



TECHNOLOGY TRENDS *in design*

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IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER NEW year is upon us and we are seeing quite a few trends emerge taking shape for the year ahead. Trends evolve and transform through the seasons— influenced by a variety of factors such as media, fashion, etc. These days, technology is a very strong influence in our lives and it is influencing the manufacturing process and the features of many products.

Technology is also important in design and it is being seen more and more in bathroom spaces. With the daily stress in our lives, your bathroom can now offer you the type of stress relief you need to get through the day. Showers come with their own remote control where you are able to control the temperature and pressure of jets even before walking



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into your shower, as well as the music through bluetooth technology.

I adore this one... VibrAcoustic technology brings the transformative force of music into the bathroom. Soundwaves displace water creating vibrations and allowing sound to resonate. Simply put, you can enjoy your favourite tunes through the water in your bathtub and also the soothing benefits of chromotherapy through the use of LED light. Music, light, vibration—it's the ultimate relaxation formula, sign me up!

How about this feature? A television within your mirror so that you do not miss a single moment of your favourite shows. Available locally at Lumidesign, this technology is not new, but certainly perfected by this company. Mirrors are outfitted with LED technology to provide television viewing. When wall mounted, the unit sits 1.75-inches off the wall. The ideal installation is where the product is hardwired directly into your existing power line, however, it can be plugged in upon request.

Lighting is truly key in interior design and I am happy to say that people are becoming more aware of the importance of investing in proper lighting when designing their homes. LED (light

emitting diode) lighting offers a multitude of advantages over traditional light sources including lower electricity consumption, a longer lifetime, higher durability, no ultraviolet and infrared radiation, low heat and smaller size. The flexibility of LED is limitless...it can be applied under cabinets in your kitchen, along staircases. It not only looks good, it is also a great safety feature. I love this new trend and I know I will be offering more LED-lighting options for my clients this year.

I'm really excited and inspired by the extent of what technology can offer the design of our interiors. This allows designers to make your home work better for you. It transforms your home into the sanctuary that it should be and provides conveniences like never before.



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