

## Press Release

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### Charming ease of use

Franke has added the new AQUINA stainless steel washbasin to the high-quality XINOX<sup>®</sup> sanitary line. This elegant washbasin sets another aesthetic highlight and matches the high-quality line of sanitary accessories. The excellent interplay between the gentle curves and precise contours give the robust stainless steel material an almost soft impression. The combination of the satin-matt washbasin surface with the high-gloss, seamless round basin creates an exciting visual effect. The renowned Berger & Stahl design house from Basel is also responsible for this new washbasin from the XINOX<sup>®</sup> line that is for universal use.

Practice has proven this elegant and timelessly beautiful stainless steel material to be particularly resistant and hygienic. Besides an attractive design and functionality, cleanliness is of particular importance in heavily used sanitary rooms.

InoxPlus<sup>®</sup>, the unique surface finishing used for the XINOX<sup>®</sup> feel-well series of products makes water and dirt simply drip off.

InoxPlus<sup>®</sup> refines stainless steel items with the help of microscopic nano-particles, which interlock with the brushed surface molecules. The resulting very fine structure improves ease of cleaning and makes fingerprints almost invisible. Since, compared with conventional coatings or paintings, InoxPlus<sup>®</sup> penetrates deeply into microscopically small irregularities in the satin-matt stainless steel surface, protection is maintained permanently even when the surface is scratched.

The AQUINA washbasin for universal use underlines the overall concept of the XINOX<sup>®</sup> line that offers a fantastic choice of stainless steel equipment and accessories. The series encompasses a total of more than fifty individual products matched to each other in design and functionality and having a robust material thickness of 2 mm. The product range extends from a large number of stylish accessories - such as towel, soap and toilet paper dispensers, waste containers, trays and hooks - to beautifully formed washbasins and mirrors and all the way to urinals and WCs with fantastic partitioning walls.

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