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LITTLE BLACK BOOK ITALIAN KITCHENS

1 Poliform Head to London's Wigmore Street for the brand's expansive two-floor showroom where its smart and sleek kitchens take centre stage. (poliform.it)

2 Scavolini A name to know for contemporary design, a focus on new finishes and materials and multi-functional, open-plan spaces. (scavolini.design)

3 Boffi Find designer names, such as Piero Lissoni and Patricia Urquiola, at this industry leader of high-end Italian design. (boffi.com/en-gb)



Gold and steel combine on the Mode 175 sink by Caple. Doesn't sound practical? It's finished with a coating that protects against tarnishing, corrosion and scratches.

Mode 175 gold and stainless-steel sink, from around £681 (caple.co.uk)



Face value

Not familiar with Dekton? Then listen up: the ultra-compact surface from Cosentino is scratch-, stain- and UV-resistant, works for flooring, wall cladding and worktops and has just been launched in two new colourways from architect/designer Daniel Germani. We're smitten by forest-green Feroe (above), which taps into the current mood for matt, dark-hued kitchens. **Dekton Chromica Collection in Feroe, from £450/sq m (cosentino.com)**



HEAVY METAL

With the old adage of 'buy cheap, buy twice' in mind, Charlie Smallbone's Ledbury Studio is where to go for kitchens with quality at the forefront. Metals in the kitchen may be nothing new, but the studio's innovative ideas create fresh looks. Charlie says, "For this pewter style I took sheet metal, hand textured it with hammers and heat, and applied a patina before sealing."

Kitchens, from £50,000 (ledburystudio.com)