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CREAM OF THE CROP

Award-winning kitchens and baths focus on organic materials, healthy living and a sense of serenity

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The 2017 Kitchen & Bath Awards, organized by the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and sponsored by *Home & Design*, welcomed 89 entries from area designers. This year's panel of local judges included architect Bruce Wentworth of Wentworth, Inc.; designer Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home; Meghan Fox of Fox Design Studio, LLC; and *Home & Design* editor in chief Sharon Jaffe Dan.

Winning entries, shown on the following pages, suggest that gray and white kitchens are here to stay (for now), brass is back—but in a matte finish—and leathered surfaces are all the rage. Smoothie bars and indoor herb cultivators reflect an emphasis on health. And organic materials reveal a desire to create spaces that soothe homeowners and guests in *au naturel* style.

MOMENT OF ZEN

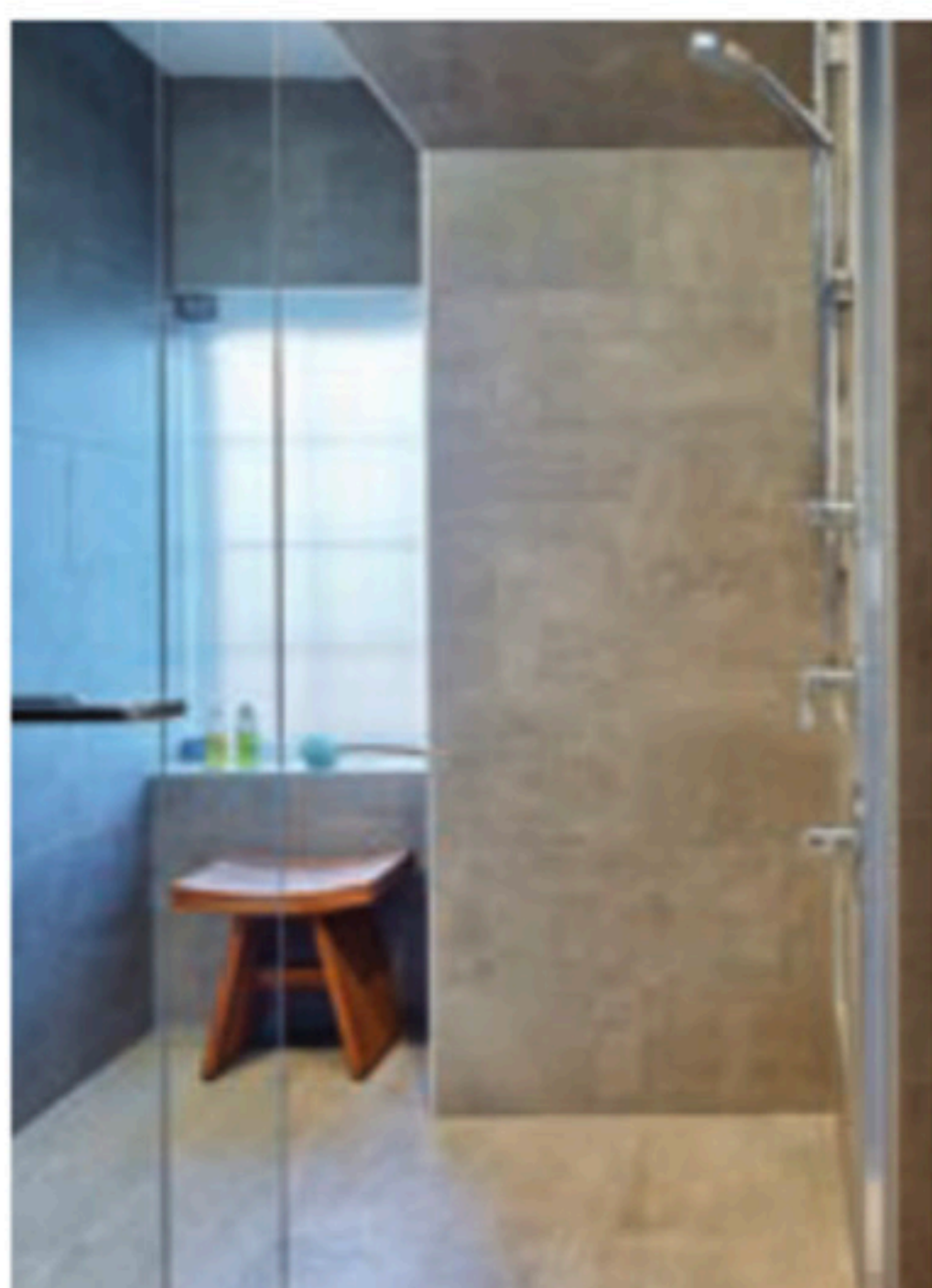
The renovation of a drab and dreary bathroom turned it into a clean-lined oasis. The challenge facing designer Jonas Carnemark was finding a way to accommodate the large shower with multiple fixtures and the design elements his clients wanted without overpowering the modest space, which encompassed a dormer window facing the front yard.

A slender basin sink maintains a low profile over a bamboo towel holder. Above, a mirrored medicine cabinet contains internal lighting and outlets. A separate space to the left houses the WC.

To the right, Carnemark created an oversized shower with a cathedral ceiling and rain-shower fixture. A bench is tucked under the dormer window, which is protected from water by a panel of frosted glass.

A modern material palette prevails, from the quartz sink to the large-format porcelain tile that envelops the entire space and, says Carnemark, "creates congruous warmth throughout."

Bath Design & Renovation: Jonas Carnemark, CKD, Carnemark design + build, Bethesda, Maryland. Photography: Anice Hoachlander.



THE DETAILS

Floor & Wall Tile: architecturalceramics.com.
Sink: silestoneusa.com.
Sink, Shower Fixtures, Basin & Towel Rack: kohler.com/us. Medicine Cabinet: maax.com/en.