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THE **KOHLER** STORE



Sleek room sets and artfully displayed products greet visitors at The Kohler Store, a new 7,000-square-foot retail showroom at the Chicago Merchandise Mart's LuxeHome.

A gorgeous furniture-look vanity, custom-glazed tile, or a delicate antique cabinet knob promises to set your bath apart. You'll discover whatever defining detail you're looking for at one of these luxury showrooms. Stop by and take a look—and start designing your dream bath.



Designed with a museum-quality aesthetic and a multilevel floor plan, The Kohler Store treats products, such as these freestanding tubs and lavatories, like works of art.

THE KOHLER STORE CHICAGO

If you're near Chicago, don't miss the new Kohler store, located in the Chicago Merchandise Mart's LuxeHome. Open to the public as well as trade professionals, the 7,000-foot showroom is the first retail store for the kitchen and bath company. You'll find 300 products on display from the Kohler, Kallista, and Robern brands.

Opened in November 2005, the store was designed by the New York City architectural firm of Janson Goldstein, LLP. Intended to evoke a museum exhibition space, the store features a modern loft aesthetic, complete with high ceilings and a clean, minimalist design. As you step inside the store, you'll find several room sets that demonstrate how various suites of products can be combined

for a cohesive bath. Farther inside the store, individual products are on display, including a line of Vapour sinks that introduce a fun dash of color to the showroom's neutral interior. The real stars, though, are the working products that you'll find throughout the space. For example, in a showering area in the back of the showroom, you can test the various

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pulsating sprays of different showerheads. Or you can step into another area and flush six different Kohler toilets. In total, there are 30 products with running water.

If you're in need of a little design inspiration, take a look at the Kohler Designer Series, a collection of room plans created by well-known interior designers, such as Laura Bohn, Clodagh, and Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz. Each room plan includes a watercolor rendering, a suggested floor plan, material sam-

ples, information about the featured products, and contact information for the interior designer. An in-store project consultant can help you pull some of these ideas into your bathroom design. If you need more extensive help, take advantage of the store's fee-based, in-home design consultations. And if you're looking for tile as well, the Ann Sacks showroom (a subsidiary of Kohler Co.) is right next door. The Kohler Store, 100 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654; 312/755-2510; www.thekohlerstore.com

WATERWORKS SHOWROOM NEW YORK

Residents of the Flatiron District in New York City just welcomed a new neighbor: Waterworks. This showroom is the third New York City location for the company that specializes in luxury bath products. Like the other stores, this showroom is a one-stop shop for everything you need in the bath. In the 3,300-square-foot store, you'll find the company's wide range of products, including

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