



PRESS RELEASE Innovative Products Unveiled

Montreal, October 22nd, 2015 – Do you have construction, renovation or décor projects planned for this fall? Discover the top 9 Innovations of 2015 according to the Quebec Hardware and Building Supply Association (AQMAT) at the Montreal HomeExpo from October 22nd to 25th. Carefully chosen by a group of qualified retailers from four different banners, these products are representative of the most innovative ideas on the market.

Platinum Plus timber and fencing *by Produits métalliques Bailey*



Platinum Plus brand steel timber and fencing is more rigid than other similar lightweight steel products. Not only do they offer better screw retention to prevent uncoupling, they also facilitate the construction of structures over the standardized maximum height. In addition to meeting the market's optimal fire safety standard, they have demonstrated the best results in sound transmission tests. These products are patented and meet ASTM standards.

bmp-group.com

Magik smart control valve *by Belanger UPT*



The new Nexo collection kitchen sink faucet is marketed under the brand Essential Style, and makes **Magik** technology available to everyone. It allows the user to activate the flow of water in one of two ways: by an infrared motion detector installed on the body of the faucet or by another on the sprayer head, a unique feature unlike any on the market. These technologies may be overridden by activating the faucet handle. Operates on four AA batteries for up to two years. Affordable price to attract a large segment of the market. Available in chrome or brushed nickel finishes.

belanger-upt.com

Countryside cupboard door *by Colonial Elegance*



In keeping with the rustic-chic trend, the **Countryside** cupboard door complements all styles of décor and gives any kitchen a welcoming feel. It is designed to be installed inside the opening of a cupboard, and can be used to replace any outdated cupboard door. This door is custom-manufactured with a choice of 10 stains, including the new Antique Wood colour.

www.colonialegance.com

Déco composite mouldings *by Déco Moulures*



Made in Quebec of 95% natural fibers and recycled materials, these ten **Déco Moulures** models are available in 19 solid or wood/stone textured colours, and do not require painting. The integrated quarter-round reduces the installation time and provides a better overall finished look. A space is provided under the moulding to hide wiring.

decomoulures.com

Dynasty reinforced roof shingles *by IKO Industries*



Thanks to IKO's ArmourZone technology, these laminated asphalt and fiberglass **Dynasty** shingles include a reinforced, 1 1/4" nail strip versus 5/8" for standard laminated shingles. Coupled with Fastlock bituminous sealant, these shingles provide improved resistance to wind: with only four screws, they can brave gusts of up to 210 km/h. Larger than comparable shingles on the market, they cover an area of more than 12%. They are architecturally stylish and available in seven colours, with coordinated finishes for ridge boards and stops.

iko.com

2D, 3D and 4D building modeling

by Expertise laser 3D – iSCAN



The capture of millions of 3D coordinates in colour and to the closest millimetre, coupled with a multidisciplinary approach called **BIM** (Building information modeling), allows to virtually create not only buildings, but also objects or complete urban or industrial environments. An undeniable asset to design, construction and long-term management of a building or project, this modeling technique allows the user to analyse everything from façades to foundation slabs, and to monitor their movements over time. All electrical, mechanical and plumbing components may be added to the architecture and structure to achieve a truly integrated design.

iscan3d.ca

U tile shower wall panels

by MAAK

MAAK[®]

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An innovative solution in the world of showers, **U tile** is available in a variety of rich colours, realistic textures and stylish patterns to match any décor. These unique wall panels resemble ceramic tiles, but can be installed in a single day, directly onto the studs and without mortar or grout thanks to the Ulok system. No need for grout joints or protective sealant. This product is easy to clean and maintain, and includes a ten-year warranty.

utilebymax.com

Duo Béton wall coverings

by Produits forestiers AMPRO/MurDesign

MURdesign

These trendy rectangular **Duo Béton** panels can imitate almost any stylish texture thanks to state-of-the-art digital printing technology. Available in two sizes, they are manufactured in two thicknesses that create a textured relief on the walls, complete with shadows and light patterns that please the eye. This environmentally-friendly product is made of high-density HDF wood fibres and 100% recycled wood by Uniboard.

murdesign.ca

Teckblock patio base **by Industries Rototek**



Designed as an alternative to cement patio bases, the plastic **Teckblock** system is advantageously light: only 2.75 lb compared to its 42 lb cement counterpart. This lightness eases transportation and installation, and reduces costs, labour and the risk of injury. Despite its low weight, the product still offers a resistance of 1 000 lb per base, as well as exceptional robustness in the face of extreme temperatures. The product's 30% lower design allows retailers to sell it and stock it in an interior setting. rototek.com/fr/produits/teckblock

About the AQMAT

Founded 75 years ago, the Quebec Hardware and Building Supply Association (AQMAT) exists to promote the interests of a business community composed of more than 725 merchants and 225 manufacturers and distributors.

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