

CZECH & SPEAKE

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Frank Sawkins

Founder and Creative Director



“I want to create luxury
but
also a useful product”

Frank Sawkins, Founder & Creative Director

At Czech & Speake, the creative character of our founder Frank Sawkins touches everything we do. An Englishman, with a background in fine art, interior architectural and product design, Frank launched his own Interior Design Studio with a partner in 1976 working on projects for clients such as IBM, BP, The London Corn Exchange and Midland Bank (now HSBC) and restoration projects for private clients.

Frequently now called upon to provide an expert opinion on luxury goods and bathroom design, he decided to transpose his design sensibilities in the creation of lifestyle brand Czech & Speake in 1980 he opened the doors to our first store at No. 39 Jermyn Street opposite his studios at No. 88. Almost four decades later he is still researching and composing as he, his inspiration and his brand criss-cross the globe.

It all started while working on a restoration project for antiquity dealers' house in Fulham, London, looking to encapsulate the authenticity and English spirit of the bathing area, Frank Sawkins would find a small London company that had previously produced similar bathroom water fittings of the early 20th century period for this project.

This solution became the idea to create the Edwardian range of bathroom fittings in solid brass and the foundation of Czech & Speake.

Sawkins took these functional iconic shapes and refined the design, expanding the range and improving the quality and the engineering to accommodate

modern demands without compromising quality, which sparked a business idea and the largest collection of bathroom crafted furniture, fittings, bathtubs and accessories at Czech & Speake to day for modernist & traditionalist alike.

For Frank, even the simplest of products can be elevated by design; “I want to create a heritage of good design and the finest quality”

Frank Sawkins' creative talent, energy, and unique vision continue to redefine elegance for a new generation of contemporary gentlemen. Thanks to him, Czech & Speake has become a byword for all that is covetable, masculine and timeless. He remains a true rarity – the creator of a genuinely English luxury brand.

OUR BRAND

Enhancing the entire bathing experience

Czech & Speake brings a unique approach to bathing products – from the point of drawing a bath, to the finest fragrances and bathing accoutrements we enhance the entire bathing experience.

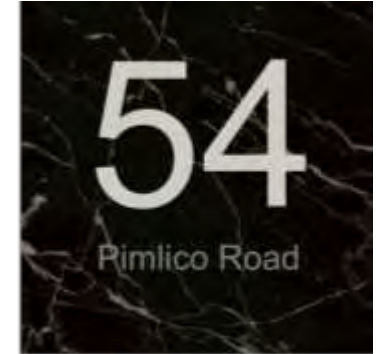
We have a proud heritage and classic, understated style that is internationally recognised for our definitively English character. Authenticity is our byword. Czech & Speake is a specialist brand devoted to the complete luxury bathing experience, taking cues from historic artistic movements of the 20th century, Englishness and heritage is at the companies heart, showing through in all we do. Timeless and classic, every inch the genuine article. Quintessentially English, but a certain brand of Englishness, we have a deep appreciation of exclusivity, often working with restorators for private high profile customers.

.From the middle of the 19th century to present the street has become preeminent as the home of luxury habiliments and paraphernalia to the English gentleman. Frank established the bathroom fittings business from his design studio at number 88 Jermyn St. in 1980, subsequently giving the fledgling company's first fragrance its name.

Since that time we have kept our collections design conscious, sophisticated, discerning and cultured, creating in the knowledge that our products and furniture will be around for decades, with the greatest attention to detail inherent across all our designs. Endless improvements in product engineering and materials means we never compromise when it comes to product quality, endurance and finish. We strive to be the best at what we do.



Design | Quality | Heritage



Timeless, classic and elegant in design and presentation, Czech & Speake use only the highest quality materials for our products and always ensure that our standards of excellence and meticulous attention to detail are inherent to all our collections.



Edwardian Collection

The original Edwardian Collection is a symbol of the luxurious bathing experience, a prime example of beautifully designed day-to-day items and our signature collection, which integrates authentic British and European engineering quality and a timeless, graceful execution.

The range includes a wide variety of fittings and bathroom accessories. All are produced from the purest ingot brass precision engineering, finely polished with the addition of quality plating in a choice of finishes, like nickel, brushed nickel, chrome and Duragold. The Edwardian Collection will stand the test of time not only for the elegance of its design, practicality, and longevity, but also for any type of climate and water quality.

The largest range of Czech & Speake bathroom collection, it beautifully coordinates the robust mechanical look of all exposed pipe-work, with the graceful hand work design of the bone china.

The fittings are created for a fully equipped bathroom, accommodating free-standing bathtubs, showers, bidets, sanitary ware etc.

The uncovering of the water fittings the bodies, valves and spouts translates the post-Victorian focus on innovating engineering, while the elegance of the lines relies hugely on artisan skills, using hand polished materials and crafting.



The Edwardian range has before everything a strong historical value for the beginning of bathroom fittings. As a post-Victorian design, the Edwardian style came as the refinement of all inventions, from motorcars to clothing and weapons and bathroom fittings. To the elite it remained in history as the most recognized design current for British engineering quality and decorative value, overpassing even the Georgian decorative arts.



Historical accuracy together with superb engineering result in a collection which comprises of basin and bidet taps, bath taps, shower, kitchen and bath mixers and heated towel rails. The fittings are all made from the finest solid brass, plated in a number of premium finishes including chrome, nickel and DuraGold. Concealed and wall mounted options are offered and fine English porcelain or Petrified Oak is used on indices and handles for a crisp and tasteful look.



This kitchen mixer features two valve levers sleeved in petrified oak. This beautiful polished wood is certified over 5000 years old and has an elegance and practicality. The curved spout is pivotable for ease of use. The sink mixer range is made from solid brass with bone china fittings and combines modern ceramic disc technology with elegant design. All sink mixers feature $\frac{1}{4}$ turn ceramic cartridges, giving full on to off with 90 degrees. The adjustable unions and two spout sizes give considerable flexibility in installation. Available in four finishes; chrome, nickel matt, nickel & DuraGold.





Lavatory Paper Holder

Combining the classical Edwardian design and the contemporary technologies, the Czech & Speake Lavatory Paper Roll Holder, product code 83 500 581, is designed with quick release mechanism. No longer do you need to unscrew one of the nuts at the end to replace the lavatory roll, all that is needed is to slightly pull one of the nuts to release the beautiful porcelain centre bar, take off the empty carton and refill with a fresh one.



Toothbrush Holder, Freestanding Model

Introducing the elegant freestanding toothbrush holder which not only loans itself to holding toothbrushes but also the Czech & Speake signature shaving razor and other bathroom necessities such as tweezers and nail scissors. The superbly styled and practical holder has a solid bone china base and the graceful main body and actual holders are plated for extra durability. The holder is finished with crisp decorative ends which not only add to the tailored look but enable the user to move around easily and safely. There are three different finishes available, these being chrome, nickel and durabass. Whilst it looks delicate it is in fact rather sturdy and a wonderful addition or finishing touch to any vanity top or wash basin



Towel Ring

A compact alternative to the towel rail and sits perfectly next to any washbasin. The bracket is made from virgin ingot brass and the ring itself is enamelled brass and has a diameter of 150mm.

Double Robe Hooks

The robe hooks can be used around the house; in the bathroom hallway or bedroom as they are suitable for coats as well as bathrobes and towels.

Double Tumbler Holder, Wall Mounted

The holder is crafted from virgin ingot brass and can be plated in a choice of chrome, nickel or durabrass. This holds the tumbler comfortably and provides easy access to the porcelain. It cradles the tumbler without over engineering its function.





Storage Rack Heated Towel Rail

Czech & Speake's classic, ball jointed Heated Towel Rails are hand made in the UK in brass and are available in four styles. The rails come as standard with an electrical supply, though water fed or a combination are available as a special order.



Freestanding Heated Towel Rail

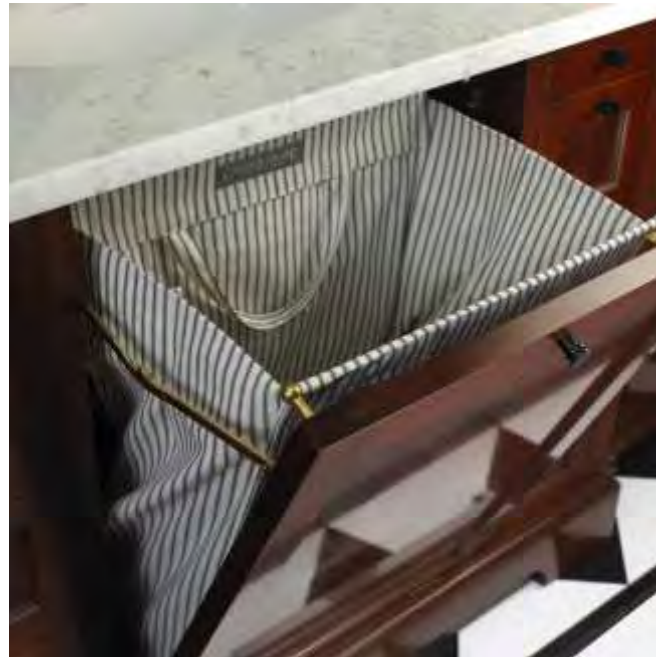
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Edwardian Furniture Collection

Hand crafted from carefully selected and sustainably sourced mahogany in England by the finest cabinet makers utilising traditional techniques such as marquetry, the exquisitely detailed and gracefully proportioned collection comprises Vanity Unit, Wall Mirror, Whatnot, Stool and Freestanding Cheval Mirror.



The impressive and stately vanity unit has eight useful drawers with a central cupboard containing a practical linen ticking laundry bag. The vanity top is available in a number of finishes from marble to slate and can supplied to order. Our distinctive Edwardian tap fittings provide a crisp and tailored look and the whole ensemble is further enhanced with the fluted detailing of the wall mounted mirror.



Edwardian Whatnot

Highly fashionable in Edwardian times, the Whatnot is a traditional English furniture piece. Czech & Speake's Whatnot is an elegant shelving unit that makes it easy to organise towels, shaving accessories and all bathroom essentials. This beautiful piece comprises of four shelves and a double drawer in 'flame' mahogany and is finished with bun feet and turned finials. The wood is treated to withstand moisture and finished with clear lacquer before being waxed by hand to bring out the natural beauty of the mahogany. All mahogany is from sustainable sources.

Cubist Collection

The Cubist Collection for luxury bathing evolved from and was inspired by the clean geometric and angular forms of the cubist and art deco era of the 1930's. The design is crisp, elegant and features a tailored range of furniture and fittings.

Our characteristic attention to detail is highlighted in the impeccable shapes that convey the spirit of modernity and classic design. This collection includes bathroom taps and fixtures, handmade bathroom furniture, and hand blown crystal accessories.

This Piece takes its stimulus from the Art Deco hotels of London and the glamour of the 1920s.

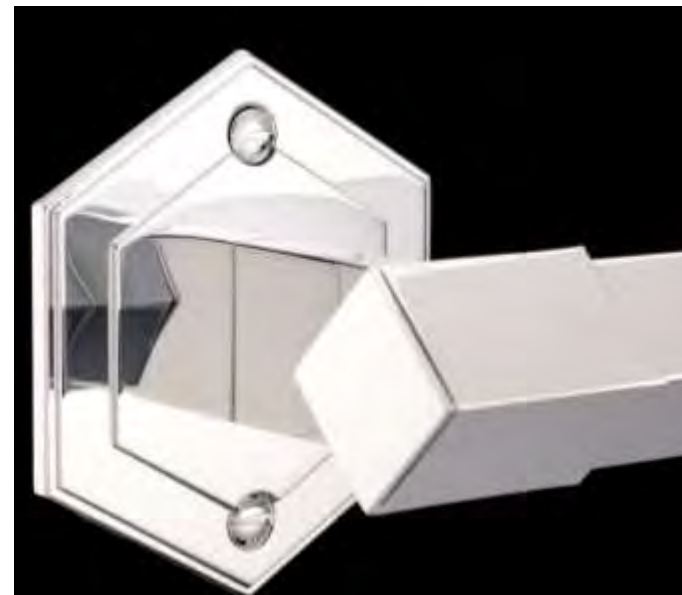
Made from the finest brass featuring an iconic cubist design, with cross handles "H" & "C" marked handles and a geometric faucet.

Fittings are carefully crafted with a choice of premium finishes and the look can be fully integrated with a premium range of accessories.





Cubist Wall Mounted Basin Mixer



Cubist Single Towel Rail



Cubist Concealed Thermostatic Mixer



Cubist Deck-Mounted Bath Shower Set



Cubist Furniture

This Cubist seating fits is ideal for holding accessories and towels. Try laying out a few outfits and choosing what to wear from the comfort of a long luxurious bath. The wood is treated to withstand moisture and the height-adjustable feet can be finished in chrome or nickel.





Cubist Vanity Console Table

The Czech & Speake Vanity Console Table forms the centrepiece of the Cubist bathroom. The open design with one storage shelf is an ideal way to display bathroom essentials such as towels and grooming accessories. The wood is finished in the exceptional high-gloss black lacquer characteristic of the Art Deco style. The feet and faux drawer-pulls are solid brass and can be plated in chrome or nickel for a striking contrast.

The wood is treated to withstand moisture and height-adjustable feet ensure this piece will be steady on any bathroom floor.

The top and upstand of the table can be customised to match existing marble fittings. It is supplied with a template which your local marble supplier can use to cut a surface in the colour and grain of your choice. This product is designed to fit the under counter washbasin and is complemented by the Cubist three-hole basin mixer.





Cubist Vase

The stunning glass vase is hand blown in Europe by the finest glassmakers, following traditional and widely renowned Bohemian glass making techniques. Black crystal is layered over clear crystal glass and hand cut to reveal the different layers with shapes and pattern echoing the elegant lines and curves of the Art Deco period.

The contrasting black and clear glass crystal is then highly polished for a luxurious cut crystal sparkle.

The vase is the perfect addition to complement the crisp and angular lines of a Czech & Speake Cubist bathroom but it will also look as striking in other areas of the home such as dining, bedroom and living spaces.



Cubist Wall Mounted Soap Dish and Holder



Cubist Wall Mounted Tumbler Holder

Savoy Hotel, London





DCA & FSD Collection

The modern series features a comprehensive programme of classic bathroom fittings, a brand new collection of accessories with blue crystal glass as well as a kitchen fitting.

With DCA/FSD Czech & Speake introduces a modern yet timeless range of design fittings and accessories to our existing elegant Edwardian, Cubist and fs bathroom series.

Concentrating on detailing and simplicity of form, DCA/FSD is a modern series of functional products that makes subtle use of Czech & Speake's classic brand identity. Retaining a distinct luxury feel, the range features clean and simple lines and a contemporary cross handle design that suits high quality domestic interiors and commercial projects. DCA/FSD has been extended to appeal to a wide audience of architects and designers.

The comprehensive programme of bathroom fittings in chrome and nickel are hand finished, using traditional techniques and the highest standards of German engineering. The range comprises bath and basin taps mixers, bidet spout, shower mixers and hand showers, all with a variety of fixtures and finishes. The classic cross-handle design is a distinctive feature of the Czech & Speake DCA/FSD range.

Initially designed in collaboration with award winning British architect Sir David Chipperfield, the DCA/FSD range was developed using Czech & Speake's innovative manufacturing structure. The result is an intriguing design which combines a crisp architectural language with the timeless design characteristic of Czech & Speake.

With DCA/FSD, the English luxury brand presents another master of English design and German engineering. Following on from its elegant Edwardian and Cubist range, DCA/FSD is a continuation of and the contemporary answer to Czech & Speake's concept of luxurious bathing.





DCA Kitchen Three-Hole Sink Mixer

Czech & Speake DCA Kitchen Sink Mixer features clean and simple lines and a contemporary cross handle design. The three-hole design incorporates a swivel spout.

The kitchen mixer comes in different finishes, chrome, nickel and brushed nickel and we can accommodate requests on other finishes.



DCA Shower Rose with Wall Connection 450mm

DCA Shower Rose with Wall Connection 450mm in Chrome. This 200mm diameter wall-mounted shower rose comes with shower arm for wall connection and a 450mm projection.

FSD Towel Rack

FSD Towel Rack in Chrome. The towel rack is perfect as a towel tidy. It comes with a 600mm length. Available in two finishes: chrome or nickel

FSD Robe Hooks

FSD Robe Hooks in Chrome. Made from the finest brass, these hooks come in pairs. Available in two finishes: chrome or nickel.





DCA Deck Mounted Four-Hole Bath & Shower Set

This Deck-Mounted Bath Shower Set features a Bath Mixer Set with pivotal spout, 200mm spout projection and integrated diverter. The set also comes with a Baton Hand Shower with chrome plated 2250mm long Shower Hose. Available in two finishes; chrome or nickel.

FSD Towel Rail



FSD Towel Rail (Open Ended One Side) 600mm in chrome. This towel rail features an open end and has a length of 600mm. Available in two finishes: chrome or nickel.



FSD Double Tumbler Holder &

FSD Soap Dish and Holder Wall Mounted

These wall-mounted double tumbler a soap dish holder feature perfectly cut blue crystal glass and come in a holder of the highest quality. Available in two finishes: Chrome or Nickel.



FSD Wall Mounted Lavatory Brush Set

FSD Wall Mounted Lavatory Brush Set in Chrome. This wall-mounted toilet brush set features striking blue crystal glass. Available in two finishes: chrome and nickel.



Eden Hotel Rome, Dorchester Collection

Perfectly positioned with spellbinding panoramic views of Rome, luxury Hotel Eden is full of classic Italian style. Located in the heart of the Old City of Rome, the newly restored Hotel Eden is just a short stroll from the legendary Spanish Steps and picturesque Villa Borghese. This elegant city oasis dates back to 1889 and throughout its illustrious history has welcomed royalty, dignitaries and numerous celebrities.

Czech & Speake Duragold Cubist Collection adorns the bathrooms of the hotel suites, giving them the right touch of glamour.

The Savoy Hotel, London

The Savoy Hotel is a luxury hotel located in the Strand in the City of Westminster in central London, England. Built by the impresario Richard D'Oyly Carte with profits from his Gilbert and Sullivan opera productions, it opened on 6 August 1889. It was the first in the Savoy group of hotels and restaurants owned by Carte's family for over a century.

Czech & Speake Cubist Collection was tailored specifically to the Savoy art deco style. Brought to London by Carte after having seen the opulence of American hotels during his many visits to the United States.





**Customized & Bespoke for 5 Hertford Street,
24k Gold finish**

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Down a warren of streets in Shepherd Market, a corner of (mostly) bygone ill repute in Mayfair, the entrance to 5 Hertford Street is quiet from the outside. Then the door opens, attended not by burly guards, but by women in floor-length dresses, and you step into a residence of unusual charm. This is a grown-up club, where your parents and grandparents are as at home as your friends from school. The artwork is real and the drinks are cold (have the gin fizz). A sultry nightclub, Loulou's, is downstairs for after dinner. There is wild competition and noise about memberships around town, so for clarity I'll show my hand: If you are going to have only one, this is the loveliest club in London.

via Vogue

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Hotel Silken Puerta America

Hotel Silken Puerta America Madrid

Freedom | Architecture | Design

The Silken Puerta América is an idea of freedom realised, a meeting place where different cultures and ways of interpreting architecture and design come together. This hotel on Avenida de América is a project that breaks new ground by using different colours, materials and shapes. A 5-star hotel that introduces guests to bold, innovative spaces, very different from the norm.

Blake's Hotel London

Adored by those who desire unapologetic beauty

Blakes is probably the most excitingly fashionable small hotel in the world. It was conceived by Anouska Hempel when the 'couture' hotel did not exist. Timeless and beautiful since its opening in 1978, it plays the balance of Anouska Hempel's theatrical excess and warm hospitality.



Blake's Hotel London

Ralph Lauren's Country House New York

Triumphantly Ralph via House & Garden

“In the updating and redecoration of his country house in upstate New York, Ralph Lauren has achieved exactly what he wants – in a style that evokes England and France with a perceptibly American touch(...) The main bedroom is furnished with Ralph Lauren chairs and an antique Empire-style bed. Ralph Lauren's dressing room. In the main bathroom, the bath and basins are encased in white Siviec marble; *Fittings are by Czech & Speake.*”



On the first floor is the main bedroom, a small children's room, and the three children's rooms; above, a billiard room runs across the length of the house.

As elsewhere, Ralph and Ricky's bedroom is an interesting amalgam of the simple and the sophisticated. An Empire-style bed is covered with white linen; similar fabric is used, ordered for the curtains and so covers for the study, for example. The scale also is common to material, this time a rich blue wool which lifts the scheme from the expected to the sublime.

From the bedroom, steps lead down across the garden towards the pool, which is hidden from the house and reached by a fine, classical portico containing a bathroom, kitchen, and long lake-and-white outdoor sitting room.

As inside the house, so outside rhythm and discipline prevail. There is little colour to attract the eye: green reigns supreme and there are few flowers. Ralph is not a fan of what he calls 'herbaceous accessories'. Although the garden looks as old as the house, it is Ralph's and Ricky's creation. They played more landscaped counters. And the rolling lawns and masterminded

FROM TOP The main bedroom is furnished with Ralph Lauren chairs and an antique Empire-style bed. Ralph Lauren's dressing room. In the main bathroom, the bath and basins are encased in white Siviec marble. Things are by Czech & Speake. OPPOSITE CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT Photographs of Casa are being in the main bedroom, in the small sitting room to a Louis XV bureau. Just a tanning overlooks the garden. Another Lauren's bedroom.



RALPH IN THE UPDATING AND REDECORATION OF HIS COUNTRY HOUSE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, RALPH LAUREN HAS ACHIEVED EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS – IN A STYLE THAT EVOKES ENGLAND AND FRANCE WITH A PERCEPTIBLY AMERICAN TOUCH. (...) THE MAIN BEDROOM IS FURNISHED WITH RALPH LAUREN CHAIRS AND AN ANTIQUE EMPIRE-STYLE BED. RALPH LAUREN'S DRESSING ROOM. IN THE MAIN BATHROOM, THE BATH AND BASINS ARE ENCASED IN WHITE SIVIEC MARBLE; FITTINGS ARE BY CZECH & SPEAKE.



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Inside Alice Naylor-Leyland's World

For fashion It girl Alice Naylor-Leyland and her family, home in the English countryside is a wonderland

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Colefax and Fowler's jubilee rose chintz dresses the windows and a bench in Alice's bath; tub and fittings by Czech & Speake.





Clarence House London



Castle Drogo Devon

Restoration Projects

Castle Drogo is a country house and castle near Drewsteignton, Devon, England. It is currently undergoing a conservation project (2013–2018) to finally make it watertight. Frank Sawkins, as one of the leading authorities with specific knowledge of bathrooms and bathing, was consulted on the historic restoration commissioned by The National Trust in England, in the same manner Czech & Speake assisted with the restoration of Clarence House, St James's London home to the current Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

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