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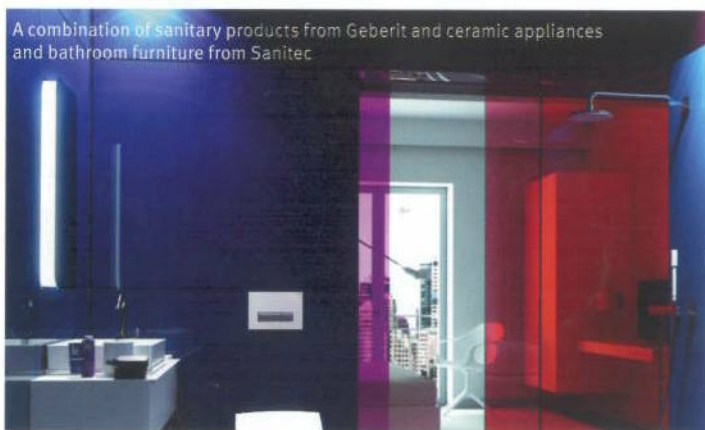
UAE — Specialist in light and sound, Acoulite has announced four new partnerships with Spain-based manufacturer MEL, Lumino, 8point3 and The Light Corporation from the UK, providing a greater span of lighting products to the Middle East.

Terry Woodley, managing director of Acoulite comments: “We are delighted to kick off 2016 with these new additions to our portfolio. Each organisation brings something unique to the Acoulite group through a variety of innovation and design and we very much look forward to working with them.”

Spanish manufacturer MEL designs contemporary light fittings



A combination of sanitary products from Geberit and ceramic appliances and bathroom furniture from Sanitec



Geberit adds more brands to its portfolio

UAE — Geberit has combined its product portfolio and expertise in a single sales team that now represents the brands Keramag, Keramag sign, Twyford and Kolo for its customers. With its acquisition of Sanitec in February last year, it has become a full-range sanitary supplier.

“Geberit and Sanitec are now operating a joint business,” says Alexander Winogradsky, Gulf region managing director for Geberit. “Our sales team can now respond even better to the needs of our customers and provide them with tailor-made advice and support for all the products in the expanded portfolio.”

Finalists revealed for Urban Commissions public shelter project

UAE — Three finalists have been announced for the 2016 edition of Urban Commissions, a design initiative launched by Dubai Culture & Arts Authority to design a public shelter that is to be placed within the urban landscape of Dubai Design District (d3).

Hinjal Kumar (architecture student at the American University of Sharjah) represented lifestyle improvement in response to the brief of designing a public shelter with her ‘Bike d3’. The shelter, a spiralling slatted bicycle storage system, defines intimate space and provides shade for d3 guests, and at the same time, offers an alternative mode of commuting in support of a healthier lifestyle.

Architects Atef Khedhir and Zyed Ben Cheikh designed ‘DXB Urban Peaks’ a structure reminiscent of a sailboat floating above the stone outdoor planes of d3.

Architect Fortune Penniman presented ‘Take Shelter’, a versatile shading and seating module derived from a single element; the beauty of which exists in the response to the immediate environment by integrating surrounding geometry within its structure.

Design Forward examines the needs by encouraging interaction, while Design Forward examines sources of inspiration. The winning proposal will be awarded AED 50,000 to manufacture the prototype, which will be unveiled at Design Days Dubai (March 14-18) before moving to its permanent home in d3.

