

AXOR Citterio

A Contemporary Classic







THE 'GENTLEMAN OF DESIGN' ON EMERGING TRENDS IN URBAN LIVING AND THE LATEST UPDATE TO HIS ICONIC AXOR CITTERIO COLLECTION.

One of the world's leading architects, Antonio Citterio has a keen understanding of the trends shaping the future of urban living. In addition to discussing Compact Luxury in Asian and European contexts, he explains the new 'floating' lever handles that are the latest update to his iconic AXOR Citterio collection.

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AXOR: From your point of view as an architect and designer, what is the future of urban living?

–Antonio Citterio: I see, especially in Asia an increasing number of high-quality condominium developments with compact-sized apartment units offering generous common areas and amenities at the disposal of the residents. It's a big change. Co-housing is an emerging trend as well, and communal spaces in residential buildings are now conceived for social interaction and tailored to the needs of the residents.

AXOR: What can architects do in order not just to optimize space in urban homes but to enhance it?

–Antonio Citterio: The efforts of the designer should be oriented towards minimizing the impact of corridors and circulation areas in order to perceive the space as if it were the widest possible. And then on adding details, such as those we are working on with AXOR in the

bathroom area, that give a great sense of quality. At the end of the day, the designer and the architect are working for quality of life. Quality of life is our main question.

AXOR: What have you learned from your urban clients about their evolving needs?

–Antonio Citterio: In many Asian countries, the tendency is to offer “compact” apartment units. Yet in Europe, the interest is toward outdoor spaces, whether they're loggias, private gardens or terraces. This is partially due to the fact that in Europe we generally don't build at the same building heights as in Asia, so there is more possibility to have access to private outdoor areas.

AXOR: Tell us about the main design characteristics of the new lever handles for the AXOR Citterio collection.

–Antonio Citterio: Firstly, we introduced a new cartridge, allowing us to reduce the dimensions of the new lever handle while creating a perfectly balanced movement. This function completely enhances the faucet's ergonomics, but also retains the collection's richness and quality. It celebrates an iconic shape through its own purpose.



ANTONIO CITTERIO

Over the last five decades, Antonio Citterio has established himself as a leading figure in design at all scales, from skyscrapers across Asia to iconic furniture for the top manufacturers, to bathroom and kitchen fixtures for AXOR.





INTERNATIONAL ELEGANCE:
AN AXOR CITTERIO BATHROOM WITH A
RICH MATERIAL MIX AND A WARM ,
WELCOMING AESTHETIC.



With its reduced but luxurious look and feel, the AXOR Citterio Shanghai bathroom design has cosmopolitan appeal. Conceptually, the bathroom is based on Antonio Citterio's philosophy of 'Segmentation, Transparency and Material', all three elements of which contribute to the Compact Luxury experience: First, the space has been carefully planned and segmented. Second, the transparent partitions and open wooden elements provide separation while maximizing the sense of spaciousness. Third, a warm, dark palette of materials gives the bathroom the feeling of a calm retreat.

A DARK, WARM PALETTE OF WOOD
AND NATURAL STONE GIVES THE
BATHROOM THE FEELING OF A CALM
RETREAT FROM HECTIC CITY LIFE.

A floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall window amplifies this bathroom's sense of openness. A natural stone monolith, into which two wash basins have been carved, seems to float along the side wall. Mounted at each basin is an AXOR Citterio single-lever faucet featuring the collection's new lever handle. At the freestanding bathtub, crafted from precious palisander, the same handle design tops a floorstanding bath faucet. All three faucets, along with the AXOR products in the shower, are finished in Polished Black Chrome, an exclusive AXOR FinishPlus surface that harmonizes with the bathroom's warm, dark palette.

The AXOR Citterio collection is now available with a new, 'floating' lever handle that is even more precise and easy to use. The base of the handle is reduced to the essential, providing effortless operability while emphasizing the lever's characteristic wide surface. An elegant, machine-tooled rhombic-cut pattern is available as an option. Precise and tactile, the new handle design attests to the guiding principle of the collection: Those who enjoy celebrating the daily ritual of washing should do so with beautiful objects.







With its flat, 'floating' form, the new lever handle makes a striking impression on a floorstanding bathtub faucet in Polished Black Chrome. A new cartridge enables the reduced handle dimensions while allowing for perfectly balanced movement. Complementary shower products, including an AXOR overhead shower 250 2jet with the cocooning PowderRain spray and a baton hand shower with gentle Rain and focused Mono spray types, ensure a consistent design language of timeless geometric elegance.



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