

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Light up your life**

*Sandy Turner from Bathroom Bizarre offers an overview on the top lighting trends for the year ahead.*

23 February 2015, Johannesburg: "It's no secret that light fittings can make or break the design of a room, adding an extra pop of style, as well as being functional and contributing to the overall atmosphere of the space in question," explains Sandy Turner from leading sanitaryware and flooring supplier Bathroom Bizarre, who have recently added lighting to their already comprehensive range of products.

She says that selecting light fittings that will compliment and enhance the style of your house is crucial to a well turned out and successful overall aesthetic.

"Thankfully, 2015 is bringing with it tons of new lighting trends, so anyone will be able to find a trendy style that will compliment their home," explains Sandy.

### **Crystal clear**

"Chandeliers are a classic and opulent style of lighting, which ensures that they remain eternally popular year after year," notes Sandy. Adding sparkle and glamour to any space, chandeliers come in all different shapes and sizes. "Finding a chandelier that is right for your space is easy, as there are so many different chandeliers currently available on the market – from classically vintage, to rustic chic and streamlined contemporary. The trick is to choose a chandelier that complements both your home's architecture and décor style," adds Sandy.

Today, chandeliers are being used much more frequently, and are no longer exclusively used just for formal spaces, she notes: "Chandeliers in kitchens and bedrooms add an easy touch of sophistication and can add a quirky, yet elegant touch, especially when used in spaces that are more casual and rustic. Don't be scared to experiment with chandeliers, as often you'll be surprised at the impact simply changing a light fitting will make to the overall look of a space," says Sandy.

### **Can you dig it?**

The '70s are making a huge comeback in interior design and in a good way, says Sandy: "Gone are the typically brown-and-orange style disasters that were so popular in the '70s – today, the colour palettes are impactful, while being more neutral. Popular tones include various shades of white, cream, and of course grey, with the odd splash of bright and vibrant hues included for added impact. The shapes popularised in the '70s are definitely back in vogue – for example, sophisticated rounded tear-drop pendants, glass bowl-shaped pendants and more industrial looking metal hanging lights are bang on trend. The designs are

reminiscent of the macramé hangings and geometric glass terrariums that were so fashionable in the '70s heyday," says Sandy.

### **Something old and something new**

The amalgamation of new and old décor styles is really making headway in the world of interior décor. This is why styles such as French Provencal, shabby Chic and Vintage industrial are so popular. These styles blend both old and new styles to create great textural and visual contrast. Keeping things modern, but adding a trendy modern edge, light fittings reminiscent of times gone by are gaining popularity – whether it be old world European glamour, farm-style rustic simplicity, cottage-inspired influences, or turn of the century industrial styles.

### **Ultramodern**

Innovative shapes and additions to the slick minimal lighting trend are being seen increasingly more this year – from the use of interesting shapes and even crystal embellishments. The ultramodern lights are sure to add that “wow” factor to any home, notes Sandy: “These lights, while being quite daring, serve a dual function – providing both lighting, as well as serving as a feature in a space. This trend requires a bold sense of style and a minimal interior, with the addition of a complementary light fitting. When implementing this style, keep in mind that less is more, and that it is imperative to get the scale and proportions of the light versus the space in which it will be housed right.”

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