

look at the Lumen ambient, an ultra-luxe commode from the house of Roca which will be yours for the using at a neat Rs 4.5 lakh.

The Lumen ambient has an in-built toilet seat with 'user proximity' sensors that automatically raise the seat and the cover when needed. What's more? This chic facility even comes with a remote control which can be used to lift the seat and cover if you so desire.

But as they say, there's no such thing as too much luxury. With the Lumen ambient, you also get a seat-heater with temperature control options. Even the washing functions post the toilet regimen are digitally manipulated with temperature-controlled water. There are self-cleaning nozzles and wash options that adjust according to various seating positions. And, there are different flushing choices that help to conserve water.

Cutting-edge technology is also employed by Roca's Plasma Cluster, a part of the Lumen ambient gadget, a deodorising operation for the bathroom. Cleanliness freaks need not empty bottles of aerosol deodorants in their luxury loos anymore.

Simply switch to the Plasma Cluster gadget which uses plasma to generate ions that are subsequently released into

Be prepared to shell out lakhs to experience the ultimate in bathroom luxury from top-ranking brands

the air removing all offending odours. And the best part is that you don't even have to lift a finger to operate it. The device simply kickstarts whenever its sensors detect someone in front of the toilet.

Techno controls are particularly essential with the complex showers that are now being made. Kohler's pre-programmed showering configurations have exotic options like 'downpour,' 'unwind' and 'envelop,' that can be enhanced or altered by pressing a button.

At the other end of the bathroom luxury spectrum is lighting. Mumbai architectural firm, Bobby Mukherjee Associates, is extensively using a digital lighting system for toilets called Lutron Panel that's the last word in bespoke illumination.

In bathroom spaces, the Lutron

Panel offers the option to regulate the lighting pattern without, for instance, getting out of your relaxing bubble bath. Apart from this, the panel has an array of pre-set lighting moods that can be customised at will.

And in case you want to live it up in real style, there are customised swimming pool options from Technology Pools that are digitally operated for both indoor and outdoor spaces. They specialise in indoor swimming pools that are heating and ventilation controlled.

"Digital manipulations have revolutionised the swimming pool concept. You even have the option of moving entire swimming pool floors with varying water depths at the press of a button," says Hemant Atrish, CEO, Technology Pools.

Within indoor spaces, a movable swimming pool floor has multiple functions. So an indoor pool can double as a dance floor or a reception area with just a press of a button. There's even the option of automatically covering your swimming pool with the help of a remote control as a child safety measure.

With so many options on offer, this is definitely the time to indulge in a bit of loo luxury. After all, in these busy times, that's the only place where you are alone. ♦



(From left) With the Lumen ambient from Roca, you get a seat-heater with temperature control options; The Ondus Aqua Fountain from Grohe is a futuristic shower system with digital keypad and LED display; In bathroom spaces, the Lutron Panel has an array of pre-set lighting moods that can be customised