

“Le Baou”: A contemporary island in HI-MACS® inspired by the jagged lines of a rock



The centrepiece of this kitchen is the island called “**Le Baou**”, a Provençal word meaning “rock”. This **HI-MACS® Crystal Beige** monolith appears to have been carved from a single block and contrasts with the wooden wall in the background. It discreetly houses the induction hob, dishwasher and sink while the rest of the appliances are hidden in the different cupboards to the back.

In order to enhance the overall sophisticated appearance of the island and avoid handles, electric drawers were designed for optimum comfort.

Making the island required great precision and extensive technical skills given that each side is tilted. Each board had to be cut at an angle so that all sides fit together perfectly. The

exceptional properties of HI-MACS® have contributed significantly to this creation. Designer **Charlotte Raynaud**, based in Aix-en-Provence, enthuses that “HI-MACS® is a material that gives great freedom in terms of shape, and opens up many creative possibilities that other materials do not.”



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HI-MACS® provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HI-MACS®, from kitchens to bathrooms, including decorative items, in hotels as well as in museums, shopping centres and on external façades.

LG Hausys' HI-MACS® uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades - exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HI-MACS® is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HI-MACS® is manufactured using a new generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HI-MACS® apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser, even more homogeneous, sturdy, durable surface – with a better resistance and superior thermoforming performance.

As regards hygiene, HI-MACS® does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains, and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HI-MACS® in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for Alpine White S728 colour.

HI-MACS® offers the longest warranty on the solid surface market with a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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