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Day 1

2 Nov 2020 | 2000-2045 Hong Kong time (1200-1245 GMT)

Keynote address: Post-COVID economics: Zooming into Asia

A world of lower growth but lower interest rates is expected. Asia will do relatively better but still worse than the pre-pandemic forecast. Key global trends will change consumption patterns: deglobalisation, aging, digitalisation and greening

Open discussion

Speaker

- Dr. Alicia GARCÍA HERRERO, Chief Economist, Asia Pacific, NATIXIS

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2 Nov 2020 | 2045-2200 Hong Kong time (1245-1400 GMT)

Panel: Global health crisis - What did we do in the past three quarters to respond to leadership challenges in this extraordinary time? Let's mirror best practices of other industries and take a look at short-to-long-term solutions to the pandemic effect and that of any other possible unforeseen *force majeure* on the fashion supply chain.

Open discussion

Speakers

- Mr. Devangshu DUTTA, Chief Executive, Third Eyesight; Managing Partner, PVC Partners
- Mr. Norbert GROBE, Former Director Sales & Marketing Asia Pacific, Stoll Asia Ltd
- Mr. Kostas KOUKORAVAS, Founder & CEO, Intelistyle
- Ms. Aradhika MEHTA, GM, Lenskart.com

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Day 2

3 Nov 2020 | 2000-2020 Hong Kong time (1200-1220 GMT)

CEO Dialogues: What's next for the Greater Bay Area?

Officially launched in February 2019, the Greater Bay Area initiative aims to transform the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, and the nine cities in Guangdong Province into an integrated economic and innovation hub.

Hear about the unique opportunities that the GBA has to offer and specifically, opportunities that Hong Kong can assist sourcing companies in optimising their investments and gain strategic advantages.

Speakers

- Mr. Stephen PHILLIPS, Director-General of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong
- Ms. Angelica LEUNG, Head of Consumer Products, Invest Hong Kong

3 Nov 2020 | 2020-2100 Hong Kong time (1220-1300 GMT)

Keynote address: How world leading retailers use AI to drive innovation during the pandemic
AI has made dramatic improvements in recent years, but can it really beat human creativity?
Find out how we can use AI to decode the frontier of human creativity, the essence of style.
Hear real life examples from industry leading retailers, like Lane Crawford, MaxMara and Tommy Hillfiger, who bring humans and AI together to push the boundaries of personalisation, customer experience and human/machine collaboration.

Open discussion

Speakers

- Mr. Kostas KOUKORAVAS, Co-founder & CEO, Intelistyle
- Mr. Norbert GROBE, Former Director Sales & Marketing Asia Pacific, Stoll Asia Ltd

3 Nov 2020 | 2100-2215 Hong Kong time (1300-1415 GMT)

Panel: Value of Central Asia to the global supply chain. An update will be given on the labour issue of cotton harvesting.

Open discussion

Speakers

- Mr. Jonas ASTRUP, Chief Technical Advisor, Third Party Monitoring Project, Intl Labour Organisation
- Mr. Ilkhom KHAVDAROV, Chairman, Uzbekistan Textile and Garment Industry Association
- Mr. Dan PATTERSON, General Director, Silverleafe, LLC
- Mr. Hans TILL, Managing Consultant, HT Sourcing & Management Consulting
- H.E. Dr. Sardor UMURZAKOV, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade, The Republic of Uzbekistan

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Day 3

4 Nov 2020 | 2000-2045 Hong Kong time (1200-1245 GMT)

Keynote address: Path to digital transformation in response to industrial 4.0 and customisation

In this session, the digital roadmap of a factory from design through to ex-factory will be covered. It is a daunting process with high fragmentation and cost. We are looking at a quicker way for adoption with a more pragmatic approach that is future-ready.
Open discussion

Speaker

- Mr. Rakhil HIRDARAMANI, Director, Hirdaramani Group, Sri Lanka

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4 Nov 2020 | 2045-2200 Hong Kong time (1245-1400 GMT)

Panel: A strike on sourcing strategies - how far and how long do threats or opportunities of the current socio-political uncertainty and trade policies have impacts on our business life? A summary on free trade agreements, new regulations and tariffs will also be covered.
Open discussion

Speakers

- Mr. Jan HILGER, Chief Strategy Officer, Guangzhou CanChi Trading Co Ltd
- Ms. Eva VALLE LAGARES, Minister Counsellor, Head of Trade, Delegation of the EU to China
- Mr. Jumngong NAWASMITTAWONG, Chairman, ASEAN Federation of Textiles Association
- Mr. Andrew J. SAMET, Principal, Sorini, Samet & Associates LLC
- Mr. Henry TAN, BBS, JP, LHD. Chairman, Textile Council of Hong Kong

4 Nov 2020 | 2200-2215 Hong Kong time (1400-1415 GMT)

CEO Dialogues: Innovation shimmering the future fashion world

Time. Time is a precious commodity. As we advance deeper into the digital world, we expect things to be done faster and faster without properly taking time into consideration. This has become more apparent amid the extreme disruption caused by the COVID-19 to our supply chains. One of the most overlooked and basic components in fashion – and in sample production – is thread. The time used to manage thread is greatly undervalued, because that's "just the way things are." Join us to hear how much of this we can actually change.

Speaker

- Mr. Yariv BUSTAN, VP, Sales & Marketing, Twine Solutions, Inc

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Day 4

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5 Nov 2020 | 2000-2045 Hong Kong time (1200-1245 GMT)

Keynote address: Cost to value analysis

The global fashion industry has faced a fundamental problem for a long time – the decisions made do not lead to the results expected. This is neither the result of the virus nor the recession, but the tools used are considered to be flawed. A viable practical alternative, simple and obvious, will be presented.

Open discussion

Speaker

- Mr. David BIRNBAUM, Strategic planner, Consultant to the World Bank and Birnbaum & Father Ltd

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5 Nov 2020 | 2045-2105 Hong Kong time (1245-1305 GMT)

CEO Dialogues: Future of sourcing – 2020 and beyond

Speaker

- Mr. Anson BAILEY, Head of Technology, Media & Telecoms, Hong Kong; Head of Consumer & Retail, ASPAC, KPMG in China

5 Nov 2020 | 2105-2220 Hong Kong time (1305-1420 GMT)

Panel: The Future Global Sourcing Hub – Does the geographic factor matter anymore? How technologies play their role against immobile sourcing. The status of SE Asia, South Asia, Africa and Central America will be reviewed.

Open discussion

Speakers

- Mr. Anson BAILEY, Head of Technology, Media & Telecoms, Hong Kong; Head of Consumer & Retail, ASPAC, KPMG in China
- Ms. Regina LEONG, Secretary General, ASEAN Federation of Textiles Association
- Mr. Minesh PORE, CEO & Co-founder, BuyHive
- Mr. James SAVAGAR, Director, Retail Lifestyle Vertical, Greater China, Maersk

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Day 5

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6 Nov 2020 | 2000-2115 Hong Kong time (1200-1315 GMT)

Panel: Opportunities and challenges in running operations, fast order adaptation – from big to small orders, standard assurance, human capital management and best practices – will be shared.

Open discussion

Speakers

- Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Mrs. Christiane HÜGELMANN, Head of Sourcing & Purchasing, Quality, Compliance, Sustainability, Holy Fashion Group | Strellson AG
- Mr. Ranjan MAHTANI, Chairman, EPIC Group
- Dr. Lynne SPRUGEL, Founder and CEO, abuzz global, LLC
- Mr. Alex YOUNG, Group CEO, TexRay Industrial Co Ltd

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6 Nov 2020 | 2115-2130 Hong Kong time (1315-1330 GMT)

CEO Dialogues: Delivering climate action - Preparations for the COP26 Summit and the role of the textile industry

The UK will host the COP26 meeting of global leaders in November next year to increase action on climate change. The world is not currently on track to keep global warming to 2C. Strong action by governments, societies and business will be needed in the months ahead. The textile industry can play its part in delivering change.

Speaker

- Mr. Ken O'FLAHERTY, COP26 Regional Ambassador for Asia Pacific and South Asia

Closing

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