

MAISON & OBJET, September 2014 Edition: The essential event to see the new generation HI-MACS® natural acrylic stone



The **Maison & Objet** trade show will be held in Villepinte from 5 to 9 September 2014. During that time, LG Hausys, a pivotal reference in the world of décor and design, will present its latest kitchen design, "**Leaf**", made entirely of HI-MACS®. **Its chic, simple, organic design will continue to astound you**.

MAISON & OBJET PROJECT Sector
Hall 7 – B2-C1

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HI-MACS® acrylic stone has received widespread acclaim from renowned architects, designers and kitchen manufacturers. Its aesthetic and technical properties and features make acrylic stone a pivotal material for giving shape to extraordinary functional, modern interiors.

With its thermoformability and absence of visible joints, the expertise of HI-MACS® breathes life into unparalleled projects that are limited only by their creators' imaginations.

The broad range of available colours and materials and their translucence enable the conception of tailor-made projects. The non-porous, smooth material guarantees impeccable hygiene and is quick and easy to maintain and repair, with flawless results.

Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid and David Chipperfield have all created fabulous projects using HI-MACS®, from the kitchen to the bathroom, by way of decorative objects, in hotels and museums, shopping centres and even exterior façades.

This year, the *LEAF* kitchen is in the place of honour, delighting the informed eyes of lovers of clean lines and organic designs. For this very latest HI-MACS® creation, nature was the source of inspiration for Dutch company **Culimaat.**



This extremely contemporary kitchen does not follow geometric forms, instead sporting a deliciously rounded organic form. It is fully equipped with a complete set of modern appliances, cleverly incorporated into the kitchen's design. Hidden away but still within easy arm's reach, this arrangement of the equipment yields a balanced, convenient and efficient design.

Unlike traditional kitchens, *LEAF* was designed as an open, airy and ergonomic space. Because plumbing, cables and other technical components are vital aspects of any kitchen's design, Culimaat focused on restructuring the space whilst thinking outside the box. This entailed the integration of solid storage units made of HI-MACS[®], one of the unique features of which is drawers that can be opened and closed electronically.

HI-MACS® made it possible to shape the graceful, organic curves of the LEAF kitchen, assembled so that its joints are virtually invisible.

The smooth, non-porous surface of HI-MACS® simplifies cleaning and also provides enhanced resistance to heat sources and household cleaning products. In this way, the kitchen is completely





hygienic, and as such this next generation material is specially recommended for contact with food.

The embedded hobs are flat with a special touch control surface. The round base of the stainless steel sink flows perfectly with the worktop. Storage space has been created in the wall units, where other appliances are also installed: the oven, a steamer, a dishwasher, a refrigerator and a wine storage cooler. When not in use, these different appliances can be cleverly hidden from sight.

About Culimaat

Based in Berlicum (near 's-Hertogenbosch) in the Netherlands, Culimaat has been designing and producing high quality kitchens and interiors since 1985. Every Culimaat creation is unique, specially designed and manufactured in response to its users' needs and personalities. Each one is adapted to suit the character of the home, the available space, the client's patterns of use, and so on.

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HI-MACS® is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high performance wall-cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of acrylic, natural minerals and pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering manifold advantages over conventional materials.

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 and installed by a member of the HI-MACS® Quality Club.

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