

## **A contemporary, light-filled HI-MACS® kitchen with a mountain view**



**After their maminicuisine®, designer Charlotte Raynaud Hegenbart and Menuiserie Hegenbart present a kitchen made of HI-MACS® with a light-filled room, and wonderful views of the Sainte-Victoire Mountain.**

The trend today is toward open-plan living spaces that are spacious, bright, engaging and warm. Say good-bye to tiny kitchens, where cooks are isolated while everyone else enjoys cocktail hour together.

A further trend is for contemporary kitchens, showcasing natural materials with grains and textures.

This is the aim of Hegenbart's kitchens: to create warm, personal living areas that are conducive to socializing and that conceal the latest technical innovations behind precious, durable materials.

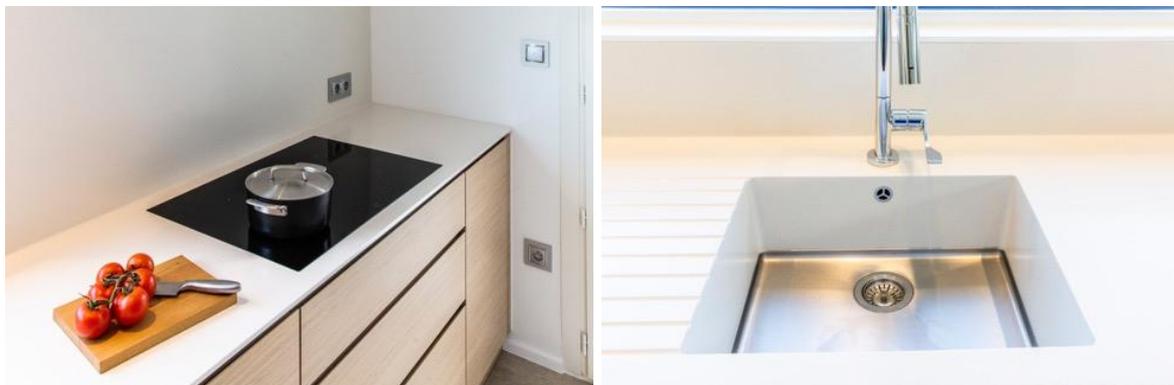
For this project, designer Charlotte Raynaud Hegenbart imagined an island unlike any other. Mirrored sides make this casual kitchen island appear to float in mid-air. Its rounded shape was made possible using HI-MACS®, which was also used for the worktop, thanks to the ability to thermoform the material into any shape imagined. Installed in the centre of the room, it merges the kitchen into the dining area and the living room. It can serve as a dining table for three and also allows the cook to prepare meals in the company of others, while everyone can enjoy the benefits of the wide spaces and brightness of the main room.

The island contains six drawers, on the kitchen side, and conveniently near to the

dishwasher, to optimize movements in the kitchen.



At the back wall, there is a long expanse measuring 15'1" (4.6 meters), topped by a work surface with backsplash, made of a single piece of seamless HI-MACS® Crystal Beige. A dish drainer grooves are carved into the worktop. The fronts of the cupboards are made of bleached natural oak, coated with an ultra-matte lacquer to preserve the natural appearance of the wood. If you look closely, you will note the precise, meticulous work of the carpenters at Hegenbart, who ensured that the grain of the wood flowed smoothly along the full length of the kitchen.



An intentional choice was made to not install any upper wall units, to preserve the sensation of lightness. A Novy ceiling hood is embedded very discreetly in the ceiling and is connected directly to the stovetop.



To the right, a glossy white floor-to-ceiling unit houses pantry drawers, a refrigerator/freezer and a stacked oven and microwave by the Swiss brand V-ZUG.

### **PROJECT INFORMATION:**

*Type of client: Private*

*Location: Aix-en-Provence, France*

*Design: Charlotte Raynaud Hegenbart*

*Fabrication: Menuiserie Hegenbart | [www.hegenbart.fr](http://www.hegenbart.fr)*

*HI-MACS® supplier: Mobistrat*

*Material: HI-MACS® Crystal Beige*

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## HI-MACS® by LG Hausys

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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 minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, 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, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HI-MACS®.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LG Hausys recently introduced two new products. First **HI-MACS® Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation for the Solid Surface history since its inception in 1967. Now, **HI-MACS® Intense Ultra**, combining the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

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.

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. Furthermore, HI-MACS® has obtained the French **QB certification** and **CSTB ATec “Avis Technique”** for facade applications.

HI-MACS® offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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