



of international speakers.

The fair, organised by United Business Media (UBM) Malaysia, attracted 500 exhibitors and many quality local and international buyers who had placed orders even in the first three days of the fair.

According to Karen Goi, UBM Malaysia's General Manager, MIFF, the event has reached a milestone and is gearing towards preparing Malaysian furniture to compete at a global level – whether it is product

China have joined as exhibitors. This year, six Japanese exhibitors showcased their products at MIFF and have received an overwhelming response. They also grabbed two of the Furniture Design Competition awards.

UBM Malaysia is indeed laying out the blueprint for the Malaysian furniture industry to be internationally competitive.

"We want to bring in quality exhibitors," explained Ms. Goi. "Our furniture export





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Modern office is all about space, resource sharing, acoustic solutions, multitasking, modularity and ergonomics. The judges had the feeling that many office furniture producers are aware of these principles and on the right path. In the household category, the winner in the household category gives us a great example of beautiful details in terms of the design, shape, hidden functionality and properly executed joinery. Please go see, touch, and feel that product!

-Zilahi Imre, Vice President of IAFP, Publisher of MagMob, Editor-in-Chief of Mobila, and Chief Judge of MIFF FEA 2016

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE CATEGORY

Our design process is very collaborative.

Before the start of a project, we discuss in detail what colours we can use to highlight the beauty of the design, what kind of materials can achieve maximum comfort, how we can provide the best support to the user. These are just some of the elements of Japanese essence.

- Nubuo Mori, Designer, Asahi



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OFFICE FURNITURE CATEGORY

Because we spend so much time in an office, it is essential to understand how humans interact within that functional space. We help our clients design an ideal workplace based on that flow. This year, we've gone back to basics and returned to a more minimalist approach while paying close attention to details that matter.

- Ryonn Leong, Marketing Manager, Jemaramas Jaya



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JUDGES' COMMENDATION AWARD

We won probably because of the design. The look is very clean and polished and the warm colours are very appealing. The shape of the furniture is very different, something you don't see often. The inspiration is from nature. I feel proud that we won the award. This is not the first time we won an award. Last year, we won the booth design award. That's two times in two years. The company is proud of the recognition because it means we continue to improve each year. We hope to win more awards in the future.

- Eric Gan, Manager, Elk-Desa Furniture



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Best Presentation Award

for best booth creativity and product display

66 Overall quality is in acceleration. There was a significant boom in bare space booth quality, in terms of conceptual and execution aspects. As for the shell scheme booths, you will notice how they may be so creative by applying clever strategic solutions. All awarded booths are state of the art to some extent, both physically and conceptually.

-Zeki Yucel, General Coordinator, Ekin Publishing Group; President, International Alliance of Furnishing Publications; Chief Judge, MIFF BPA 2016

BARE SPACE BOOTH

66 Fourty years in this industry is not easy to achieve, but we've worked hard to make a lasting impact in both domestic and international markets. Now that we have successfully created a niche in office furniture, we have been focussing on strengthening our brand. A strong brand would contribute to an even stronger market presence.

- Tan Boo Chuan, Chief Executive Officer, **Euro Chairs Manufacturer**



EURO CHAIRS MANUFACTURER Booth 2B03, PWTC Hall 2B



MITSUI DESIGNTEC CO. LTD. Booth 4B01, PWTC Hall 4B



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DEESSE FURNITURE Booth D04, MECC Hall D



AEROFOAM MANUFACTURING Booth 120, PWTC Hall 1

SHELL SCHEME BOOTH



SEOW BUCK SEN FURNITURE Booth 2C15&15A, PWTC Hall 2C

This is our second time winning an award in MIFF. Like the judge said, products are the main focus of a show but if your booth is not eyecatching, your efforts may be wasted. Hence, we try to add decorative elements that send out the right message about our products and brand.

- Edmund Law, Marketing Manager, Seow Buck Sen Furniture



MAMORIM Booth C05B, MECC Hall C



JUSTAIPEI INTERNATIONAL Booth 2B29, PWTC Hall 2B

MERIT AWARD



FELLA DESIGN Booth C03, MECC Hall C



GAOYA FURNITURE INDUSTRIES Booth 2A13, PWTC Hall 2A



KINHENG FURNITURE Booth 316, PWTC Hall 3



LGAM COMPANY LIMITED Booth 4B26, PWTC Hall 4B



MOBILIA INTERNATIONAL Booth 122, PWTC Hall 1



SERN KOU FURNITURE INDUSTRIES Booth E19, MECC Hall E

NON-FURNITURE BOOTH

We are delighted to win a prize even though this is our first time here. For our booth, we asked ourselves, which of our products would help our users to differentiate themselves from their competitors? So that was what we used in our display. 🤊 🤊

- Pedro Escale Jimenez, Manager, **Chapas Selectas**



CHAPAS SELECTAS S.L Booth 4A40, PWTC Hall 4A



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FURNITURE DESIGN COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

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We are very happy that the effort to scout for talents has received favourable responses. Out of our top ten finalists, at least half of the participants are from various industry practitioners, meaning that we are attracting designers of other disciplines. Their participation fast-tracks the formation of the collaborative platform between the design industry and the furniture industry.

Philip Yap
MIFF FDC 2016 Chief Judge
Founder, PYD Associates

"My first attempt at the competition last year taught me a lot about improving my approach to design and structure. This year, I paid attention to human behaviour and marketability. I made the sofa highly modular to accommodate all kinds of human activities, but how do you show that in a limited time? I decided to make a video, as it can show you how flexible the sofa is, without me having to say anything."

Lim Bo Qiang 1st Prize Winn

> **First Prize Lim Bo Qiang** *Muk Sofa*



Second Prize Izyan Syamimi Binti Zainol Rebung Shelves

> **Third Prize Low Kah Ling** Chuan, Cheng Ho

Best Prototype Maker BSL Furniture and Fella Design Dudoo

"There are many ways of marketing. Taking part in an industry activity like this is just another way of demonstrating our commitment to improving the industry. Personally, I also believe that as manufacturers, we have a responsibility to groom young talents. It's win-win for all parties."

Herbert Wee

Director BSL Furniture

Jafni Zhafri Export Manager Fella Design "Not all manufacturers are willing to go to great lengths to do customisation, but we have been doing it for 28 years. We believe making prototypes is a way to cultivate our competitive edge. Customisation helps us differentiate ourselves from our biggest competitor, which is China. Moreover, we are happy to use our experience to help young talented designers. We hear out their design vision and develop it into a real thing"

YOU'RE INVITED







Furniture Marketing Strategy: Lessons from Italy

by Chow Ee-Tan Furnish Now writer

he Italian furniture industry is very much dominated by independent SMI stores run by families, and they thrive on providing added value and bespoke services to clients.

In a seminar entitled: `Market Penetration: Furniture In Italy', Mauro Mamoli, president of Federmobili (Italian Federation of Furniture Stores), said that the majority of Italian furniture stores are small, with an average size of 1,164 sq. meters and an average of 5.65 employees. It has a typical turnover of one million Euros.

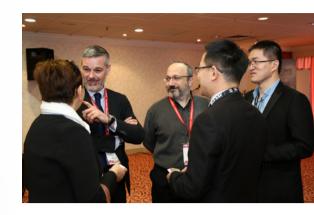
About 40% of the furniture stores are found in the North West of Italy and 80% of all furniture stores are located outside city centres.

"Since their business set-ups are small, it's not possible for these furniture companies to buy or produce in large quantities; thus they rely on offering quality, value-added services," shared Mr. Mamoli.

"The stores have closer relations with their clients. They give full package services that involve professionals such as architects and interior designers, as well as after-sale services," he said.

He noted that the economic recession had hit Italy hard causing the number of furniture companies and stores to diminish.

"With this decrease, the quality and value of service have become more important," said Mr. Mamoli. He added however, that after 2013, the market had stabilised and is growing again.



He said the same attention to detail is also offered by entrepreneurs to the international furniture markets, with an array of products by different manufacturers conceived to export the Italian lifestyle and class to every corner of the world.

Federmobili represents 16,000 small and medium size businesses, which accounts for 75% of the furniture market in Italy. The federation, according to Mr. Mamoli, is interested in finding new markets and establishing new relationships worldwide.

Working and Designing with the Australian market

by Diana Uy-Chua Furnish Now writer

urniture is not purely a manufacturing industry, said Australian Furniture Association chief executive Patrizia Torelli.

It is very much the exact opposite of it. "It's a creative process, requiring a great level of detail and passion," said Ms. Torelli. "Furniture is sexy. You have to make it sexy."

And for Malaysian companies to design or work with Australian companies, they will do well to think in those terms.

Australia, according to Ms. Torelli, is actually open to doing business with the international community, being an island nation so remote from everyone else. More than that, there are resources that are only available to these overseas partners that Australia's furniture industry would like to tap into.

But Malaysian companies have to be conscious of the fact also that Australia values more than just creativity. Quality and integrity of the product, not to mention collaboration with Australia's governing bodies, are as important.

Tapping the Australian Furniture Association is the first big step. The organisation represents anyone involved in furniture –from designers to teachers, students, suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, importers and the after-care market.

"As an association, our role is to ensure that our members and those in the industry fulfill their obligations when it comes to compliance and quality assurance. We're known for our very high standards, and the quality of our products," she explained.

During her seminar yesterday, Ms. Torelli left some valuable tips for Malaysian companies to really succeed in tapping into that market and their

Malaysian companies, for one, should be more visionary. They should think about what will be useful in the future, particularly in line with new consumer wants.

A furniture, emphasised Ms. Torelli, can also be an art piece.

"People are buying furniture as an heirloom they can hand down to their

children and so on. Hence the product does not just become part of a room. You need to consider the emotional attachment that the consumer may have with your product," she concluded.

> **Furniture Finishing Insights:** The Relationship Between Wood Structure and Finish Quality in **Malaysian Timbers**

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Retro-Style Comfort

The best style statements can be simple yet strong, such as this regal-looking Le FoRa bedframe from Comfy Factor, a Muarbased specialist in upholstered bedding products. Showcasing a retro button-tufted headboard in luxurious gold, the bed brings a touch of classy chic to your living space.

Comfy Factor

Booth E01, MECC Hall E www.comfyfactor.com

Dining with Art

Dinner with friends and family becomes an elevated experience with Civic Tai's dining sets with tiled table tops printed with art. The 12-year-old company has markets in the US, UK, Russia, and Middle East. Aside from tiles, Civic Tai also use rubberwood as material for its dining furniture.

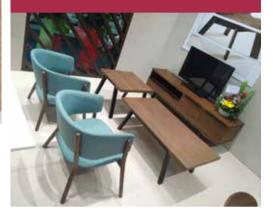
Civic Tai Manufacturing

Booth 126, PWTC Hall 1
www.civictaifurniture.com



So you think it's simply too tasking when you have to pull open a drawer just to get what's inside, yes? Mobilia's solution is to introduce a new line with side tables where all you need to do is give a little push to open a drawer. Check out the company's booth in Hall 1, and find out how you can make your living room more functional and definitely cooler. Don't miss the dining sets as well. The table tops are walnut veneer and finished with its natural colour.

Mobilia International Booth 122, PWTC Hall 1 www.mobiliainternational.com



Designer Seat

This coffee chair by Mau Sin Bentwood will certainly turn heads with its modern and unique design. An oversize curved seat with rounded leg, the chair is made entirely of rubberwood veneer, with the leg painted in white.

Mau Sin Bentwood Industry Booth 4A02, PWTC Hall 4A www.mausin.com.my



In the Mood for Quality

Victron's Mimosa set, made of cast aluminum, will be the perfect addition to anybody's balcony. You can be sure it's weather-proof, too. The outdoor garden furniture is a 100% Malaysian product, made by a company established in 1992. Tea time will be a far more memorable experience with this Victron creation.

Victron Outdoor Furniture Booth 206, PWTC Hall 2 www.victron.com.my









Partition-and-Sofa in

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What this simple sofa may lack in aesthetic appearance, it makes up for in its dual-purpose feature. Made by veteran lounge furniture maker, LP Furniture World, this Designer Sofa can be seen in the lounges of big hotels in and outside of Malaysia. This awesome seat not just provides comfort but provides partition to your space as well, perfect for hotel lounges!

LP Furniture World Booth 333, PWTC Hall 3 www.lpfurniture.com





Occupancy countryside. With a romantic, natural and almost rustic look, the furniture made of MDF board with wood finishing is perfect for apartments or smaller homes.

Décor Trend Industries Booth 302, PWTC Hall 3 www.decortrend.com

Wooden Wonder

igwedgeou can never go wrong with wood. This bedroom set made of particle board exudes a I vitage and rustic look with its dark wood tone finish. It features simple, functional and fuss-free design.

Alian Trading Booth A19, MECC Hall A





heck out this innovative and versatile children's cabin bed, which features a movable cupboard and shelves that can be converted into a working table. Made of MDF board, there is an empty space under the elevated bed and it comes with a small stool too.

BSL Furniture

Booth A22, MECC Hall A www.bslfurniture.com





Specially for the Elderly

As a chair specially designed for the elderly and those with mobility problems, this piece has many hidden features including a foldable and reclinable backrest, a lever that lifts the seat for easy rising, and wheels which will not move when one sits down. On top of all that, it looks stylish in a solid alder wood frame.

Sheng Hong Yan Technology Co.Ltd Booth 4C21, PWTC Hall 4C



User-friendly Office

ffice solutions are Reaim Furniture's Specialty. The company comes up with its own designs from the users' point of view. It prides itself on the userfriendliness and quality of the materials, particularly the craftsmanship of finished work. Reaim is 20 years old. That should count for something, right?

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I've been attending MIFF for the last 20 years to see new products in steel beds, steel bunk beds, etc. I'm always here also to see existing suppliers, and review business with them. I've noticed that now, there is more variety in terms of products. It's more vibrant this year.

Phil Ellis Director **Direct Products** Australia

I've been visiting MIFF for the last 20 years. I come here every year to know changes as well as trends in the office furniture business. I also come here to see new suppliers. MIFF has been fabulous in the 2000s.

Ganesh V.V. General Manager Blue Crown Furniture Dubai





It's been eight years that we've been coming here to MIFF. We look for the prices and quality of domestic furniture. The organisation has been good so far. MIFF has been good. You get good suppliers and we can sell their products.

Kheireddine Cheriet Nadjah-Furniture Algeria

It's my first time here and my first time participating in an international furniture fair. It's a good exhibition; there is a nice range of designs and many options to choose from. I am here to get new ideas but I've yet to cover most of the booths.

Kelwyn Hyland Sales Executive Carluke Enterprises P/L **Australia**





I have always been attending MIFF. It's my 14th year here I believe. I feel the visitors are less this year but the quality of the fair remains and I enjoy returning. We have been working with some Malaysians suppliers and they always give us quality products and services.

Raju Podiyan Marketing Manager Dreams Al Mannai Trading **Qatar**

It is my third time at MIFF and I think it's still pretty good. I don't have any specific furniture to buy but I want to look around to see the trends and the materials. I discovered technology has replaced many of the traditional materials. I also plan to go to a furniture factory in Muar after the fair.

Buyers

Anne Chen Yung Lih Wood Taiwan



Exhibitors · · ·

This is the first time our company took part in the fair. I felt it was a bit slow in the beginning but is gradually picking up, and we have had quite good response with some enquiries. The organisers did a good job and the staff are all helpful. I would like to come back next year and hopefully get a bigger space.

Goh Song Huang Alian Trading Malaysia





We have taken part in MIFF for seven years now and I have been part of it. This year we were given a very strategic location and received quite good response especially for our products of wooden components. As always, the organisation is quite good too. I hope the traffic will build up.

Subrina Chew Marketing Manager Mau Sin Bentwood Industry Malaysia

It is our first time taking part in MIFF and my first time in Malaysia. This is an important fair in the region and I believe it will have important impact in our business. We are really glad to have met people from all over the world and many have expressed interests in our products. It is very well organised and people are very pleasant.

Pedro Escaile Jimenez Chapas Selectas Spain





Our company is five years old and it's our first time to participate in MIFF. We've come here to expand our market. We are known locally and now we are ready for the overseas market. MIFF is a good way to show our products to the rest of the world. So far, we feel good. We've had lots of inquiries from Japan, US, Germany, Egypt even.

Eric Chua Marketing Officer Nicolo Designs Malaysia

It's our first time to join and so far our experience in the past two days hasn't been bad. We joined MIFF because we want to get into the business of mattresses. Our company is more than six years old and we want people to know us and our products.

Jason Guo Marketing Manager Moniya Mattress China



This is Fella Design's 22nd year participating in the fair. For me it's my second year. We always have had good relationship with the organiser and I'm happy with our booth space. At the moment, I don't know yet how successful this fair will be but we hope there will

Jafni Zhafri Bin Zakaria **Brand Manager** Fella Design Malavsia

be more visitors in the

coming days.



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