

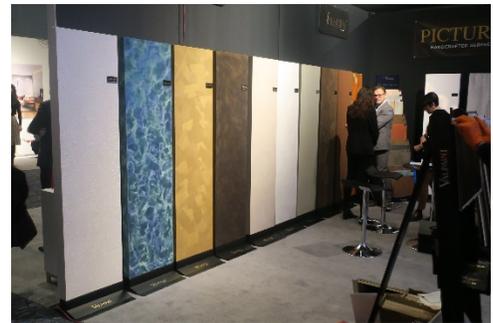


What's trending in home design that impacts kitchens?

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The IDS ([Interior Design Show](#)) was held in Toronto January 16-19. We asked CKCA Board member, Peter Lansitie from Hettich to give us a quick rundown of what he saw of upcoming trends that are impacting our industry. Here are Peter's observations (thanks Peter for being CKCA's eyes and ears!).

Colour: Lots of earth tones (mid-tone colours) with a throw-back to the 1970's and in other cases, extreme bright primary colours. Gold and brass reigned constant for faucets and hardware. Glass doors with dark aluminum frame were a common sight. One concept home had the infusion of nature coming in to the home (plants/garden in the kitchen, a pond that went from outside to the interior of the home), but also the injection of aromatherapy (scents) in to the house as well as the audio system playing nature sounds (birds chirping, water running, wind)



Shared spaces: This caught my attention as I could see this happening. The idea here is that under a multi-story unit, multiple owners (2-3 families) have their own private spaces (bedroom, bathroom, kitchen etc.), but share common areas such as the laundry, balcony/yard, entrance, dining room, living room, play rooms. This concept could be configured also for families that are taking care of their older parents who still want their personal privacy but need their children's care. Very interesting.



Soundproofing: There were a number of vendors displaying their sound proofing materials and how to integrate them into the homes design. I thought this was interesting because as a condo owner in Toronto, sound can travel in buildings so using such products may help in dampening the noise your neighbor hears...or what you hear.

Lighting: LED lighting in a modern design was everywhere.

Outdoor Living: For an interior design show, there was a lot for the exterior. There were around 3-4 vendors alone showcasing their outdoor BBQ kitchens. There were others showing their outdoor furniture.

