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**VICTORIA + ALBERT BATHS  
BARCELONA COLLECTION**

British brand Victoria + Albert has turned to the architecture of Spain's Catalonian capital to inspire their latest bath and basin collection – Barcelona. Drawing on the city's celebration of organic form, the pebble-shaped range, creates a naturally calming environment thanks to soft curves and smooth lines.



Barcelona Bath and Basin



Barcelona Bath Close-Up

Double-ended for elegant symmetry, the bath boasts a luxuriously deep well and ergonomically shaped ends for the ultimate comfort in shared bathing. Hand finished, the one piece bath is made from Victoria + Albert's naturally white QUARRYCAST® that is rich in volcanic limestone. Warm to the touch, strong and reassuringly renewable, the Barcelona may be enjoyed for years to come with accidental scratches to the bathing well easily polished out.

The Barcelona 64 countertop basin echoes the style and form of the bath. Placed either alone or as a pair, the basin will make a striking focal point in any bathroom.



Barcelona Basin Close-Up

## Notes to Editors

- Victoria + Albert Baths is a British brand with a worldwide reputation for creating beautiful freestanding contemporary and traditional baths and basins. The company has offices across the globe, including the UK, Europe, North America and Australia.
- The Barcelona bath is 1800 mm long, and the Barcelona basin is 840 mm long.
- QUARRYCAST® is a stone-rich alternative to both cast iron and acrylic. It is 100% naturally white and hand finished.
- The material has passed a 5,000kg mass test, so Victoria + Albert's baths won't creak or flex.
- QUARRYCAST® is much greener than ceramic sanitaryware (fireclay) which contains ballclay, china clay, feldspar and flint in the basic slip used for casting and kaolin, zirconium silicate, zirconium praseodymium, feldspar, silica, calcium carbonate and zinc oxide in the glaze.
- QUARRYCAST® is also much greener than cast iron enamel products where items are typically fired three times at 1210 – 1220°C in a gas kiln. QUARRYCAST® basins are cured at less than one tenth of this temperature and in a much shorter time – an enormous saving in energy and carbon emissions.
- For the first time, Victoria + Albert Baths will be exhibiting at the International Bathroom Exhibition, Salone, Milan this April (Hall 22, stand 30).
- To see Victoria + Albert's complete collection visit: [www.vandabaths.com](http://www.vandabaths.com)

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