Design and Research Office, gives the five-storey shop a dramatic yet warm glow. neritoro.com

7 WATER STEPS Each year, the German faucet company Axor invites a handful of designers to rethink the spout by using the U-Base, a universal base for bathroom fittings. Swedish duo Front devised this two-tier metal fountain, called Water Steps, to emphasize the calming effects of trickling water. frontdesign.se, hansgrohe-int.com

8 OFFICE BY RICARDO CAETANO DE FREITAS For a real estate office in Porto, Portugal, the local designer encased the meeting room in a metal-mesh framework that takes the form of a pitched-roof house. Other interior elements, including desks made from old doors, reference the home.