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### Five benefits of a wet room

*Wet rooms are becoming more and more desirable, and remain a great way to add value to your home. We speak to Raymond Oliver from leading high-end bathroom sanitaryware supplier, Roca, on the top five advantages of including a wet room in your home.*

17 October 2018, Johannesburg: A wet room is simply a shower room in which the floors and walls have been sealed, so that you don't need a traditional shower enclosure for the shower. Raymond Oliver from leading sanitaryware and tile supplier, Roca, explains: "Wet rooms comprise an open, fully tiled shower area. Sometimes, the walls of the room form the enclosure, or if your bathroom is small, you can include a glass shower panel to prevent the water from splashing everywhere. There are no shower doors, or shower trays that step up from the floor – in wet rooms, the shower floor is flush with the rest of the room's floor – creating a seamless flow throughout the room."

Although, it is easy to see why wet rooms have become so popular from an aesthetic point of view, there are a whole host of other benefits as well. Raymond provides the top 5 reasons why wet rooms are a great addition to any home:

1. **Accessibility:** The wet room layout is particularly suited to those individuals whose mobility is restricted, such as the elderly and the disabled, explains Raymond: "Since the shower floor is flush with the rest of the bathroom's floor, access to the shower is very easy, with very little chance of tripping over a step or edging."
2. **Adds value:** Bathrooms are particularly susceptible to leaks and water seepage. By installing a wet room, you are essentially negating any chance of this, as the majority of the room will have been waterproofed. "This is a great asset with regards to protecting the long-term structural integrity of your home, and if the room is waterproofed professionally, it will no doubt save you lots on maintenance with regards to rising damp and leaks in the future," says Raymond
3. **Maximises space:** A wet room is an especially great option for smaller bathrooms, Raymond explains: "Seeing that they don't require any bulky shower enclosures, shower doors or bathtubs, this particular layout is able to maximise the floor space on hand. Visually, it also opens up an area, which will make it appear large than it actually is."
4. **Easy cleaning:** Raymond says that one of the most practical benefits of a wet room is the fact that they are super easy to keep clean: "Since the environment is wet, normal household bathroom cleaners can be used throughout this room to disinfect it, ensure the mould and mildew is kept at bay, and to keep it looking sparkling and new. Since the shower floor is flush with the rest of the floor, there are no difficult-to-reach shower door

grooves and crannies that need to be cleaned – just wipe down the whole floor at once.”

5. **Increased design options:** If designed and built correctly, a wet room can look incredibly stylish and add that “wow” factor to any home, notes Raymond: “Boasting an attractively minimalist design, a wet room can let the materials that are used take centre stage, such as wood, stone, concrete and tile for example. Also, it is a great design option for awkwardly shaped bathrooms, as you can fit the essentials into virtually any space. For example, take a bathroom located in the eaves of the roof – usually, the awkward spaces under any low-lying eaves would be left vacant, however, you can easily design a wet room around these.”

Raymond concludes: “Wet rooms are practical, space-saving, and budget-friendly with regards to what is needed in order to fit them out. They are a great option if you would like to make a bedroom an en-suite, as they require very little space. They are also a great addition with regards to the environment, as showering is always a more water-friendly way of cleaning than filling a bath.”

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