

## As dazzling as a diamond

Supernova by Dornbracht: a striking, progressive range of bathroom fittings

"Reflections in Light" - this was the working title for the Supernova concept before it was unveiled at ISH in 2009. sieger design resolved to add something new, perhaps even polarising, to Dornbracht's signature formal language. The primary aim at the design stage was for this play of light to serve as the basis for how objects and colours are perceived - and the reflections they create.

The fitting's distinctive geometry and controls lend the Supernova range a very sculptural quality. When it came to its faceted shape, sieger design drew its inspiration from water's reflectiveness, and its distinctly polygonal appearance brings to mind an expertly polished jewel. Thanks to Supernova's exceptional complexity, people immediately recognise it as a premium range; according to Michael Sieger, the "slight forward tilt makes it dynamic". The design wasn't simply adapted from the existing architecture, but rather completely reworked. The piece is a compact entity comprising fitting and control – when operated, these controls change in appearance; when lifted, the structure is segmented, which in turn has an effect on light reflections. In order to bolster this effect, Supernova is available in lustrous chrome and platinum finishes, as well as a delicate golden champagne, the uppermost layer of which is made of 22-carat gold.

Dornbracht was so taken with the concept that Supernova first appeared on the market in an extraordinary variety. The range is made up of numerous pieces, including single-lever mixer fittings and three-hole fittings, not to mention two cascade spouts that can either be wall-mounted or standmounted. The fittings' faceted design runs through the entire range – and even features in the accessories.

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