

Merit Award

Amelis Shower System by Graff

If there ever was a shower system to make your neighbors feel uncool, this would be it. Designed by Davide Opizzi, of industrial design firm DCUBE, Amelis reinterprets the shower column as a 63-in.-tall, ultra-hip sculpture topped off with a halo-like steel bar capable of dousing bathers with a rainshower or waterfall. Also sleekly integrated are four body sprays and an outlet for a handshower. And just because Amelis' aesthetic ambitions are that much loftier, LEDs integrated into the top of the shower bar ensure the halo glows. Judges' descriptors ranged from "beautiful" and "stunning" to "sexy" and "drop-dead gorgeous." Yes, looks do matter. **Circle No. 201**



Best Sorpresa Cirrus Range Hood by Broan-NuTone

Not everyone may share one judge's aversion to conventional island vent hoods—"I hate those island vent hoods"—but as walls go the way of the dodo bird in today's kitchens, this ceiling-recessed ventilation system is one sleek way to preserve openness and marvelous oceanfront views (see photo). The 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in.-wide vent hood comes with a 6-in. or 8-in. round duct connector and a 500-cfm internal blower or can accommodate a remote or inline blower. Other features include LED lighting and delay timer control, which automatically shuts off the hood after 10 minutes. **Circle No. 202**

