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Bathroom company **Sanico** is celebrating after winning international first prize for design in the Design Plus Awards 2007, organized by the German Design Council and Messr Frankfurt. Sanico received the honour for two of its products, the Bonjour shower tray and the Transit loo (see below), designed by Nacho Lavernia and Alberto Cienfuegos.

Sanico was set up in 1995 to manufacture sanitary ware, furniture and accessories that placed a high value on design. Today some 40 per cent of its turnover comes from export sales.

Fellow bathroom company **Cosmic** has also been awarded a prestigious Design Plus award for its new BLOCK collection. Block is a versatile range range designed to suit different needs and tastes. The sanitary ware also features a special waste system, which is attached at

the back of the product, so allowing for more storage space in the unit underneath. Wall cabinets can be mirrored and have integral external and interior lighting. Washbasins are cast in BathStone, a resilient material made from aluminium hydroxide with a synthetic resin.

Design Plus awards are given to products considered outstanding, innovative and attractive.



New contemporary rug range

Manufacturer **La Alpujarreña** has a new collection of rugs featuring modern abstract designs. The carpets, by Jacobo Pérez-Enciso and Manuel Estrada, include the Japs design, pictured below. They are made from 100 per cent hand-tufted wool and can be made to a client's preferred size and

colourways. La Alpujarreña was founded in 1922 in La Zubia in the southern Granada region. It has a 4,500 sqm factory and employs some 40 artisans. The company's carpets are of impeccable quality and can be found in top hotels and embassies around the world, as well as in Madrid's Teatro Real.



Pick up a penguin



B-Sign, the company that brings designer products to the consumer market, has launched B-Splash, a new range of bathroom products.

With an emphasis on fun, it features products such as a penguin soap dish, mats in the shape of water drops and

wallhangers that look as if they're plants. The company works with such celebrated designers as Martí Guixé, Hector Serrano and El Ultimo Grito. It says its ethos is to bring optimism and well-being to everyday activities through the humour of its products.