## Single-use plastics a Global Threat

The amount of harmful plastic litter in the oceans grows ever greater, endangering sea life and marine ecosystems across the planet.



There are a growing number of eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastics now available.

It is estimated that as much as 12.7 million tons of plastic enter the oceans annually. Most of this plastic is single-use items such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, straws and spoons etc, and these can be hazardous to the marine animals that get caught on or try to eat them and in many cases ingesting can be fatal.

These plastic items eventually break down into ever smaller parts to form microplastics, which are then more widely mistaken for food and eaten. If that's not bad enough, miscroplastics entering the food chain have an impact on humans, as we then eat the fish that ingested the microplastic which in turn enters our own bodies.

The way forward is clear. We as a global species, need to urgently reduce the amount of single-use plastics. The UK introduced the single-use plastic carrier bag charge in 2015, making it law that retailers must charge 5p per bag. The proceeds of which are then used for 'good causes'. Many retailers are phasing out plastic bags and using biodegradable alternatives, which can only be a good thing. Other single-use items such as plastic straws and cutlery as used in bars, fast food outlets and other similar establishments are being replaced by renewable materials such as birch or bamboo or even corn starch and are 100% compostable.

There are also many things we can do individually to reduce the amount of plastics entering the environment. Reuse any plastic bags you may already have, try to buy in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging you throw away. Use refillable water bottles and use tap water instead of buying bottled. Pack your own lunches using reusable containers. Make sure you recycle correctly and regularly. If we all do our bit it will have an effect in greatly reducing the amount of single-use plastic waste produced and we just might save the planet.

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# London Fabric Show Is Heaped With Glory



Five up and an all out winner the 5th London Fabric Show to be held at Chelsea's FC's Stamford Bridge Ground ended with accolades a

plenty. A feast of fabrics was on display and both exhibitors and visitors left the show in sprightly mood after

a positive and successful show.

James Lowe from Aqua Clean, who launched a number of

new inherently fire resistant and wipe cleanable fabrics at the event said as the show ended, "This has been the best

London Fabric we have ever exhibited at, we had only real, positive customers,

and there was a steady flow of customers on both days which made the show extremely

manageable for us and pleasurable for the visitors. Can't wait for 2020!"

Organised by the BFM (British Furniture Manufacturers Association), the 2-day event ended on  $5^{\text{th}}$  March and featured 38 high-end fabric producers and suppliers from Europe, including 10 from Belgium,

9 from Turkey and 9 from the UK.

Attended by fabric buyers from the biggest names in UK upholstery, along with buyers from many group retail stores, the show

featured

the latest designs in everything from heavy duty jacquards to light cottons and

also new fire and stain resistant fabric treatments.

New exhibitors, Bill Beaumont from Lancashire, Ragolle Textiles from Belgium and Teksium Tekstil from Turkey all reported their satisfaction at the event and vowed to return next year.

The renowned Belgian exhibitors including Annabel,

Boyteks and Ter Molst were also keen to express their praise of the 2019 show with

Koen Mortier from Ter Molst saying "It has been an excellent show, we are very

pleased and saw everyone we wanted to see."

Turkish companies who are also a central part of the show, had a vast array of different fabric types and designs to show to the willing buyers. Adoksan, Aydin, Marsteks and Yakar are among the regular exhibitors who find the show invaluable in reaching the full breadth of UK buyers in one hit.

British companies are another firm fixture at the

London Fabric Show and included many prominent returning exhibitors — Abraham Moon, Art of the Loom, British Velvets, Mobus and Warwick Fabrics among them. Showing their newly launched

National Trust Collection, Abraham Moon which left the show in spirited mood with their sales manager Julian Smith saying "It would take 2 months of solid driving around to see all of the companies that we can see here in 2 days. This

show is a winner and we'll definitely be back next year."

The relaxed and sociable atmosphere at the show also makes it a special event in the UK

furniture calendar. Outgoing BFM MD Jackie

Bazeley, said, "I am gratified to go out on a high. This show has become an essential date in the

diary for many of our members. It is

always a pleasure to see so many well-known and friendly faces at Chelsea and I'm sure that the show will continue to develop and thrive. We have had great feedback already from this year's event and I'm thrilled at its success."

The show will return to Chelsea FC's West Stand in 2020 and the dates will be announced shortly.

#### www.londonfabricshow.uk



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The pressure applied by the BFM on behalf of the Industry resulted in an initial allocation of revised regional responsibilities, which was followed by further deregulation to allow manufacturers the freedom to manage their own transportation. Being on the committee for the BFM at the time, F D Welters Ltd provided their support in this change, which encouraged further dismantling of the Government controlled RHE, paving the way for privatisation across the road haulage network.

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Keith Welters with Julie Dunk, Chief Exec of ICCM.

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