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This week: Triflow taps

If you are an architect and discussing “the conceptual terms of fluidity and seamlessness”, then you are working in the offices of Zaha Hadid. But you are not designing the Aquatic Centre for the 2012 Olympics, silly. Fluidity and seamlessness: that’s taps.

Hadid is far from the first architect to turn a hand to ironmongery. Arne Jacobsen’s KV1 tap, designed for Vola in the Sixties, is still on sale. Sir Norman Foster waved his architectural imagination over bathroom fittings for Duravit. But only Zaha, architecture’s leading diva, purports to have designed the “tap of the future”, for Triflow.

The swooping cylinder has three channels, with a built-in filter in one, allowing your water to come to you uncontaminated. Triflow will even provide a reusable flask, so you can step out with your own water. If you are obsessed by Zaha Hadid, water quality, or have an apartment designed by the Candy Brothers, then perhaps you are investing in a Triflow. At around £5,000, it will mark you out as a person of means. Just like a bright red Lamborghini with personalised plates.

