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Looking For a Bargain? Find It At The 2009 Kitchen and Bath Show

Atlanta show offers attractive products at attractive prices for builders and kitchen/bath designers in the downturn.

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Chances are your business is down, but here's to hoping it's not out. That means what you need during this lull is a way to keep costs down while you wait for the economy to improve. One way to do this? Find great deals on useful or distinctive products.

Enter the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show in Atlanta. This annual event draws kitchen and bath designers, architects, and contractors looking for the latest and greatest offerings for the two most important rooms in the house. And the while the show traditional has been a smorgasbord of tricked-out showers, appliances on steroids, and shiny faucets, there is always a bargain or two amidst the glitz and glam, but you just have to do some digging.

To help you make the most of your time at the show, BUILDER has rustled up a handful of new products that not only look good, but will also keep some greenbacks in your pocket.

Teragren: The manufacturer has expanded its countertops with three new options that include vertical grain caramelized bamboo with a strand bamboo core. Bacteria-resistant and formaldehyde-free, the tops are pre-finished with a food-safe mineral oil/beeswax. Priced between \$26 to \$32 per square foot, the tops measure 1 1/2 inches thick and come in two sizes. www.teragren.com.

