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The three-day APLF 2026 concluded on 14 March at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, welcoming over 10,000 industry professionals, 500+ exhibitors from 36 countries and regions, and 19 international pavilions.

Once again, APLF reinforced its role as a key business platform for the global leather, materials, and fashion supply chain. Despite a cautious market environment, the fair delivered a focused and efficient experience through business matching, targeted networking, and high-quality discussions. Alongside purposeful sourcing, the event also featured conferences, seminars, and special programmes including Education Day, offering valuable insights into sustainability, material innovation, and industry trends.



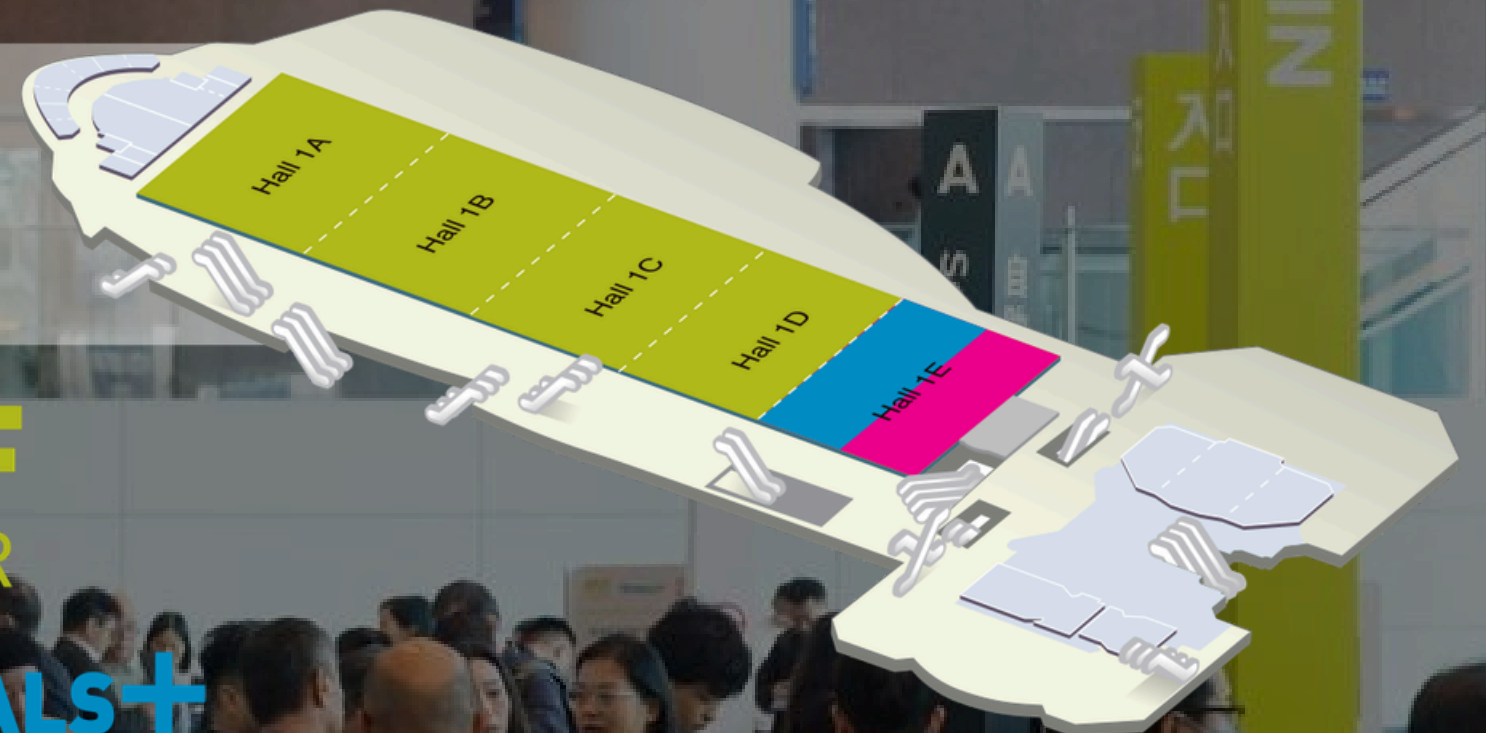
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Halls 1A-E | 22,000+ square meters

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EXHIBIT PROFILE

- Hides & Skins
- Wetblue and Crust
- Finished Leather for Bags, Footwear, Accessories, Garments, Upholstery
- Exotic Skins
- Tanning and Finishing Machines
- Chemicals and Dyes
- Release Paper
- Leather-Making Tools
- Testing & Consultation Services

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EXHIBIT PROFILE

MATERIALS+

- Functional Materials
- Sustainable Materials
- Woven & Natural Materials
- Shoe Components
- Fashion Hardware
- Machinery, Tools & Supplies
- Advanced Fashion Technologies



EXHIBIT PROFILE

- Bags
- Footwear
- Fashion Accessories
- Leather Garments
- Cashmere
- Small Leather Goods

FASHION
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EXHIBITOR FIGURES



500+ Exhibitors from 36 countries and regions*

- Argentina
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- China
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Portugal
- Paraguay
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Spain
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Türkiye
- UK
- United Arab Emirates
- USA
- Vietnam



*Including exhibitors of concurrent APLF-Leather, Materials+ and Fashion Access

19 group pavilions from 15 countries and regions*

Australia, Brazil, China (2), France (2), Germany, India (2), Italy (2), Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Türkiye and USA



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EXHIBITOR SAYS

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From the Arzignano district to Hong Kong — the same approach, on a larger stage.

Syn-Bios featured in the latest issues of [Mpa_Style](#), Tannery International, and Shoes&Bags.

At [APLF](#) Hong Kong 2026, Syn-Bios SpA reinforced its international positioning through a portfolio of advanced solutions.

From the INK FOR LEATHER® SPRAY technology to the METAL-FREE pigment series and the FLOGASYN® line for flameproof leather, each development reflects a precise R&D approach focused on performance, compliance, and evolving market requirements.

This approach is supported by a structured sustainability framework, including ZDHC Level 3 (MRSL V3.1) certification and internationally recognized standards.

Read the full article to explore Syn-Bios' technologies.



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🌐 Officine di Cartigliano at APLF 2026 – Hong Kong

What an extraordinary edition — one that truly reflects the strength, identity, and forward-looking spirit of our company.

Our sales team — Area Managers Stefano Carlotto, Mario Peserico, and James Antonio Storero — is here in Hong Kong meeting partners, friends, and professionals from every corner of the world.

Conversations, ideas, and shared visions are shaping the future of the leather industry, and we are proud to be part of this global movement.

🌟 The innovation everyone is talking about: AIR BREEZE

A breakthrough technology that redefines thermal leather treatment.

A gentle breeze, a low-temperature airflow that embraces the leather and enhances its roundness, fullness, and consistency.

It's not just a new process — it's a new feeling.

A new way of imagining quality.

A new standard for perception.

📌 AIR BREEZE: The touch of air the industry was waiting for.

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🌐 Officine di Cartigliano ad APLF 2026 – Hong Kong

Un'edizione straordinaria, con una partecipazione che conferma la forza e la visione della nostra azienda.

Il nostro team vendite, con gli Area Manager [Stefano Carlotto](#), [Mario Peserico](#), e [James Antonio Storero](#) è presente per incontrare partner e professionisti da tutto il [#mondo](#) e condividere le [#evoluzioni](#) tecnologiche che stanno ridefinendo il settore della [#pelle](#).

🌟 La novità che sta attirando l'attenzione: AIR BREEZE

La nuova tecnologia must HAVE che riscrive il trattamento termico della pelle.

AIR BREEZE introduce un approccio completamente nuovo:

una brezza gentile, un flusso d'aria a bassa temperatura che accarezza la pelle, donandole, [#rotondità](#), [#pienezza](#) e [#consistenza](#)

Una [#tecnologia](#) che porta la pelle a un livello superiore di qualità e percezione.

📌 AIR BREEZE: Il tocco d'aria che non c'era.

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Wrapping Up [APLF](#) 2026 Hong Kong — A Milestone Event for CPL

What an incredible few days at APLF 2026 in Hong Kong. This year's edition was truly special for CPL, marking one of our most successful participations to date.

From the honour of having our Chairman take part in the Opening Ceremony, to a dynamic Business Round filled with meaningful conversations and new opportunities, the event showcased the strength and momentum of our industry.

But the real highlight was the remarkable number of visitors who came by our booth. We had the chance to connect with partners, clients, and new faces from all over the world — each interaction reinforcing why APLF remains such a key platform for us.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who visited, engaged, and supported us throughout the fair. And of course, to our dedicated CPL team whose energy and professionalism made this participation outstanding.

Here's to continued growth, collaboration, and innovation.
See you at the next edition!!



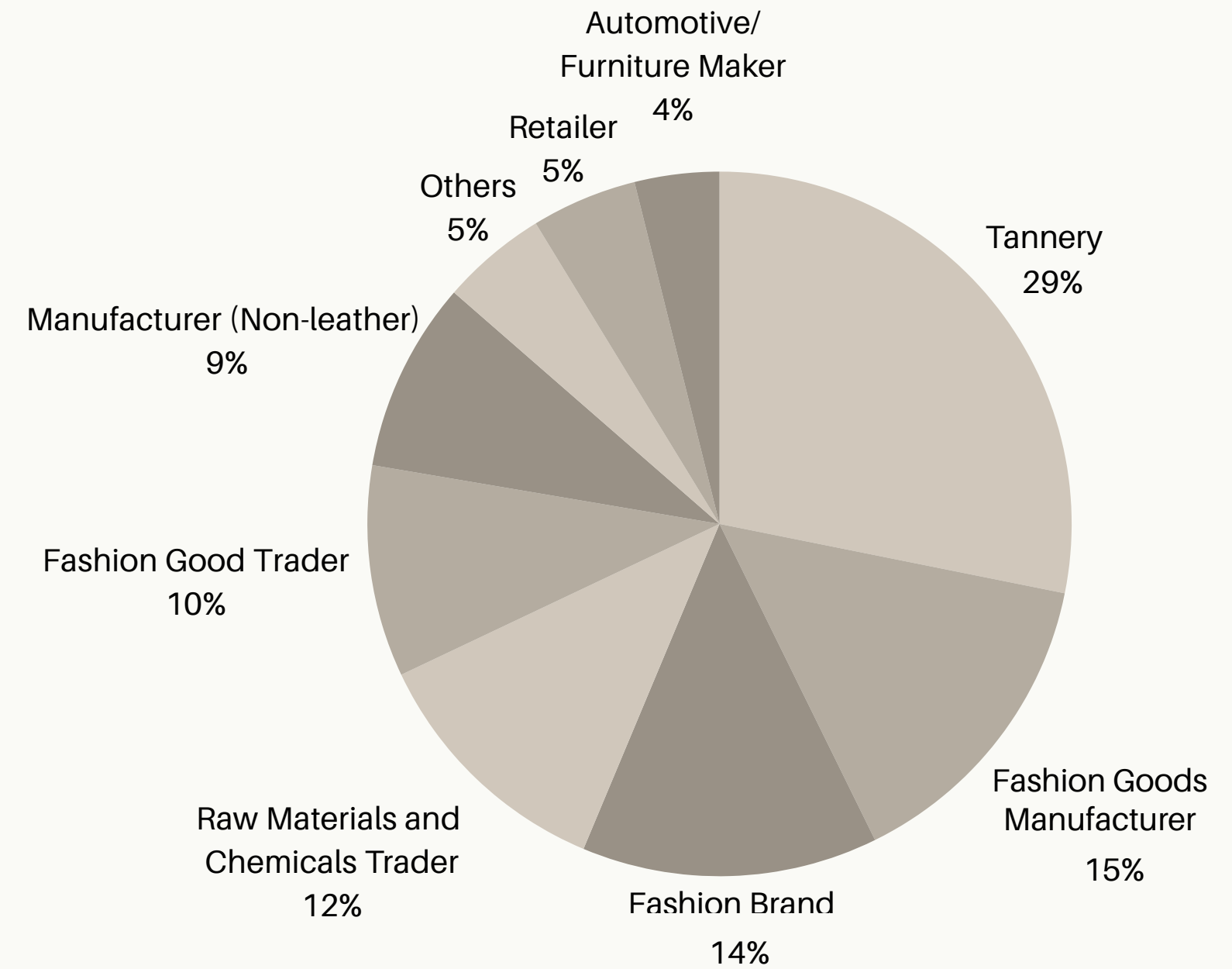
VISITOR FIGURES

The show attracted 10,000+ visitors from 66 countries and regions, representing diverse sectors including tanning, fashion, footwear, leather goods, and materials.

Top Visiting Countries / Regions



BUSINESS NATURE



VIP BUYERS



- Munro Footwear Group
- ANTA Sports 安踏
- Charles & Keith
- Clarks
- Deckers Brands
- EP Yaying 雅莹集团
- Fila
- G-III Apparel Group
- Hailan 海澜之家
- ICICLE 之禾
- Toyota
- IKEA
- K-Boxing 劲霸男装
- Kolon Sport 可隆体育
- Kuka 顾家
- Kunogigi 古良吉吉
- Leapmotor 零跑科技
- Man Wah Holdings Ltd 敏华家具
- Melon Fashion
- MICHAEL KORS
- Mo & Co 爱帛服饰
- Nike
- PVH
- Ralph Lauren
- Songmont 山下有松
- Top Score 天创时尚
- Under Armour
- BMW
- Centric Brands
- Fossil Group
- Gap inc
- Under Armour

And More.....

BUYER SAYS



Overall, the show exceeded our expectations. It's not only about raw materials, but also hardware, finished goods, and innovation. We've made valuable new connections and identified several suppliers we plan to follow up with. We see strong potential in continuing our engagement with APLF, whether returning as a visitor or potentially participating as an exhibitor in the future.

— **Siripanya Prasopchok, Head of Business Development, Compliance, & Business Improvement of Adiantes, Thailand**



Compared to other international fairs, APLF is far more efficient, with strong pre-show engagement and targeted supplier matching that connects us directly with relevant partners. At the event, we strengthened ties with existing suppliers, found new partners, and sourced high-quality materials that meet our expectations.

— **Vanessa Yao, President of ICICLE Accessory, China**



APLF offers superior organisation, effective pre-show engagement, and targeted supplier matching that connects us directly with relevant partners. Exhibitors are eager to develop the Asian market, leading to more attentive and meaningful discussions. I found APLF was well organised, efficient and productive for connecting with relevant suppliers.

— **Suresh Kumar Jagan, Global Head of Materials, Clarks India Services**

BUYER SURVEY RESULT

In a market where time, precision and relevance matter more than ever, APLF continues to deliver a sourcing experience that is focused, efficient, and results-driven.

70%

Buyers **generated sourcing outcomes**

80%

Buyers found new **suppliers** during their visit

85%

Said APLF **improved their sourcing efficiency**. 40% said it did so significantly

Banofi Biomaterials - Banofi®



- Plant-based leather made from 40% banana crop waste & natural additives
- Processed into sheets through a proprietary lamination and curing system
- Reduces CO₂ emissions by 97% & water by 93–95% compared with animal & synthetic leathers
- Color & texture can be customized

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TECH TALK STAGE

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BUSINESS MATCHING

On the morning of Day 2 at APLF 2026, a curated Business Matching session brought together 100 buyers and 100 exhibitors in a highly focused format.



100 Buyers



100 Exhibitors

“The business matching sessions were highly aligned with my requirements, making the sourcing process efficient and productive.”

— True to You (Rainbou brand)



1000 Meetings in 2 hr

“The ‘speed dating’ format is extremely efficient. We do a quick introduction, and interested buyers then come directly to our booth. This means we don’t have to repeat the same introduction multiple times — we can immediately move on to sampling and price discussions.”

— Tannerie Arnal SAS

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LEATHER SUPPLY CHAIN CONFERENCE 2026

The Great Reset

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Held on the day before APLF, the Leather Supply Chain Conference 2026, themed *The Great Reset*, brought together around 90 industry delegates to address critical challenges shaping the future—sustainability, AI, and traceability. Discussions revealed a clear direction: leather’s value is real but under-communicated, technology is ready but underutilised, and progress depends on reliable, verifiable data. Sustainability, traceability, and quality are no longer separate efforts but one integrated system. The key challenge is not innovation, but industry-wide adoption and alignment.

→ For full agenda please [CLICK HERE](#).



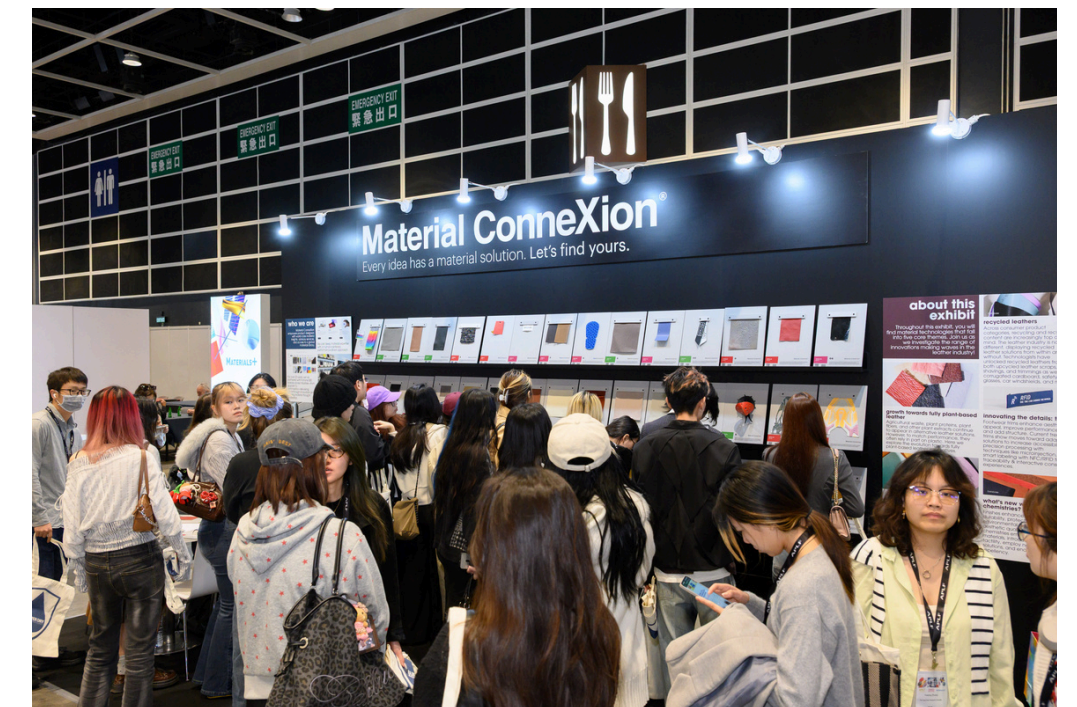
TREND SPACES

The Trend Space showcased APLF's Spring-Summer 2027 colour, leather & material trends, showcased new synergies between emotion, material and the spirit. Meanwhile, Materials+ collaboration with Material ConneXion curated a selection of materials for the Future Materials Zone, highlighting innovations that are not just new, but relevant, scalable, and aligned with commercial realities.

→ [CLICK HERE](#) to see the SS27 Colour and Material Trends, and [HERE](#) to see the FW26/27 Product Trends.



APLF Colour, Leather & Material Trends Space
Curated by Olivier Guillemin of [o,o]
in collaboration with the Comité Français de la Couleur



Future Material Zone
Curated by Material ConneXion

NEXTGEN FASHION MATERIAL TECHTALK

Launched for the first time at Materials+, the NextGen Fashion Material TechTalk focused not just on innovation, but on what comes next — how to commercialise and scale new materials. Bringing together material innovators, researchers and industry players, the programme highlighted a clear shift in the conversation: from breakthrough ideas to real-world application.

→ Read the tech talk report [CLICK HERE](#).

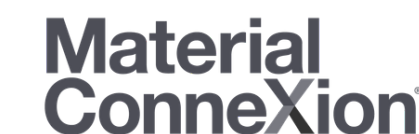
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BEST OF APLF AWARDS

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The Best of APLF Awards recognised the outstanding exhibitors from APLF Leather, Materials+, and Fashion Access 2026. This recognition establishes a guide and standard for future exhibitors in the industry.

→ For a complete list of winners, please [CLICK HERE](#).



DESIGN-A-BAG COMPETITION



Design-A-Bag online competition is the only bag designing event of its kind, uniting designers and design students globally at Fashion Access to showcase innovative creations across diverse cultures. With a remarkable 55% surge in entries from 52 countries. Three finalists presented their designs during APLF 2026, where Phan Nguyen Hoai Thuong from Vietnam was crowned the overall winner, taking home a design course at Arsutoria School in Milan; The 1st Runner-Up, winning a training course at Simona Tanning's Vietnam facility.

→ Learn more about DAB, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Overall Winner
THE UNBOWED BAG



1st Runner-Up
BERLIN BAG



2nd Runner-Up
BELONGING



EDUCATION DAY PROGRAM

An Initiative of Next Leather Fashion Designers Program



Education Day bridges the gap between academic theory and industry practice, giving local fashion students direct access to the leather and fashion supply chain. Through expert-led sessions, guided tradeshow tour, students learned about sustainable leather from Simona Tanning, gained brand-building insights from the founder of Cafuné, and participated in a leather crafting workshop. From learning to creating to connecting, the program equips emerging designers with essential real-world skills for their future careers.

→ Learn more about the Next Leather Fashion Designers Program, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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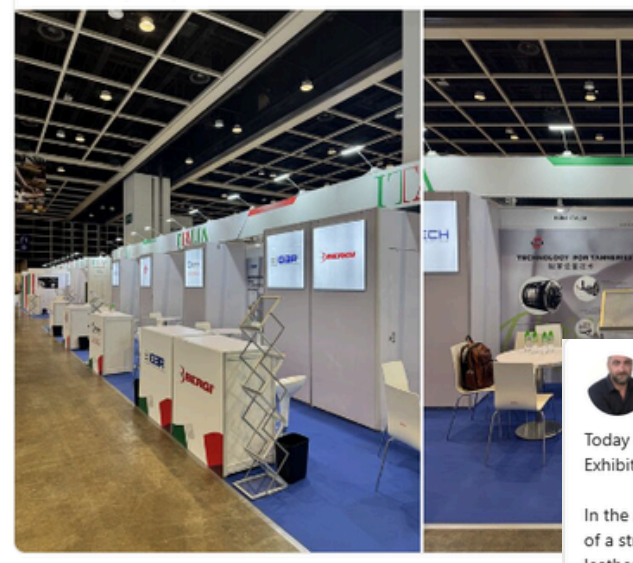
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C-level Senior Executive with international business track record in...
Mission accomplished at APLF Hong Kong 2026! 11x Three intense days of immersion in the global market. **Ricardo Peres** and I were on-site, prioritizing strategic networking and eng long-time clients and new leads. We took the opportunity to strengthen the positioning of NOKO QUÍMICA NOKOPIEL with a special focus on our high-performance solutions for Ret Fatliquoring, and Finishing. Beyond showcasing our portfolio, we closely monitored the new technolo fashion trends that will drive the tanning industry in the coming seasons. Despite a challenging global landscape, we return confident that we are fu prepared to deliver the technical support and innovation the industry dem Stronger partnerships and a clear vision for the future! 🍷🍷

Peter Mastelic • 3rd+
President/CEO Hüni AG Process Controls
Another APLF, we welcome all visitors and for all in Asia come and more about our drum production in China for the Asian market

Hüni
Good Morning Hongkong! Come visit us at our booth 1A-E18-10

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#APLF2026 #LeatherChemicals #Retanning #Fatliquor #Finishing #Tanneries #Nokopiel #NokoQuimica APLF Noko Quimica



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The leather industry is truly global, and APLF Hong Kong is one of the places where this global market comes together every year. From today, the OSMO and @hfsrl srl team is present at the exhibition to meet clients, partners, and professionals from across the international leather supply chain. Events like APLF are essential opportunities to exchange ideas, understand new market needs, and continue developing effective solutions for leather treatment and finishing. If you are attending the fair, we look forward to welcoming you at Hall1A stand 1B-A19.

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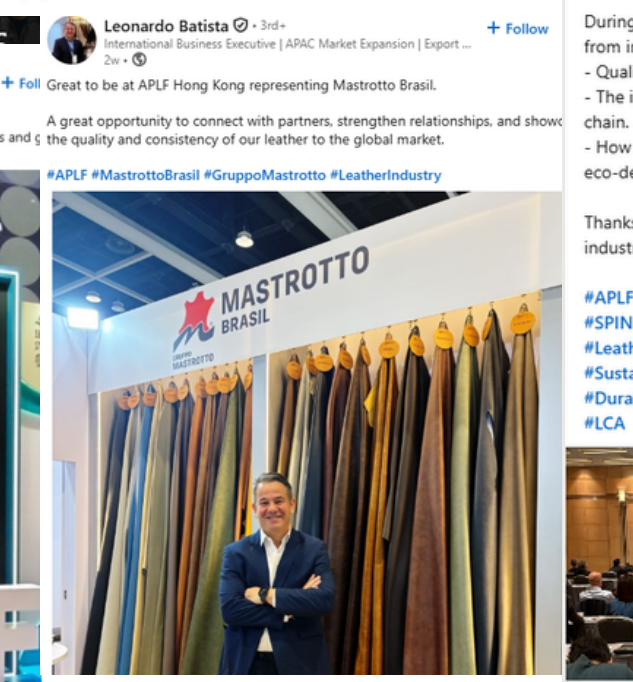
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Federico Brugnoli • 2nd
FOUNDER & CEO SPIN 360
Today I had the pleasure of speaking at APLF, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, during the Leather Supply Chain Conference 2026.

In the session titled "Sustainable Quality and Durability", I discussed the importance of a strategic interaction between the environmental and technical performances of leather.

During the presentation, I shared key insights on how the leather industry can move from intentions to measurable impact, focusing on:

- Quality as a prerequisite for product durability,
- The interaction between environmental and technical performance along the value chain,
- How extending product durability through innovation, material selection, and eco-design remains the most effective strategy to reduce environmental impact.

Thanks to APLF for providing the platform discussion to exchange perspectives with industry leaders and innovators from across the leather value chain.

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#SPIN360
#LeatherValueChain
#Sustainability
#Durability
#LCA



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Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

cotance_eu The @metaskills4rfl_eu project took centre stage at @aplf_events Hong Kong (11-12 March 2026), with COTANCE showcasing how the European #leather industry is tackling the skills and education challenge.

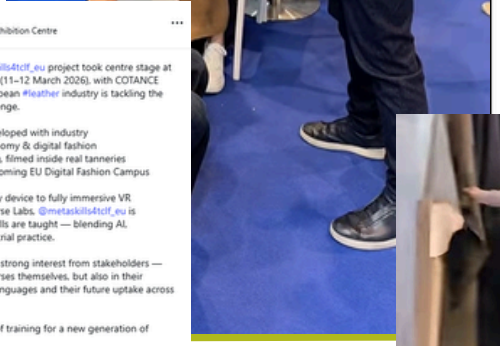
- 36 micro-courses developed with industry
- Focus on circular economy & digital fashion
- Immersive VR learning, filmed inside real tanneries
- Accessible via the upcoming EU Digital Fashion Campus

From 360° learning on any device to fully immersive VR experiences in 12 Metavene Labs, @metaskills4rfl_eu is redefining how leather skills are taught — blending AI, innovation and real industrial practice.

We were delighted to see strong interest from stakeholders — not only in the micro-courses themselves, but also in their expansion into multiple languages and their future uptake across the sector.

This is a new generation of training for a new generation of leather professionals.

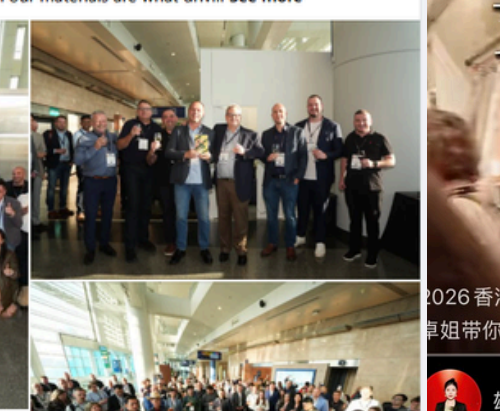
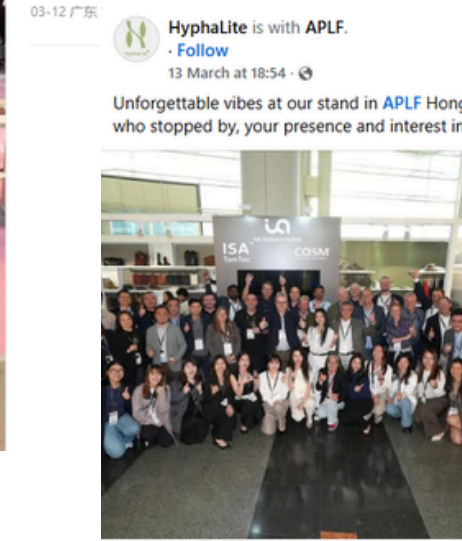
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工业之美 璀璨而有力量
香港亚太皮革展第一天，此次展会汇集19个国家地区的国家展团，一如既往本届展会将成为释放市场信号的重要平台#展会现场#真皮#合成革#鞋包工厂#剪映#字幕识别#视频剪辑

03-12 广东

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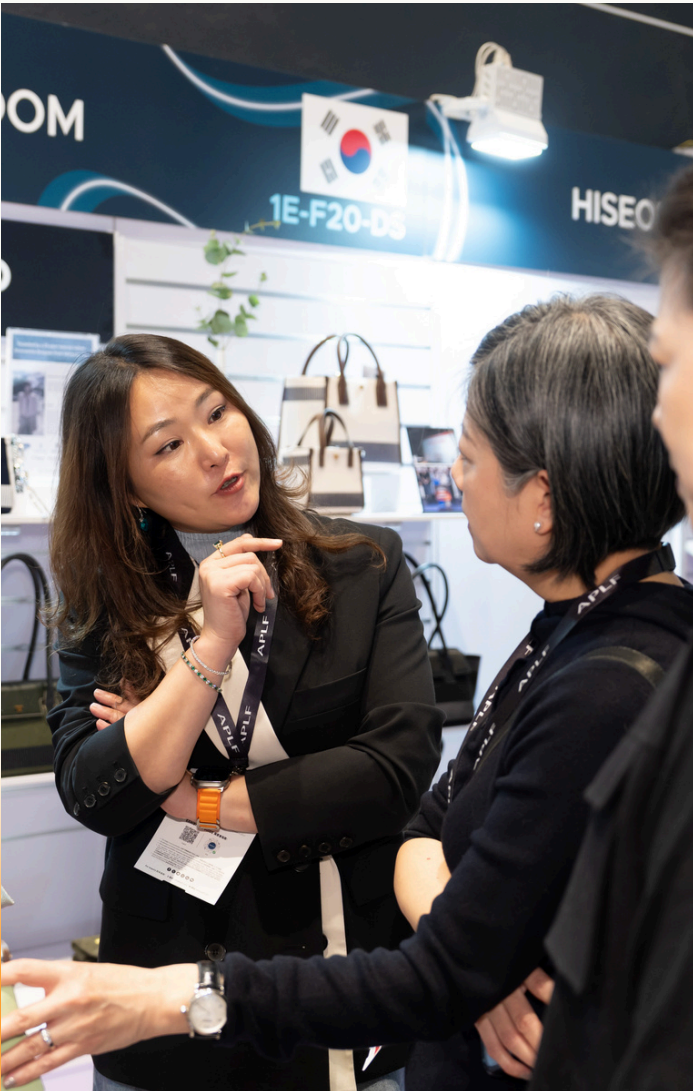


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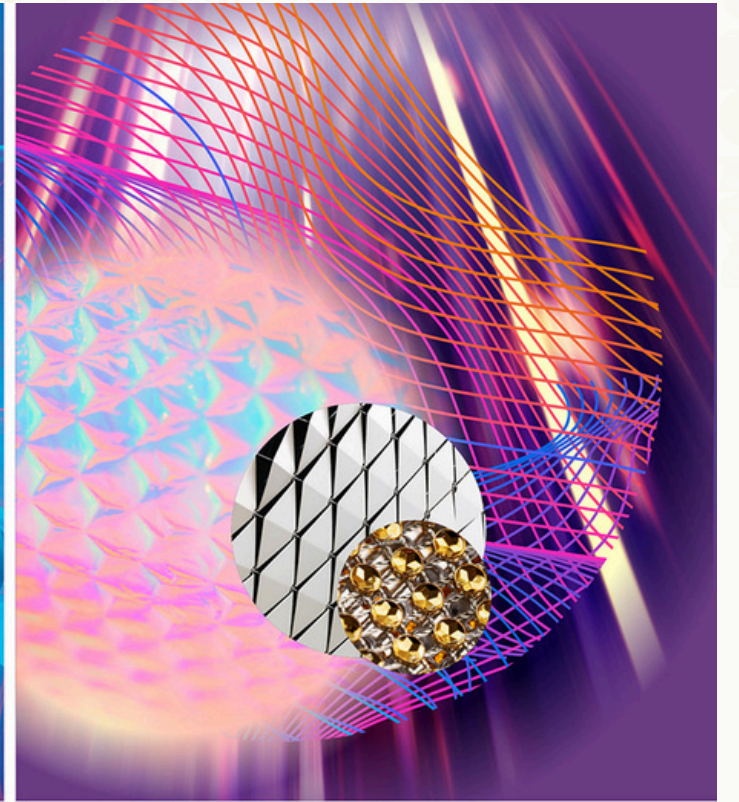
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