



▲ In terms of trends, curved cabinetry, soft closing drawers, handle less doors, open display shelving, sophisticated lighting and additional electrical appliances are increasing in popularity. High gloss finishes, stainless steel, frosted glass, wood and metallic finishes are all still popular, with combinations of materials frequently used to add interest, however, there are signs that softer finishes are growing in popularity.

Technological developments in the tap sector, such as pull out spray taps and water

filtration systems, have also added value to the market, along with the growth in popularity of waste disposal units, the report added.

The full report can be downloaded at AMA Research's website.

The premium kitchen is all about creating a concept that is individual in design, practical in terms of layout and technology and most of all, long lasting.

Karim Rashid has recently created the gorgeous KARAN design for Rastelli (www.rastelliacucine.it). The concept revolves around an open pedestal island, where both taps and LED light retract into the counter to create a flush surface. Soft curves continue on the wall unit, and a rounded cutout creates a cooking and prep area. The kitchen is shown in a matt grey finish, glass doors with aluminium frame, and the countertop in HI-MACS® alpine white.