

Product Briefs



▲ **Sunken surface** Philippe Starck adds a kitchen sink to his extensive design portfolio with Duravit's Starck K. The ceramic sink's large basin (16⁷/₈" x 12¹/₄" x 7¹/₂") juts out of the rectangular ceramic form. This basin is connected to an extensive, smooth draining surface by way of a recess that protects against overflow. When the water level reaches the recess, the excess water cascades onto the draining surface and into the drain. Duravit USA, Duluth, Ga. www.duravit.com **CIRCLE 212**

► **Refreshing change** Recently installed on the campus at U.C. Berkeley, the Hydration Station isn't a drinking fountain, but an entirely new water-dispensing category. Eliminating the waste associated with bottled water, the semirecessed dispenser supplies NSF-certified filtration in a touch-free hygienic design that accommodates a variety of water containers. The unit uses antimicrobial additives to key plastic components to protect them from mold and mildew build-up. Haws, Sparks, Nev. www.stayhydrated.net **CIRCLE 213**



▲ **Transatlantic tiles** Made from aircraft aluminum retrieved from decimated military sites, Bio-Luminum tiles, from surfacings manufacturer CoveringsETC, are both 100 percent recycled and 100 percent recyclable. Airplane parts are melted into blocks and then sliced to create a lightweight tile with a textured surface in 3" x 12", 6" x 12", and 3" x 6" dimensions. Appropriate for both indoor and outdoor cladding applications. CoveringsETC, Miami. www.coveringsetc.com **CIRCLE 215**



◀ ▼ **Cool cab** Launched at the AIA show in May and awarded a 2008 Good Design Award, the Kone Design Collection is a new series of interior elevator cab design offerings that focus on lighting, wall, and ceiling schemes, as well as next-generation signalization and regenerative drive technology. Designed by architects and based on Kone's 2006 Four Seasons Concept, the Design Collection comes in colored laminate, wood laminate, stainless steel, or glass. Car-operating panels available in full-height and mid-height. Kone, Moline, Ill. www.kone.com **CIRCLE 214**



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◀ Understated urns

Adding to its roster of building-product collaborations, Robert A.M. Stern Designs has partnered with Haddonstone to create two new lines of ornamental garden urns. Appropriate for both formal and romantic gardens, as well as interior use, the Athenian collection includes tall, medium, and low urns (and their bases) in two designs (Athenian Bowl shown), inspired by the pure forms of Art Deco or Art Moderne ornaments of the early 20th century. Haddonstone, Pueblo, Colo. www.haddonstone.com **CIRCLE 216**

► **Keep warm in denim** Made from recycled denim and cotton fiber, UltraTouch natural cotton-fiber insulation contains no harmful airborne particulates, no formaldehyde, and does not itch or irritate the skin. The insulation comes in four different R-values (R-13, R-19, R-21, and R-30) and is manufactured from 85 percent postindustrial denim and cotton fibers. UltraTouch, Chandler, Ariz. www.bondedlogic.com **CIRCLE 217**

