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ADEX AWARDS HONOR ELKAY[®] SINKS AND FAUCETS
Four Award-winning Elkay Sinks and Faucets Recognized for Design Excellence

OAK BROOK, IL – July 2009 – Continually striving to create innovative, stylish solutions to complement an array of decors, Elkay sinks and faucets once again achieve top recognition from professionals in the design industry. Elkay's Avado[®] Accent, Gourmet[™] e-granite[™] and Pursuit[™] sinks, as well as Elkay's Ella[™] faucet received Platinum, Gold and Silver honors in the 2009 *Design Journal* "Award for Design Excellence (ADEX)" Competition. Judged by industry professionals representing a cross-section of key players in the design business, the ADEX Awards are considered the largest and most prestigious award program for the design of furniture, fixtures and finishes.

Winning the competition's highest honor, a Platinum Award, Elkay's Avado Accent (EFT402211) sink features a sleek modular design with custom-sized accessories ranging from colanders to cutting boards - ideal for keeping the kitchen in order. The Avado Accent encourages homeowners to make an individual statement in their home, while adding a new organizational element to the kitchen creating the highest level of streamlined functionality. The award-winning, top mount Elkay Avado Accent sink includes a smaller, four-inch deep, long trough bowl in the area behind a large rectangular 11-inch deep single bowl, rather than the typical side-by-side configuration. This inventive bowl placement is ideal for at-home chefs to soak or

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defrost items in the back bowl, while still being able to utilize the front bowl for food prep and clean-up. Elkay's Avado Accent sinks are made from ultra-thick, commercial-grade 16 gauge stainless steel, boasting a Polished Satin finish and square, zero-radius corners which provide a truly commercially-inspired, symmetrical design.

ADEX honored Elkay's Pursuit sink family with a Gold Award. This sink collection provides homeowners and designers alike with a sink solution that extends the home's living space to the patio, garage, greenhouse and beyond. Made from premium stainless steel with increased anti-corrosive properties and a designer exterior, the indoor, utility and outdoor Pursuit sinks can take on any challenge – be it for a chore, outdoors or to explore. Utilizing type 316 stainless steel, Elkay's Pursuit sinks will withstand heavy-duty cleansers and changing climates ranging from California to Connecticut. Elkay's Pursuit sinks are available in 17 different bowl configurations, including seven top mounts, nine undermount options and one free standing unit. All models feature 18 gauge type 316 nickel-bearing stainless steel, which is more resistant to chlorides, salt air and other harsh elements. The gently curved corners promote easy cleaning and the spacious deep sink bowls (from six to 14 inches) feature an enhanced Sound Guard[®] undercoating for a more peaceful experience at the sink.

Elkay's Gourmet e-granite secondary, food prep sink (ELG1515BK) was honored by ADEX as a Silver Award winner. The sink's modern take on a material with old world charm effortlessly accentuates several design styles from popular contemporary to transitional. A combination of granite silica and acrylic resin, Elkay's Gourmet e-granite sinks are molded under extreme heat and pressure to create a

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durable, yet aesthetically-pleasing natural stone feel and texture. Created from up to 85 percent granite silica, e-granite sinks withstand scratches and chipping and resist heat damage up to 536 degrees. The e-granite's heat-resistant design makes it a perfect landing pad for hot pots and pans, as the heat will not affect the texture or appearance of the sink, which is offered in black, white, mocha and bisque. Ideal for any indoor or outdoor kitchen, bar or hospitality setting, the e-granite features a non-porous surface, which prevents staining and reduces any absorption of bacteria or odors.

Receiving a Silver ADEX Award for its design excellence, Elkay's Ella stainless steel faucet (LK7720PSS) showcases clean lines, soft curves and a beautiful transitional form. Elkay's Ella faucets feature solid stainless steel construction on their base, handle and spout, providing homeowners and designers with a strong, confident faucet family that ensures the flow of healthy water. Ella faucets have a nearly indestructible non-corrosive surface that retains its' "like new" luster for decades. Featuring a joystick handle, which can be easily turned on and off, even when multi-tasking, Elkay's Ella faucets are also versatile, resilient and hygienic. The Ella faucets perfectly complement any stainless steel sink from Elkay and pairing the two can create a more consistent, finished look in the kitchen.

Design Journal, the international trade publication for interior designers, architects and facility managers is the proud sponsor of the ADEX Awards. The 2009 ADEX Awards Competition had more than 500 companies entering more than 2,000 products. Each category has potential for three award levels of platinum, gold or silver. In 2008, Elkay had four sinks in The Mystic™ family that were ADEX award winners,

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one Platinum, two Gold and one Silver. In 2007, Elkay's Avado Integrated Work Surface sink was awarded a Platinum ADEX.

For more than 89 years, Elkay has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks, water coolers, drinking fountains and faucets for residential and commercial use. Elkay, which is ranked 57th in *Crain's Chicago Business* list of Chicago's Largest Privately-Held Companies, has more than 3,600 employees in facilities across the United States and select international markets. Elkay is also a member of key industry associations including the U.S. Green Building Council [USGBC], the American Society of Interior Designers [ASID], the National Kitchen & Bath Association [NKBA], and the Plumbing Manufacturers' Institute [PMI].

Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana[®], Phylrich[®] International and Elkay China. Elkay is America's number one selling stainless steel sink company. The Elkay Manufacturing Cabinetry Division is the fourth largest cabinet manufacturer in the U.S. with its Yorktowne[®] Cabinetry, Medallion[®] Cabinetry and Mastercraft[®] Cabinets holdings.

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