

Source Innovative Fabrics & Accessories At This Year's Performance Days

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PERFORMANCE DAYS functional fabric fair is an internationally renowned platform for the sourcing of high performance fabrics and accessories. Synchronized with the seasonal sourcing schedule of the collection's KickOff, the Munich-based trade fair makes it possible for professionals from across supply chains to source innovative new fabrics. Every April/May and October/November, the fair offers an entire range of functional products – from yarns to fabrics, finishes, and accessories.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Functional Fabric Fair powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS journeyed across the Atlantic in July, taking place in the Javits Center in New York! With around 70 exhibitors and 1.200 visitors, the launch of the inaugural event is a success story. You can read all about it here: www.functionalfabricfair.com

In Munich, PERFORMANCE DAYS moves to the new location at Messe München, which will be held from November 28-29th, 2018 in Hall C1. Visitors can expect on the 10,000sqm premises many innovations - courtesy of the exhibition hall's new design options. The area will be split into four large Boulevards which include the: FOCUS TOPIC & MARKETPLACE, EXPERT TALKS, PERFORMANCE FORUM and FOOD COURT. There will also be the GUIDED TOURS SQUARE, which has received an upgrade with the new Guided Tours *Plus*, which will combine traditional tours through the fair with a short but intense workshop.

296 exhibitors from 29 countries, with more than 100 new suppliers, await the visitors to showcase their latest innovations and developments in fabrics and accessories. New suppliers include: 3M Thinsulate & Scotchgard, Alge Elastics, Chargeurs Wool, dtb, e.dye, Formosa Taffeta, Gütermann, Kyodo, Rudolf as well as the Hohenstein Group, as workshop exhibitor. Well-known brands are Concept III, Kingwhale, Optimer Brands/drirelease, Pertex, Polartec and many more. A plethora of textile coating and solutions experts will be in attendance to showcase their latest innovations, these include: ACG Accent, Coats Thread, Nilit, Polygiene, Prym, Radici, Rudholm & Haak, Safe Reflections, Thermore and YKK. Garment makers in attendance include Barco, Bodynits, Flomak, Makalot, Omnitekasa, Right Sport Apparels and Toray. The entire exhibitor list is online at www.performancedays.com

THE PERFORMANCE DAYS' SUCCESS STORY: UNIQUE FRAMEWORK

At PERFORMANCE DAYS, buyers can search for potential suppliers and products in a database of over 3,600 fabrics and accessories with the possibility to submit a 'sample request' or an 'appointment request' to promote work efficiency.

Only on-site at the fair can you find the brand-new MARKETPLACE where stock fabrics can be purchased in smaller quantities without any lead time! An extensive programme of Workshops, Expert Talks, and Guided Tours by internationally well-recognized orators serves as free source for (advanced) education and inspiration. The entire program is online with the possibility to create a customised schedule. Also all previous Expert Talks are available online as audio and pdf file. One of the Expert Talks is dedicated to the unique PERFORMANCE COLORS by Nora Kühner color card presenting the industry's trend colours two years in advance. The free digital colour card is equipped with the codes of DyStar/CSI, Archroma, Coloro and Pantone and, also offers a guide for light and washing colour fastness.



THE FOCUS TOPIC: WATER - OUR RESPONSIBILITY

In November 2018, the Focus Topic is "Water- Our Responsibility". The Earth's resources are finite and the textile industry, in particular, plays a very significant role in creating waste water and water pollution in the production of fibres and fabrics. The FOCUS TOPIC is on display in its own Boulevard with detailed information plus the exhibitors latest innovations regarding the theme. And, all Expert Talks on the second fair day are dedicated to new approaches to protect and conserve our water resources.

All previous Focus Topics are online in the Library to review, these include: 'Wool – A Responsible Approach', 'Athleisure - Rethinking Performance Knits', "Recycled? Challenges & Opportunities", 'Hybrids - Engineered Through All Layers', 'Biodegradable – Back to Nature', 'Thermal Technologies – From Fibre to Smart Textiles' and 'Cooling Technologies – Beat the Heat'.

PERFORMANCE DAYS is the perfect sourcing platform for functional fabrics and accessories. So register now for your free entrance ticket to become part of the growing functional fabric fair's community! Follow PERFORMANCE DAYS on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay updated.