



# THE BATH FACTOR

Hotel bathrooms now provide opportunities to showcase imaginative designs and are new-age style sanctuaries, replete with refinement and luxury

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**H**otel bathrooms combine efficiency with opulence, right from energising and invigorating shower experiences to basins teamed with handsome faucets. Minute detailing can go a long way to ensuring a lasting positive and comfortable impression of a hotel.

High-quality and luxurious bathroom products help create a mark amongst guests by offering them memorable aspects of stay. While it is a fact that the selection of a hotel is done on the basis of quality of services along with amenities, the bathroom comes under the main focus: it needs to always be luxurious.

## REFRESHING ROOMS

The expansive marble en-suite bathroom in the presidential suite at the Sheraton Bengaluru at Brigade Gateway portrays an alluring oversized spa tub with Jacuzzi features, along with a 22-inch LCD screen, separate rainforest shower, a dual marble vanity with defogger mirrors, separate WC stall and a relaxation area with shine bath amenities. Opulence is the key word that underlines bathroom experience.

Sleek and functional modern accessories are the

preferred fittings in hotels. The luxury bathroom is being viewed as more of a personal retreat designed to pamper guests, rather like a spa. Clean lines, soft colours and lavish materials, partnered with high-quality accessories and amenities, provide for a veritable spa-like experience. What was once a small sterile room with three basic fixtures — a basin, a WC, and a tub or shower — has now become a powder room, dressing room, even a rejuvenation room, embellished with features such as branded faucets, rain-showers, jacuzzis, saunas, hot tubs, fireplace mantels and entertainment options, etc.

## LUXE ELEMENTS

The level of luxury does vary, depending on the star category of the hotel. Products such as vertical spa, a personal digital assistant on which one can set preferred water temperature and volume, an array of shower outlet options — such as body sprays and rain-showers, etc., are some of the vast options hoteliers can choose from.

New additions to luxury bathrooms are the transition from the single shower cubicle to four-fixture