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KBB KEEPS POWERING ON COMING BACK TO LIFE AFTER LOCKDOWN



"Lifeline": AO's CEO John Roberts

Forward thinking continues
to lead the way out of
lockdown as the world of
kbb finds its feet and fights
its way back to business.

And as the community pulls
together, help is out there.

Examples include Bushboard's

Restart Together Club, which enables existing and prospective suppliers of Bushboard surfaces to easily obtain new in-store displays and marketing support via an exclusive digital resource centre. There are image libraries for use on social media, new digital brochures for contact-free marketing and retailers will also be able to order showroom stands for the brand's ranges, including samples, at no extra cost, and get a striking full-size worktop display for free.

"We're helping our retailers reopen with up-to-date showrooms while still prioritising hygiene and public safety," comments Nick Jones, leader of UK residential kitchen business units at Wilsonart. You can find out

more about Restart Together Club by heading to <https://bit.ly/2Ea8OkH>.

Meanwhile, the British Institute of Kitchen, Bedroom & Bathroom Installation (BiKBBi) has announced the launch of Protected, a new digital platform that connects homeowners with professionals via the independent retailer. The initiative, available to retailers of all sizes at no cost, aims to help homeowners find, appoint and transact with specialist kitchen and bathroom installers, giving an extra level of protection for the parties involved during uncertain times. Visit www.protectmyinstall.co.uk/retailers.

Finally, appliance giant AO.com has been powering through and learning lessons by strengthening its logistics network, following stringent safety measures and embracing a new way of working. "We've been a lifeline to our customers, and working from home has opened our eyes wider to what might be possible going forward, giving opportunities for an even more diverse workforce that will be less geographically constrained," says John Roberts, founder and CEO.

COVID-19 IMPACTS ATTITUDES TO PUBLIC SPACE



Hand washing was just step one...

As we collectively move from impact stage to long-term management, Swiss brand Vitra has shared suggestions on how this could impact our public space.

Firstly, they suggest that hygiene standards will be permanently increased. Just as airport security changed forever after 9/11, so too are we likely to see a profound shift in public hygiene, they suggest. Cleaning crews will become more visible in daily life and design measures such as self-operating doors, cashless commerce,

wipeable surfaces, movable screens and flexible layouts will become the norm.

Secondly, we will travel with more intention, interrogating which interactions still require a personal presence. This is particularly true of global events such as trade fairs.

Thirdly, while a volume of transactions will move online, digital cannot compare with the personal connection of a local store or experiencing the creativity of a team. What remains physical will be of higher quality. Stores could become more about brand-building rather than shifting units.




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BESPOKE DESIGN

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This breakfast cupboard is next to the dining area in an open-plan scheme and has a Miele coffee machine and microwave, Kohler stainless-steel sink and worktop-mounted Quooker Fusion boiling-water tap in it. To save the homeowners having to fetch items from the kitchen area it has spacious drawers underneath, a fitted larder cupboard for dry food to the left, and a cupboard for crockery on the right, with a rack in the door for glasses.



LASTRA

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The flexible Lastra double larder unit from Mereway's Cucina Colore collection, shown here in a White Gloss finish, has been adapted in this scheme to create a convenient breakfast cupboard. It's spacious enough to fit several working appliances such as microwave, kettle and toaster, as well as to store extra countertop ones, while its lateral-opening doors provide easy access with minimal impact on the rest of the space.



HOUSEKEEPER'S CUPBOARD

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The Housekeeper's Cupboard from the Ledbury Shaker collection, shown here in a custom-designed Lapis Deep paint finish with hand-made concave brass handles, is a beautifully crafted piece of furniture. With walnut interior shelves and racks, it's designed to house a toaster, kettle and coffee machine, and has plug sockets and a quartz work surface to make it fully functional.

RISE AND SHINE

A self-contained unit for breakfast paraphernalia that can double as a mini workstation is making its way up the consumer wish list

COFFEE STATION

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A compact coffee station, such as this one from Eggersmann, is a neat, small-scale alternative to a breakfast cupboard and a great way to keep surfaces clutter free. In this scheme with the brand's Paso Nano Black cabinetry, the vertical bi-fold door rises to allow easy access to the coffee machine and a shelf for storing cups and mugs. When not in use, these items can be hidden from view.



COMPACT SOLUTION

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For a client who wants a dedicated breakfast cupboard but they lack the space for a traditional larder unit, this countertop cabinet with bi-fold doors is the perfect approach. Coffee, cups and the like are stored on the top shelves, with small appliances on the bottom shelf, which can be pulled out when required so that any heat or steam generated doesn't affect the interior.

