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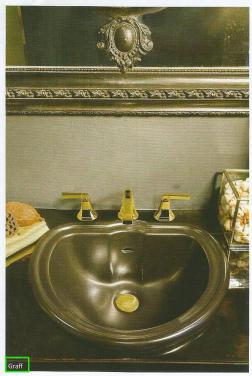
Graff promotes minimalism

Targa collection of faucets by Graff includes washbasin and vessel mixers, freestanding, widespread and wall-mounted washbasin elements, wall-mounted shower system including a hand shower and showerhead, freestanding bathtub filler as well as a deck-mounted bathtub and bidet mixers. The assortment is available in polished chrome, Steelnox (satin nickel), black and white finishes. Defined by the design philosophy "less is more", the collection is modern and elegant with smooth and slightly convex handles matching the spout.

Graff's Finezza faucets' main body has a shape that relies on a unique horizontal section that is wider at the base and at the top while slimmer in the middle. The spout starts with a trapezoidal section which expands slightly at the end to accommodate the water-saving aerator. The collection is available in polished chrome, polished nickel, olive bronze and brushed nickel finishes, and in two handle and single handle versions.

Graff's Luna range has a distinctive shape and a mirror-like finish. Equipped with an aerator, the faucet has a flow rate of 5 litres per minute with a 3-bar pressure. Available with wall-mounted or deck-mounted handles as a lavatory faucet, the collection also includes an original shower column. It is available in polished chrome and Steelnox® finish, which makes the products fingerprint-proof and resistant to scratching, chipping, abrasions, corrosions, and discoloration.

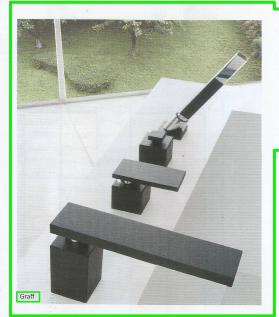
The minimal design of Graff's Solar faucet collection is a geometrical composition of cubes, rectangles and right angles that align perfectly, both in the opening and closing position. The handle's rectangular shape matches the cubic shape of the body. Solar offers a very wide range of elements for the bathroom and the shower, in single-lever and three-hole, and the washbasin and bathtub come in deck-mounted and wall mounted versions.





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Solar mono components are equipped with ecofriendly aerators that reduce water flow from 11 to 7 liters per minute. Together with a very functional exposed thermostatic shower, and several wall-mounted and ceiling-mounted showerheads, the collection includes the characteristic ski shower, a wall mounted item with matching levers, four body sprays and a distinctive skilike design. Besides the traditional polished chrome, this contemporary collection can be produced in matt black and matt white finishes.

Jaquar inspired by nature

Jaquar's Tailwater faucets under its luxury brand Artize, has been conceptualized and designed by London-based product design consultancy Danelon Meroni.
Inspired by nature and the fluid lines of contemporary architecture, the product depicts a bird perched on the edge of a pool. The lever and spout are united in a single, user-friendly form. The tail acts as a mixer lever, which moves smoothly backwards and to the left and right. The product depicts what an Indian brand is capable of. Artize competes with several European and Japanese premium brands and this design brings about an impactful change.

