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A FLOOR-MOUNTED BATH MIXER IN GOLD BRIGHT PVD FINISH FROM THE NAVIA COLLECTION BY ARTIZE.

RESPECT FOR NATURE IS A THOUGHT BEHIND ARTIZE'S NEW LINE, **NAVIA**, DESIGNED BY ITALIAN DUO **MATTEO THUN AND ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ**.

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French conceptual artist Daniel Buren's signature vertical stripes—8.7cm colourful bands that have made appearances as installations at the Guggenheim in New York, Venice Biennale, as well as a landmark permanent art intervention at the Palais-Royal in Paris—are among the influences behind the design of Navia, a new collection of luxury taps by Artize, created in collaboration with Italian designers Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez. With a fluted handle that evokes these stripes, the collection comes with a sleek and minimalist design—one that also references Buren's process of reducing painting to its simplest or most fundamental element.

"Our designs are about respect for nature," says Rodriguez. The designer duo emphasize the use of warm, natural and

tactile materials and creating products that are conscious, durable and sustainable. Designed in close dialogue with Artize's technological experts, the collection seeks to be mindful about water wastage. Navia's progressive cartridge starts with cold water when turned on, so as to avoid wasting hot water. The handle must be fully turned, then a lever clicks, telling the user that hot water is about to flow. "The low water consumption and high-tech aerator make Navia an environmentally friendly product," he adds.

"Good design promotes well-being," Rodriguez reiterates. Tactility gets a big emphasis in Navia, as well as the value of slowing down while going through everyday rituals. "We consider a design to be effective when it pairs sophisticated aesthetics with intuitive functionality and innovation," he adds. "The intuitive use is very important, especially for products used in the bathroom. The shapes should be of timeless simplicity and not have any sharp edges." Organic forms, natural materials, and eco-conscious tech, Navia checks all the right boxes. ▀