



It takes a brief touch to turn **KWC's** ZOE touch light PRO kitchen faucet on and off. The round operating unit has a light ring indicating water temperature. With three taps, temperature switches between cold, warm and hot. In addition, the luminaqua LED feature surrounding the spray head can transform water into a play of light. CIRCLE NO. 180 ON PRODUCT CARD



**California Faucets'** Corsano Culinary Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet has a flexible stainless steel spring. Corsano offers one-button toggling between spray modes. The spring comes in one of 15 PVD finishes, and handles can be customized with myriad styles and more than 30 artisan finishes. CIRCLE NO. 181 ON PRODUCT CARD



**Dornbracht's** Sync kitchen faucet features a pull-down spout, specially designed to fit the faucet's slender design, with spray and laminar flow modes. Its tall spout, wide projection and ability to swivel 360 degrees provide freedom of movement at the sink. The series also offers a design variation with a rounded, curved spout. CIRCLE NO. 182 ON PRODUCT CARD



A contemporary double-coil design and a high-arc spout distinguish the KPF-2730 Commercial-Style Kitchen Faucet from **Kraus USA**. The faucet sports a slim black single-lever handle and matching inset, as well as QuickDock assembly, including a drop-in base for easy top-mount installation. CIRCLE NO. 183 ON PRODUCT CARD



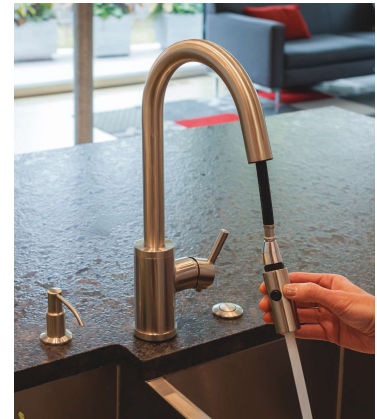
**Mila International's** Atelier line of stainless steel sinks features a patent-pending technology that allows the sink to be mounted completely flush with the countertop, creating a seamless transition with any countertop material. A completely new flush-mounting option was created with these sinks, which go beyond the choices of undermount and drop-in installation. CIRCLE NO. 184 ON PRODUCT CARD



**Graff's** three new kitchen and bar faucet collections - Conical, Bollero and M.E. 25 - include 14 products. Each collection has the same composition for both kitchen and bar. The Bollero (shown), displays distinctive lines, a swivel spout and pull-down spray head. The water-saving Bollero faucets come in Olive Bronze, Polished Chrome, Brushed Nickel and Polished Nickel. CIRCLE NO. 185 ON PRODUCT CARD



The Aqualogic by **Lenova** features exclusive water-air patented technology that infuses ozone directly into the water through a patented chamber inside the spout. The Aqualogic is also a conventional hot/cold faucet that switches to the ozone option. It is available in a polished chrome or brushed nickel finish. CIRCLE NO. 186 ON PRODUCT CARD



**Danze** has a new SnapBack retraction system for pull-down and pull-out kitchen faucets. The system has three main features: the 'snap' that puts the head back in place after use; the Snap-N-Lock Weight, which allows for easier installation, and the smooth-pull hose that is low-friction and eliminates noise. The SnapBack technology is available on all new Danze kitchen faucets. CIRCLE NO. 187 ON PRODUCT CARD

## FUNCTIONAL FEATURES

Consumers are looking for products that offer features with high functionality, and integrate all of the tools they may need right into the same space, according to manufacturers. The range of features requested in sinks and faucets include integrated accessories, features that pay attention to water conservation and attributes that simplify the work, such as pot fillers or water filtration systems.

"We like to talk about livable design. This is an organic design that is in between contemporary and traditional - focused on ease of use, ease of maintenance, durability and multi-tasking," says Christy Emens, marketing manager for BLANCO in Lumberton, NJ. She notes that accessories are a rapidly expanding area for innovation and design. "We've added complete lines of accessories to many of our popular sinks so that consumers can customize their workspace to store utensils and cleaning supplies and integrate cutting boards and colanders to make prep easy and save space. The sink is evolving into a workstation and not just a vessel."

Rohl agrees, citing designs that integrate coordinating accessories into the sink, such as chopping boards, colanders, food graters and grid baskets, designed to fit seamlessly into the sink and work as a multi-functional unit or 'water appliance.'

In addition to features that make a sink more functional, those that pay attention to sustainability and conservation are also important. "Water conservation continues to be at the forefront of faucet design," says Rohl.

Murray adds, "In many states, this is a code requirement and kitchen faucets are now being engineered for water efficiency - allowing substantial water conservation without sacrificing performance. In fact, some faucets allow the water flow rates to be adjusted by the user - literally as it's being used," says Murray.

Quality is also an essential consideration, manufacturers maintain. "Designing with function as a priority, the kitchen and sink area is no longer an afterthought. The quality and durability of faucet and sink are now being seen [as having] equal importance to other larger appliances," says Murray.

Buckley adds, "You're making an investment that's going to last 10 or 15 years. It's probably the only time you're going to redo your kitchen, so you want to make sure you're getting something that's going to complement your lifestyle and your aesthetic tastes, and enhance resale in the future."

Paying attention to details, like the use of solid brass on all parts of the faucet, even the spray head, makes a difference, according to Taft. "The more discerning consumer demands high-quality material and