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PROFILE

Stéphanie Coutas

The prestigious interior designer on her brassware collection for THG Paris, the beauty of French marble and what defines the effortless chic of Parisian style.

Essential bathrooms

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE MOOD OF TYPICALLY FRENCH INTERIOR DESIGN?
French design has this grandiose touch combined with a natural sense of 'art de vivre', which defines a unique style. French designers know how to mix contemporary pieces and historical architecture like no other.

HOW DID THE MONTAIGNE COLLECTION WITH THG PARIS COME ABOUT?
We already knew each other because I have specified THG Paris products in many of my past interiors projects. Actually my own bathrooms are even equipped with THG collections, so I was delighted when they asked me to design a brassware collection. It's a very natural, easy and pleasant partnership.

TELL US ABOUT THE MATERIALS YOU CHOSE TO WORK WITH...
All the THG Paris products are made with brass. The main manufacturing process steps are still crafted by hand, which allows a huge variety of possibilities in terms of shaping. The Grand Antiquaire Maubert marble is the most precious French marble, and a very prestigious one at that. It's been used for the Saint Louis Chapel at Les Invalides Paris and for the statue of St Peter in Westminster Abbey for example. The quarry was closed until 2013, but now I'm one of their most important clients, as I use this marble on almost all my projects.

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN DESIGN INFLUENCES?
My influences come from all eras and trends of the decorative arts, but I get daily inspiration from meeting fantastic craftsmen and being permanently connected with fabulous artists and galleries.

Monceau bath and Montaigne collection brassware, EPOA, THG Paris

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TRAY CHIC

Shower trays have a tendency to blend into a bathroom rather than to stand out, but the ViPrint collection from Villeroy & Boch looks to transform this element into a more characterful feature. Available in 90 designs and 44 standard sizes, you can choose between striking patterns, faux-wood effects or natural stone looks to complement your new bathroom scheme. Prices start from £863.

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