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Kitchens *From the biggest trends and newest launches to the emerging brands to have on your radar, we reveal the cutting-edge ideas and innovations that are shaping the way we cook*

One of the standout kitchen releases of the year so far, and sure to be a new bestseller for Poliform, the 'Harp' offers a softer, more residential-looking island design. In place of sharp edges and glossy cabinetry, expect curved forms, marble surfaces, brushed-steel details and ribbed timber. The result is a sculptural centrepiece that looks like a piece of luxury furniture and integrates seamlessly into contemporary living spaces. Price on application (poliform.it).



Reflective surfaces

Ignore the threat of fingerprints – mirrored kitchens can trick the eyes and brilliantly alter the perception of space



1 Part of Paris-based studio Servadio Architecture and Rachel Gabrielli's renovation of Maison Mique (a 19th-century house in Versailles with a contemporary extension), this kitchen has an island that's sure to attract admiring glances. It appears to float, suspended from a central pole and wrapped in stainless steel with a mirror-polish finish. The choice to fit the Zucchetti tap to the support is a pleasing touch, allowing the worktop to remain streamlined. servadioarchitecture.com; gallistudio.fr

2 Kitchens are Jäll & Tofta Studio's least favourite room to design, with the Berlin practice describing itself as almost allergic to appliances. In their own studio kitchenette, the designers used kitchen gadgets sparingly and kept them out of sight, aside from the colourful Hay kettle. Meanwhile, mirrored cabinet fronts reflect the room and sunlight, helping the cupboards disappear into the background. Yves Klein Blue shelves, also backed with mirrors, maximise vertical space, while a glossy ceramic worktop by Superstudio adds extra shine. A 'Tahiti' lamp by Ettore Sottsass completes the playful space. jaellundtofta.de

3 Designed by MAO Architects for CEA Design, the 'Atoll' kitchen island (price on application) takes its name from the natural shapes of coral-formed islands. Clad in polished stainless steel, with a soft glow from under-lighting, its gently sinuous angles reflect light while softening the material's industrial character. Team with natural stone and neutral hues for an easy way to enliven a dull kitchen. ceadesign.it