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The architect Trix van der Mark from Interieurwerken Bone Solid in the Netherlands created this unique kitchen to bring us an unexpected spin on sleek, elegant design. With its play on shapes and curves, this organic HIMACS kitchen island verges on an art project.

The customer wanted an original kitchen, with organic and fluid shapes that create more of a work of art than a kitchen, all while maintaining the functionality. The specifications required a versatile, robust, hygienic material and a flawless design to produce this openplan kitchen, and most importantly to let the imagination flow towards bold, organic shapes with perfect curves.

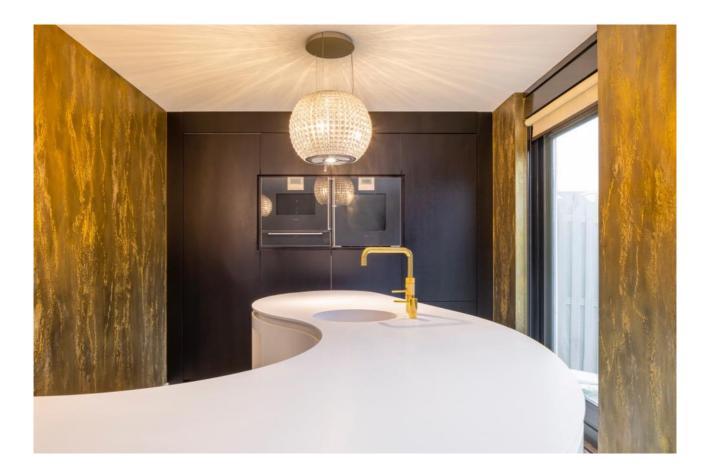
The architect adds that "in the quest for an innovative material, the customer came to us following a recommendation from Baars & Bloemhoff, a HIMACS distributor in the Netherlands. She was looking for a company that could tell her more about HIMACS in terms of its possibilities, treatment and design. She was immediately thrilled by the way the material could blend into a space and become its centerpiece." »



#### **Functional art**

To preserve the space's modern look, the façades and worktop of the island were created in HIMACS to produce harmonious, perfect curves. The result is a seamless design with a HIMACS sink, a hob, 3 drawer units, a cupboard, an open space for towels and a dishwasher.

With its curved lines and perfect finishes, the island's tone is highlighted by the units on the back wall fitted with two ovens and a fridge, and the cladding on the side walls.



This innovative island shows not only how versatile the material is: infinitely thermoformable and non-porous with no visible seams, but also how a clear vision and understanding of the material by the designer means that there really are infinite possibilities.

The challenge of designing this organic shape in the existing space was to make sure there was enough room to move around it while offering the functionality a kitchen requires.

Everything was carefully considered, including the integrated hob and sink, the location of the dishwasher and its door opening and the surrounding frame created for ease of opening And let's not forget the rounded drawers, a real challenge for the interior architect.



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#### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Location: Purmerend, The Netherlands Design: Interior designer Trix van der Mark of Bone Interieurwerken/Bone Solid Fabrication: Bone Solid / Bone Interieurwerken HIMACS distributor: Baars & Bloemhoff Photo credits: © Wouter van der Sar **Material and equipment:** Façades and worktop: HIMACS Alpine White S028 <u>www.himacs.eu</u> Sink: bottom in stainless steel and side walls in HIMACS Alpine White S028 Frame: plywood Base: Solid grade HPL Interior: decorative panels in anthracite gray Draws: BLUM Orion grey Drawer lighting: Häfele Loox5 LED Socket system: S-Box Chameleon Hood: Elica star

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HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation for the Solid Surface history since its inception in 1967. Now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra**, combining the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense ColourTechnology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades - exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is manufactured using a new generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser, even more homogeneous, sturdy, durable surface – with a better resistance and superior thermoforming performance.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains, and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for Alpine White S728 colour. Furthermore, HIMACS has obtained the French **QB certification** and **CSTB ATec "Avis Technique"** for facade applications.

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