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Product Briefs



◀ A relief for architects

Using hallmark techniques developed over three decades, the Architecture in Relief studio produces handcrafted metal reliefs featuring a building's elevation, plan, or portrait, in bronze and aluminum. The custom panels are ideal for lobbies, boardrooms, and architectural offices; past clients include the Boston Public Library and the Smithsonian Institution. Architecture in Relief, New York City. www.architectureinrelief.com

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▼ Greener sports flooring

PlybooSport bamboo athletic flooring was developed in response to the growing demand for a LEED-qualified sports floor. PlybooSport will install over most existing athletic floor systems that are appropriate for standard $\frac{3}{4}$ " maple flooring. With precision milling and tight manufacturing tolerances, PlybooSport requires less sanding and labor than alternatives. The flooring comes in a standard $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 24" size. Smith & Fong, San Francisco. www.plyboo.com CIRCLE 218



► Ahead of the curve

Already a leading manufacturer in the workplace furniture arena, Hon has now developed a line of classroom furniture suited for instructional and meeting spaces. The line includes ergonomic and space-saving desks, chairs, storage, and desk accessories for spaces that undergo regular reconfiguration due to changes in teaching methods, advancing technologies, and class size. The Hon Company, Muscatine, Iowa. www.hon.com CIRCLE 219



Product of the Month Clodagh Spa Collection

According to the International Spa Association, in 2004, 136 million visits were made to spas in the United States, generating an estimated \$11.2 billion in revenues. In response to this healthy market for spa design, Clodagh Design and Boden Furnishings have collaborated to produce the first full collection of furniture specifically designed for spa use. "In our work over the past couple of years it, seemed that every renovation or new build included a spa," says Bob Angus, cofounder of Boden,



"and in each project there was more square footage dedicated and more sophisticated design than before." Boden Furnishings, a manufacturer of high-end hospitality furniture, partnered with Clodagh Design, a firm known for its high-profile spa projects, to create a collection that fills the void in the market. The collection includes a range of tables (including the Caitra manicurist table, above), chairs, stools, benches, shelving, storage (including the Kevala locker group, left), and accessories for both public and private areas of the spa. A range of standard finish options are available, from light to dark wood stains. Boden Furnishings, New York City. www.bodenfurnishings.com



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► Luminous plastic clears the table

MB Wellington Studio collaborated with Bergmeyer Associates to apply luminous Lightblocks plastic panels into the design of Table 1280, a new, 150-seat restaurant at the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta. In addition to creating the restaurant's tabletops from the material, the designers used Lightblocks for the restaurant's ice-colored host station and 26'-long, 4"-thick bar, both of which incorporate dramatically cantilevered slabs. The material was also used for the 6'-long, custom rectangular-shaped sink that passes through a mirrored wall that separates the Men's and Women's rooms. Lightblocks is customizable, scratch-resistant, and 100 percent recyclable. MB Wellington Studio, Nashua, N.H. www.lightblocks.com CIRCLE 220

