

Press release

Cubes and Tubes

The formal language of contemporary architecture has, ever since the days of Le Corbusier, been strictly controlled by the geometrical dictates of “cubes and tubes”. The washroom accessories in Franke’s STRATOS designer range take up this playing with shapes and reapply it to a crisply turned-out selection of items in stainless steel.

A tense arc guides the eye over the matt shine of the stainless steel. Strict straight lines enclose the form, linking it harmoniously to its surroundings. Proportion, light and noble material contribute to a “play of strong primary shapes” as Le Corbusier himself once put it.

At the basis of the concept are the cylindrical forms that serve as shining paper-towel dispensers, hand-dryers or waste bins. The curved surface diffuses reflected light, helping to cultivate an atmosphere of calm. These unembellished, spare and simple forms show off stainless steel at its best.

Design and functionality

Design and functionality go hand-in-hand where Franke products are concerned. All items in the STRATOS range are made of high-grade stainless steel with an above-average thickness of 1.2 to 1.5 millimetres, making them suitable for use in heavily-frequented public buildings. This range – which is divided into two groups of items, for embedding or for surface mounting – includes all the normal washroom accessories (see box).

Stainless steel accessories are the ideal hygienic choice for public or semi-public washroom facilities – from hotels and restaurants to airports and railway stations. Stainless steel withstands impact, apart from being rust-free and highly resistant to

acids and common alkaline substances. It helps to keep itself clean and – thanks to its resistance under extreme conditions – barely shows signs of wear. Research has shown that washroom facilities that start out clean tend to stay that way. Soiled, scratched and chipped surfaces on the other hand soon encourage even normal users to pay little attention to cleaning up after themselves.

Pure and elegant

Stainless steel also counts as an ecologically friendly material thanks, not least, to its excellent recycling properties. It is for this reason, in addition to its clean lines and muted surface-glow, that many innovative architects have taken to stainless steel with such enthusiasm. This is why the cool elegance of stainless steel has ousted such materials as untreated natural pine, exposed concrete and extravagant glass surfaces in so much of contemporary design.

The Franke STRATOS range: Perfection in design for

Hand-dryers
Paper-towel dispensers
Combined paper-towel/soap dispensers
Soap dispensers
Waste bins, with or without lid
Waste bins for small items
Disposal bag dispensers
Face-flannel dispensers
Toilet-roll holders
Toilet-roll holders with ashtray
Ashtrays
Toilet-brush holders
Mouthwash-glass holders
Glass and toothbrush holders
Soap-dishes and dishes for small objects
Small shelves
Shelves with clothes hooks

Clothes hooks

Towel rings

Towel rails

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