

Top-notch buyers visit 15th Edition of F&A Show in Bangalore

Exhibitors Upbeat about Enthusiastic Response

Visitors Appreciate Product-Mix



The buzz around the F&A Show - Fabrics & Accessories Trade Show was almost palpable. F&A Show has emerged as one of the most important one's in the textile industry's calendar, the 15th edition of the F&A Show which was held from 3 to 5 March 2017 just showed why it is considered so. Stakeholders from the industry ranging from top CEOs, Chairmen, Managing Directors, Partners, Senior Merchandisers, Executives from International Buying Houses & Agents, Garment Manufacturers & Exporters, Fashion Designers, Apparel Brands, Retail Chains, and Trade Body Representatives, among others, converged at Trade Centre, KTPO, Whitefield Bangalore for sourcing and networking.

The latest edition of the show saw over 148 exhibitors display a wide array of fabrics and accessories. The eye catching range of fibres, yarns, trims, apparel fabrics, embellishments and services were the cynosure of all eyes at the event, as potential buyers got to see from close quarters products that were emerging as game changers. The event received impressive 3811 business visitors from around the world, including places such as the USA, Spain, France, UK, Germany, China, Indonesia, Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Hong Kong etc.

The show was inaugurated by Mr. Thomas Varghese - Business Head, Textiles, Acrylic fibre & Overseas Spinning, Aditya Birla Group (Textiles), Mumbai and Mr. Nitin Prasad, VP & Hub Leader, PVH Indian Sub-Continent Hub, PVH (India) Ltd.,

One of the key highlights of the show was a contingent from Sri Lanka who had especially flown in for the event. The delegates were unanimous in their praise for the way in which the event was organized and for the wide variety of products that were on display at the event. They felt that the event provided the ideal platform for stakeholders in the textile industry from both the countries to get to know each other's requirements and do business.

Like in the previous years, this edition too had groups of sourcing teams from leading buying houses & garment manufacturing / exporting units from Bangalore. A group of sourcing professionals also came down exclusively from Tirupur from various buying houses and garment manufacturing units.

The event saw a lively and highly informative panel discussion and interactive session by the Business Networking Forum, on topic 'Sustainability', where top personalities from the industry participated including Mr. Thomas Varghese - Business Head, Textiles, Acrylic fibre & Overseas Spinning, Aditya Birla Group (Textiles), Mumbai, Mr. Atul Ujagar - Managing Director, Nike (India; Sri Lanka; Pakistan), Mr. Nikhil Hirdaramani - Director, Hirdaramani Group, Sri Lanka, Dr. Naresh Tyagi (CSO - Aditya Birla Fashion), Head - PDQA & Business Excellence (Madura Fashion & Lifestyle), Bangalore, The discussion was moderated by Ms. Daisy Mistri, Ex COO, Gokaldas Exports Ltd.

There was near unanimous approval amongst the exhibitors about the rising stature of the F&A Show. Commenting on the same, Mr. Eberhard Ganns, Managing Director, Union Knopf (HK) Limited, stated, "We had started participating in this show about 4 years ago. I must say that this show is really outstanding. 2017 was in my opinion a breakthrough edition.