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BACK IN BLACK

Black is the new, well, black, we guess, and is rapidly becoming en vogue for desirable interior design once more. This return to style for everyone's favourite non-colour is being spearheaded in the bathroom by leading designers Duravit who have announced that their Vero range will now be available in a high gloss example of it.

Available throughout the entire Vero range including washbasins, toilets and bidets, the new finish will give your bathroom a stunningly sleek and contemporary look that stands out in the starkest possible contrast to the tediously boring white surfaces we've all become so used to. Hail the dark lord!

www.duravit.co.uk

ON YA BIKE ↓

Being the undeniable Adonises, at the very pinnacle of physical fitness, we are here at *SmartLife* Towers the Ciclotte exercise bike will soon be a mainstay in all our homes, not only for its salubrious virtues but also for its aesthetic qualities.

The innovative design is the brainchild of Italian designer Luca Schieppati who has teamed up with the Lamiflex Group to launch a bike that looks phenomenal as well as being at the cutting-edge of home exercise technology. Weighing only 120lbs the Ciclotte utilises carbon, steel and glass fibres to ensure a light-weight design that is rugged enough to withstand a rigorous work out.

At its core is an epicycloid system which, through the clever usage of a copper ring and five magnets, generates a concentrated magnetic field which can be adjusted to dictate the strength needed to rotate the pedals.

Set to be unveiled in the UK at the *100% Design Show* (September 23-26) the Ciclotte is a top of the range piece of exercise equipment that has the beauty and style to suit

any modern apartment or home. So if you want bodies like us then God help you, but if you want to feel fit then the Ciclotte could be just what you're after!

Price: £6800
www.ciclotte.com



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Each issue we bring you more and more desirable objects to help improve your life and ensure you're up to date with the latest technological developments. The purchase of any number of these electronic devices however brings with it a new and undeniably frustrating problem: charging. It seems that wiring has a mind of its own, and if you put a charger in a drawer with other cables and leave it there for

marginally longer than a picosecond, when you come to retrieval it will have inexplicably become entangled amongst all the other electronic detritus occupying said drawer. What the world is crying out for is something to eradicate this problem in a feasible and affordable way. But what?

Lo! IDAPT (yes, it's one of those names you have to shout) have heard our cries for help, the i4 is a single charging device that is compatible with over 4000 electronic devices. Able to charge four items at once the i4 combines three ports for housing up to 25 interchangeable tips and a universal USB charging port. Capable of charging most electronic devices we can think of, the i4 is supplied with six tips that IDAPT feel charge the most popular devices out there, but there are already 25 other tips available and with a view to develop further connections the i4 will accommodate many of the future gadgets you see liberally splashed across our pages in coming months. More power to its elbow!

Price: £40
www.idaptweb.com