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Investing in your home's bathroom design

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When designing a new home, or doing a substantial renovation of an existing property, the bathroom deserves your utmost attention. Many real-estate brokers cite the bathroom as being one of the most important rooms in the home when it comes to esthetics, second only to kitchens.

The Gazette sat down with Walter Assi, owner of Renovco, a Dorval-based company specializing in design and renovation,

to learn about the latest in bathroom design and decor.

"There's a lot of exciting trends going on," Assi said. "Overall, I think there's a definite movement towards investing more in bathrooms. These days people are creating an oasis for themselves when they design their bathrooms; they're spending more and putting more thought into the room."

This extends to all aspects of the bathroom, starting with the floor. According to Assi, upward of 90 per cent of new or newly

renovated bathrooms have heated floors, providing comfort while maintaining an even temperature throughout the year.

"It's really popular, but it's something to decide upon early in any renovation project," he said.

"You don't want heated floors to be an afterthought."

Along with heating systems, people are installing porcelain and marble tiles on their bathroom floors.

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Glitz and glamour has made its way into the bathroom, with people opting for slick and contemporary fixtures, decorative lighting, reflective glass tiles and marble heated floors.