

# INTÉRIEURS

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ment des repas, l'ilot a toujours la côte. La présence de l'évier pratique se confirme et le comptoir-lunch en surplomb encore ici de bois. Dans certains cas, les invités envahissent la cuisine, car la table de la salle à manger est intégrée. Carré et large, elle confère à celui-ci un aspect trapu et solide. Le bois massif, composé de grosses planches, de tranches ou de lamellé, ajoute une chaleur réconfortante aux agapes. Conclusion, nos designers ont particulièrement apprécié le professionnal duquel émane l'expertise des fabricants, mais aussi l'utilisation des matériaux dans leur expression simple, sans superflu. Bien adaptée au mode de vie actuel et fort accent naturel dû à l'omniprésence du bois, la cuisine moderne occupe une place centrale dans la maison et redevient un véritable convivial où il fait bon refaire le monde entre amis.—



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Collection AK 04  
Maison Etelier division  
commerciale

WILHELM LANGE: SILENT  
Design pour Victoria Nicolai  
Cucine Modena Inc.

SHANE GILLIS: KITCHEN  
Silestone - R&D Montréal 2014



## — The commercial kitchen takes on the home kitchen

In April, designers Nicola Tardif-Bourdages, of Taktik Design, and Cédric Martineau, of Espace Cuisine, visited the EuroCucina trade show at the Milan Furniture Fair for INTÉRIEURS magazine. They reported that exhibitors are increasingly influenced by commercial kitchens that combine ergonomics, efficiency, and beauty, along with intelligently designed workstations.

Materials in their raw state took centre stage at EuroCucina's 2014 edition: unpolished stainless steel, raw glass, and natural stone, but, especially, wood.

The commercial, chic style was reflected in ever thinner counters made of stainless steel, wood, ceramic, Corian™, or HI-MACS® as well as doors and toe kicks. Some work surfaces glide or pivot to hide less attractive elements such as appliances and electronic gadgets.

Industrial-style cabinets each have a unique function, from camouflaging a fridge

or chilling wine to storing kitchenware. Floor-to-ceiling doors on some have sliding mechanisms that allow them to disappear for easy access to the contents. These tall doors hide various prep or cooking workstations, or Nicola's favourite, the tea/coffee cupboard. Drawers are expandable and are often divided into compartments that contain other drawers.

Cédric noted that while lower cabinets all line up, upper cabinets, some open, are becoming more asymmetrical, either offset, stacked, or aligned with structural architecture. In some cases, they disappear altogether to make way for colourful, wood niches that break the formal rigidity of a long bank of cabinets. Doors have a clean, minimalist look. Recessed finger grips are favoured over visible handles.

Stainless rails abound around sink and backsplash areas for easy access to essential accessories. Cooking surfaces are lower, and

retractable extractor hoods are disappearing under cabinets to keep wall space clear and clean.

Islands with sinks and split-level lunch counters made of wood are still very popular. In some cases, large, square dining tables are integrated right into the islands. Solid wood planks bring cosy warmth to mealtimes.

Our designers appreciated not only the commercial style of the kitchens they saw but also the use of materials in their untreated, simplest forms. Well suited to today's lifestyle, with a strong emphasis on the use of wood that brings a natural warmth, the contemporary kitchen is the heart of the modern home and is returning to its central role as a place where friends and family gather to relax.

## L'EXPÉRIENCE DU SHOWROOM

### THE SHOWROOM EXPERIENCE



#### CUISINES MODENA

Nouvellement rénové, le *showroom* de Cuisines Modena présente en exclusivité québécoise la collection italienne Scavolini et ses armoires de cuisine et de salle de bain européennes haut de gamme. Les modèles de cette collection sont de styles variés, allant des lignes pures et contemporaines à un genre ornementé ou classique. Vous y trouverez des portes et des armoires en porcelaine, une nouvelle matière pour ces produits qui s'avère résistante et durable.

Cuisines Modena presents the Italian Scavolini collection in its newly renovated showroom, exclusively in Quebec, along with its own high-end European kitchen cabinets and bathrooms. The models in this collection come in a range of styles, from clean, contemporary lines to ornamental or classic. Look for doors and cabinets made of porcelain, an innovative material known for its resistance and durability.

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## ARRITAL ET LA DIVISION COMMERCIALE DE MAISON ÉTHIER

### ARRITAL AND MAISON ÉTHIER'S COMMERCIAL DIVISION

Il y a déjà quelques années que la division commerciale de Maison Éthier œuvre auprès des professionnels de l'industrie, promoteurs et designers, via son offre d'électroménagers et de mobiliers. Depuis deux ans, la division connaît une nouvelle croissance avec la collection italienne de cuisines et de salles de bain Arrital Cucine dans tout le territoire canadien. Résultat ? Maison Éthier collabore à l'installation de cuisines modernes sur d'importants projets de condos, dont le Myst, situé devant le canal Lachine. Bien qu'une salle de démonstration destinée aux professionnels se trouve à Saint-Basile-le-Grand, la division commerciale est en pleine transformation et est vouée à se développer pour devenir un grand centre de design.

Maison Éthier's commercial division has been working with industry professionals, promoters, and designers for several years already, providing high quality appliances and furniture. The division has been steadily growing for the last two years, since it began offering the Arrital Cucine Italian collection of kitchens and bathrooms in Canada. Maison Éthier now collaborates on the installation of modern kitchens on large condominium projects, such as Myst, located on the Lachine Canal. Even though the company already has a showroom for professionals in Saint-Basile-le-Grand, the commercial division is undergoing a major transformation and is destined to become an important design centre.

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## EMPORIO CUISINE FÊTE SES 10 ANS !

### EMPORIO CUISINE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

Une adresse désormais incontournable qui a pignon sur rue depuis 10 ans. Il y a ici une véritable histoire d'amour pour les collections de cuisines et de salles de bain italiennes Comprex et Mensons, qui offrent contemporanéité, expérience et un intéressant rapport qualité-prix. Une vision d'ensemble transcende également cette boutique qui présente des luminaires et des meubles signés Desalto, en plus d'un service de design qui le lie avec des ébénistes locaux pour des projets clés en main.

Nowadays a landmark Montreal store, Emporio Cuisine is celebrating 10 years in business. The reverence and passion they have for their products are evident in the boutique's Italian Comprex and Mensons kitchen and bathroom collections, which offer a contemporary design aesthetic, time-tested quality, and an attractive quality-price ratio. Emporio cuisine is more than just a kitchen and bathroom store. It also houses lighting fixtures and Desalto furniture collections, and offers design services in collaboration with local cabinetmakers to provide clients with turnkey projects.

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