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NAMI

Recalling the impressive force of a wave, Nami, by Yabu Pushelberg for **Eggersmann**, expertly blends Japanese styling with German engineering. Stepping away from convention, the dramatically cantilevered island reimagines the function of a space without dictating composition. Made from natural stone, the sculptural object was designed in conjunction with the Murphy-style depot pocket door (not shown), a "theatrical" system that can conceal or reveal the working side of the kitchen while letting the island take centre stage.

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WITH NEW MATERIALS AND UNEXPECTED SHAPES, THESE ISLANDS MAKE FOR A COMMANDING PRESENCE

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MD

Made from select fine minerals (and 40 to 50 per cent recycled materials) that have been fused at high temperatures, Inalco's MDi (for "minerals, design, innovation") is a sustainable alternative to natural stone. Now offered for a range of **Valcucine** kitchen models, the material has an extraordinary texture and achieves visual continuity between the slab's surface and core through a specialized H2O Full Digital technology, which uses water-based inks while also reducing water consumption by up to 70 per cent.

TANGRAM - NUANCE

Originally designed in 2022 by Italian–Spanish studio García Cumini for Cesar, the Tangram kitchen system — which comprises five curved elements and linear connecting elements — has been updated with the new finish option Nuance, achieved through unique glasswork techniques that allow for polished or frosted colour variations across the horizontal surface. Also, the three-dimensional vertical relief Groove doors, which play with negative and positive space to create a chiaroscuro effect and conceal the joints between modules, are now offered in oak.

V3

Paying homage to Vipp's metalworking history, the brand's V3 kitchen wraps the freestanding modules (island, wall and tall) in natural anodized aluminum. Vertically extruded profiles and rounded edges lend the industrial material elegance, while a four-millimetre-thick stainless-steel countertop seems to float in place. Cabinets have integrated handles for a clean look; the counter unit can be equipped with either gas hobs or an induction cooktop.

