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EuroCucina Spotlights European Kitchen Trends

Milan's EuroCucina Kitchen Fair showcased a wealth of global trends, from more organic design and a greater focus on the kitchen as a 'family living space' to rustic-looking woods, armoire-style cabinets, curved shapes and tiny, space-efficient islands.

This past April, I was part of a group of American kitchen designers and trend watchers attending the EuroCucina Kitchen Fair in Milan, Italy. While there was some talk about it being a slightly smaller show – a reaction to the European economy woes – the exhibit presentations were as creative as ever. This month, I'd like to share a few favorites about the show.

The Salon Fair is made up of four elements:

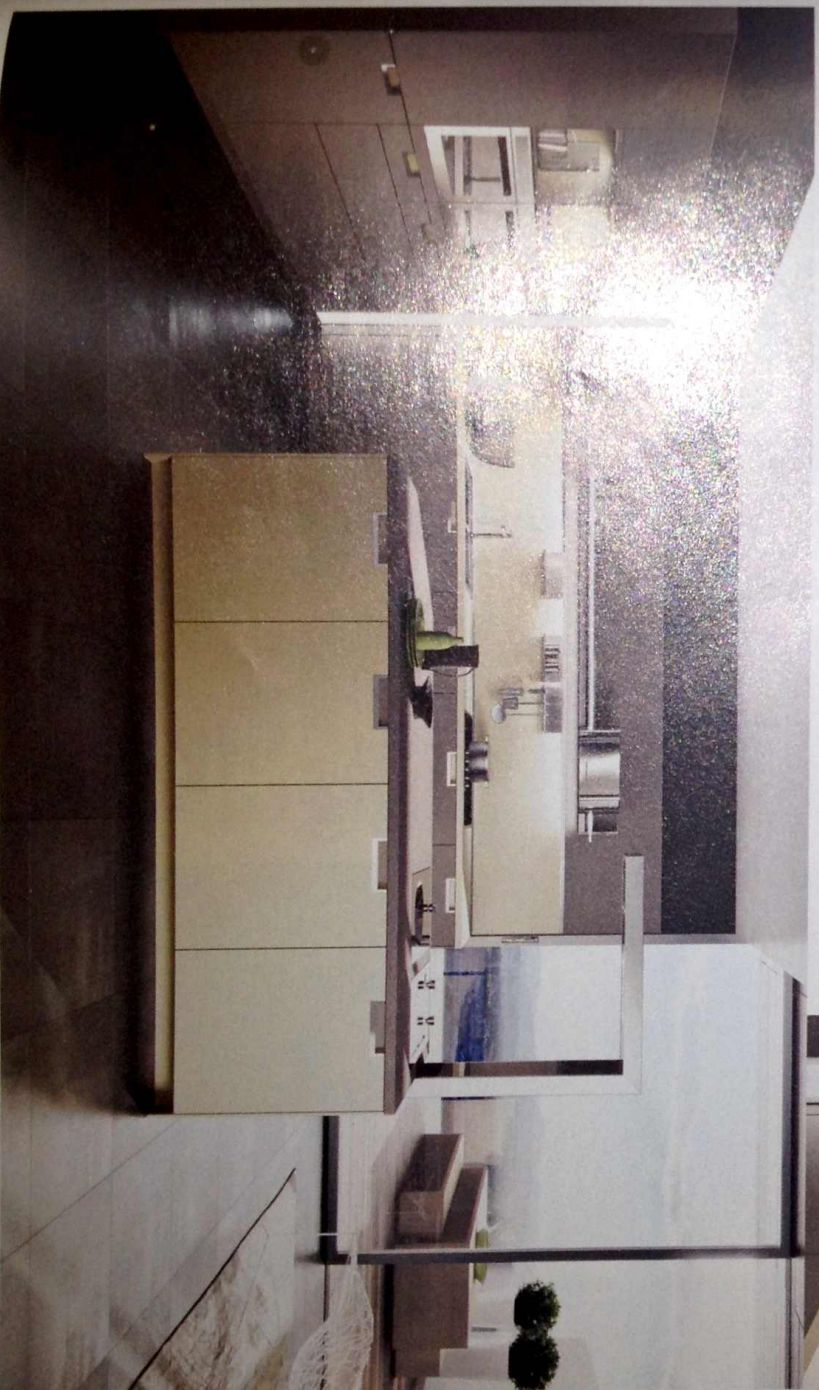
- EuroCucina* (The International Kitchen Furniture Exhibition)
 - The International Bathroom Exhibition
 - The International Furnishings Accessories Exhibition
 - FTK – Technology for the Kitchen
- (Close to 300,000 attendees from over 160 countries attended the Fair during its five-day presentation. The

Photo: Courtesy of Castagna Salone

Note the hand-hewn nature of the wood top, with the modern man-made plastic stools.



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Rather than the American view of all L cabinets being one finish and the island another, the different colors are 'mixed and matched' within different cabinet elevations. Here, the backsplash is the same material as the island.