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First installment of Caesarstone's 2016 collaboration with Tom Dixon at Interior Design Show (IDS) Toronto



January 2016: Caesarstone, the leading manufacturer of premium quartz surfaces, is proud to present **ICE**, an ice-inspired kitchen installation designed by Tom Dixon. The first installment of Caesarstone's year-long collaboration with Dixon for 2016 is now unveiled at the Interior Design Show (IDS) in Toronto (21-24 January 2016), where Caesarstone has previously presented work by Nendo, Raw-Edges and Philippe Malouin.

ICE was inspired by Canada's impressive frozen lakes and the formidable icebreakers that clear the way for freighters during the winter. Powering their way through the ice, they leave behind a frozen mix of jagged pieces in a spectacular array of whites and greys. A series of large monolithic triangular prisms in different sizes and heights form the base of the ice kitchen creating food prep area, serving stations, surfaces and stools.

The Toronto ice kitchen is the first of four semi-professional kitchens inspired by the elements of Ice, Fire, Earth and Air. The concept celebrates local heroic foods from four chosen cities spanning multiple locations including Milan for Milan Design Week, North America and Asia (full list to be revealed in 2016). The four kitchens will create theatres of food and cooking that demonstrate the hardwearing qualities, durability and beauty of Caesarstone.

For each installation, Tom Dixon uses a secondary material that forms part of the element's narrative which allows him to present Caesarstone in extraordinary and new ways. For Toronto, Dixon has chosen an aluminium extrusion system developed for flat pack housing, delivering a cold industrial aesthetic, whilst acting as the structural support and lighting rig for the installation, where Dixon's Melt Lights complement the ice theme.

*"In our Toronto show we propose a food preparation and consumption space, which draws on the analogy of the kitchen as an alchemist's laboratory where raw materials are transformed into treasure through the elemental process of freezing, melting, shaving and cooking with ice. Where the contemporary kitchen seeks to hide the activities behind a series of minimal blocks, here we expose the chopping, the steaming, the freezing, the scouring and the disposal of waste in all its active glory."***Tom Dixon, Designer**

"Each year we explore a new design concept that displays different elements of Caesarstone; be it new colours and textures, or inherent surface characteristics – such as strength and durability. This year we are pushing the limits of experimentation with the material, collaborating with design innovator Tom Dixon. His work is extremely inventive, fresh and thought-provoking; and we feel it brings a fascinating new angle to the creativity typical of Caesarstone's kitchens." **Eli Feiglin, VP of marketing at Caesarstone**

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About Tom Dixon:

Established in 2002, Tom Dixon is a British product design brand. With a commitment to innovation and a mission to revive the British furniture industry, the brand is inspired by the nation's unique heritage and produces extraordinary objects for everyday use. www.tomdixon.net/uk