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Franke Adds Color to Today's Kitchen with Newly Designed Granite Undermount Sink Series

Composed of 80% quartz to create a surface that is durable, non-porous and stain resistant; new companion Active-Plus Faucets come in eight finishes

NEW YORK, NY (May 14, 2016) – Franke, the largest stainless steel kitchen sink manufacturer in the world and a leading name in kitchen faucets, is showcasing its Granite Undermount Sink series at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) from May 14-17. The new line, now available for purchase in showrooms nationwide, comes in six hues inspired by nature and in nine elegant shapes; and features Franke's Active-Plus faucets in eight complementary finishes.

Franke's granite sinks have been designed with features that embody natural beauty and are enhanced by man-made ingenuity. Composed of 80% quartz, the most durable component of granite; and bonded with 20% acrylic resin, these sinks have an enduring, non-porous, stain resistant and heat resistant surface that can withstand continual use and is easy to clean. Additionally, Franke's custom-colored quartz is created using the heat of a kiln to ensure the sink's color will stand the test of time. These sinks are sure to complement any style and transform the look of any kitchen.

"Franke's granite sinks are both beautiful and practical," said Tammy Nixon, Senior Brand Manager, Franke Kitchen Systems. "They are scratch, stain and chip resistant. In fact, if you run a fork across the surface of one of our sinks, you'll notice that the only thing left behind is debris from the fork – and this can be easily removed."

Franke's Active-Plus Faucets combine contemporary design and performance – the perfect companion to a new Granite Undermount Sink. Available in eight elegant finishes, the faucets feature a dual function pull-out spray nozzle to easily switch between stream and spray; a 360-degree swivel spout that reaches every inch of the sink; an ergonomic handle to smoothly transition from hot to cold and on to off; and a flow rate that is compliant with CALGreen Standards of 1.75 gallons per minute (gpm).

Franke Granite Undermount Sinks pair superior functionality with impeccable craftsmanship. Key features include:

- **Innovative, Durable Design:** Made of 80% quartz, Franke's granite sinks are hard-wearing to prevent cracks, chips, scratches, stains or marks. Plus, the absence of polyester often used by other manufactures makes Franke's granite sinks ultra-heat-resistant with the capacity to withstand temperatures up to 536 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Franke's Integral Ledge:** Available on the Peak and Orca styles, Franke's Integral Ledge, the company's signature innovation, allows you to add accessories like wire rack shelves and newly developed roller mats to the sink, creating a multifunctional workplace.



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- **Hygiene:** Franke's granite sinks are treated with Sanitized® material protection, an antimicrobial product containing silver ions, which are embedded in each sink and inhibit and reduce the multiplication (or growth) of bacteria.

The Granite Undermount Sinks are sold exclusively at Franke retailers for a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) between \$429 and \$779. For more details on the new sink series and to find a store near you, visit www.franke.us/ks.

About Franke

Franke is the largest stainless steel kitchen sink manufacturer in the world and a leading name in kitchen faucets; hot- and cold-water filtration; topmount, undermount and apron front sinks; and waste disposers. The Franke Group is a world-leading provider of solutions and equipment for domestic kitchens, washrooms, professional food service, coffee preparation and beverage delivery. The group has 72 subsidiaries with more than 9,000 employees in 37 countries and generates consolidated sales of CHF 2.1 billion. For more information, visit www.franke.us/ks or call 800- 626-5771.

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