island kitchen, designed by Icon Projects, a futuristic and innovative look.

AMIT PORWAL,
Interior Designer and Chief Executive Officer, Icon Projects Inspace

Kitchen trends in India are getting more global. Appliances and gadgets are all standardised and they all require specific design details. There is going to be a huge revolution in kitchen design. Materials used in the kitchen will be more eco-friendly and sustainability will be the key factor.



cold wash options that save energy and water-saving jet systems, low energy consumption induction hobs and kitchen units made from renewable and biodegradable materials. "I see the future kitchen designs influenced in three ways – use of rapidly renewable and recycled materials, energy efficient appliances combined with multi-tasking ability and self learning to adjust individual requirements for best use of resources," opines Tripathy.

Trends, technology and convenience are the future of kitchens!

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furnishings. The rise in the pricing of the Indian fabrics and lowering of the international currency has resulted in less demand for Indian fabric brands. The price difference between the Indian and the international fabrics is very less, and hence consumers are opting more for the latter because of their high durability, better designs, top-of-the-line technique and the European branding.

Market movement

The real estate boom with a trend towards home decoration, increased purchasing power of the middle class and the changing average home owners' age from 40 to 25 have created a huge market for soft furnishings. There is also an increasing demand from the hospitality sector.

Apart from the metros, where the shift towards branded products is more pronounced, the Tier I and II cities are also catching up. Moreover, several new segments are emerging such as the eco-friendly fabrics and health products with anti mite covers and pillows and aromatherapy pillows in the bedding category.

Ranjit Ahuja, Partner, Ranjit Ahuja & Associates, elaborated, "Home furnishing has come a long way in India from the days of using Madras checks for table linen and cotton stripes for drapery. Affluent consumers who entertain frequently realise the importance of a well-styled home. The new age individual is discriminating and



The cute French enamelled stool, with outdoor fabric covering the cushion, makes cleaning easy in the kitchen while blending with the personality of the refit 1912 kitchen at a residence in Potts Point Sydney.



The grey mattress with high quality spring shelter in a white body bed adds a sleek look to this contemporary bedroom from Nolte available at Etreluxe.