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Two awards for sustainability and best functionality: Sustainable functional fabrics are this exciting

PERFORMANCE DAYS presents groundbreaking sustainable innovations and gives two awards

Without sustainability, nothing more would happen in the (functional) textile branch in the future - and this will not be the case, as fibre and fabric manufacturers have done their homework and are showing a large range of sustainable materials for winter 2021/22. Where? At PERFORMANCE DAYS of course!

With the upcoming fair on November 13th and 14th in Munich, PERFORMANCE DAYS proves once again that it is the most important platform for functional fibres, fabrics and accessories. And now, for the first time, the PERFORMANCE FORUM will display sustainable fabrics exclusively, surely a world first. But that's not all: the top-class exhibitors at the fair wish to show that there are truly groundbreaking innovations in the field of sustainability. And above all, the fact that sustainable fabric makes no compromises in a functional or fashion sense. Quite the opposite - the fabrics exhibited at the PERFORMANCE FORUM show a lively variety of colors, patterns, structures and surfaces and are suitable as fashion and sportswear items as well as for top functional styles.

The variety of new developments can hardly be surpassed. Highlights of the PERFORMANCE FORUMs are, for example:

- New plant-based fabrics with Himalayan nettle fibres, with ginger fibres or with abaca (banana hemp)
- New natural materials, undyed or dyed with vegetable dyes (wool or plant-based fabrics)
- A variety of synthetic fabrics dyed without the use of water (spin-dye, dope-dye)
- New top functional monocomponent laminates, e.g. made of 100 % polyamide or polyester, which are recyclable
- Fabrics with recycled natural fibres, such as recycled wool or cotton
- Denim made from paper cloth
- Polyamide from natural raw materials such as castor oil
- Recycled polyamide or polyester produced from marine waste

... and lot lots more!

All exhibited fabrics are as always also tagged with a QR code, which provides further product information such as its composition and certification data.

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Two awards for the most innovative and sustainable fabrics

This season, the PERFORMANCE FORUM Jury has not only chosen the most sustainable fabrics in all categories to equip the PERFORMANCE FORUM with the most interesting innovations, it has also chosen two winners, awarding both the PERFORMANCE AWARD and also the ECO PERFORMANCE AWARD. Both fabrics are especially innovative in their own way.

ECO PERFORMANCE AWARD: Schoeller Spinning Group, Art. Alpaca/Merino

This sustainable blend of organic merino (70%) and fine alpaca (30%) comes undyed in its natural wool and alpaca colors. The various colors of the softshell jacquard are created by the animals' natural wool colouring. This means that neither dyestuff nor chemicals are necessary for the production, and the product is recyclable and biodegradable, even in household compost. Thanks to its knitted and felted design, the softshell fabric is suitable for a wide range of applications, being windproof and water-repellent to a large extent, and at the same time very warm. With Schoeller's EXP wool treatment process the merino wool can be treated chlorine-free.

PERFORMANCE AWARD: Teijin Frontier Co., Ltd., Art. E245HCBF

The award-winning 3Layer laminate is the perfect combination of top function and sustainability. The mono-material made of polyester not only consists of recycled components but is also 100% recyclable. The outer fabric and the backing are made of polyester and also the high-performance membrane. With a water column of 20,000 mm and a breathability of 30,000 g/qm/24h, it meets the highest performance requirements. Thanks to the textured yarn made of 100% recycled polyester, the outer fabric can also be produced with a melange effect. Of course, the DWR is PFC-free.

You can find out more about PERFORMANCE DAYS and the fabrics on display at PERFORMANCE FORUM at www.performancedays.com. Here you will also find the awards from previous seasons and the products awarded a "100 % Jury Like". Additionally, the program for the two days of the fair, including the sustain&innovate conference, is also available for viewing. Along with the many sustainable product highlights, exciting talks and round-table discussions will provide information on everything that insiders in the textile industry could possibly wish to know about this topic.

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About PERFORMANCE DAYS

PERFORMANCE DAYS – the “functional fabric fair” launched in 2008, is the first and only event created especially for functional fabrics for sports and work clothing. The aim of the semi-annual trade fair is to give leading and innovative textile manufacturers, suppliers and service providers the opportunity to present their functional fabrics, membranes plus treatments, laminates, paddings, finishes, and accessories such as yarns, tapes, prints, buttons, and zippers.

The industry experts who come to this fair – the designers, product managers, buyers, and decision-makers of almost every European active clothing and functional wear brand (see [Visitor List](#)) – will find a complete selection of high quality materials available at just the right time in April/May and October/November. These dates are intentionally scheduled early and are optimal for summer and winter sport and sportive fashion collections. A listing of current exhibitors is available online at “[Exhibitor List](#)” as well as all past trade fair catalogs at “[Catalogs](#).”

The relaxed and focused workshop-like atmosphere at PERFORMANCE DAYS differentiates it from other fairs. That is one of the reasons why the Munich based Functional Fabric Fair, at the heart of the European sportswear industry, has become one of the top addresses for new fabrics, innovations, and is the preferred meeting place to conduct business.

[The](#) unique PERFORMANCE FORUM at PERFORMANCE DAYS gives visitors an inspiring and informed overview of the latest materials, trends, and innovations by the exhibitors. [This](#) is also where the [\(ECO\) PERFORMANCE AWARD](#) is presented.

Valuable [expert talks](#), [workshops](#), and [guided tours](#) round out the informative program. All lectures will be available online after the trade fair – see “[Presentations Library](#).”

Free entrance and admission to all events for industry visitors.

More information and online registration at: www.performancedays.com

About the Functional Fabric Fair powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS

As “[Functional Fabric Fair powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS](#)” the trade fair has also been taking place in the US in cooperation with [Reed Exhibitions](#) since 2018. Located in the Javits Center in New York City as well as in the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, OR, the sourcing fair exhibits the latest industry trends analogous to the event in Munich and is the platform in the USA for sourcing functional fabrics and accessories. The event includes exhibits, workshops, industry lectures, and a program for professional networking and networked manufacturers and buyers.

New York City, NY: July 20-21st, 2020

Portland, OR: November 18-19th, 2020