

Copenhagen Fashion Summit and Copenhagen International Fashion Fair announce C+, a business space for sustainable innovation

Copenhagen, 28 January 2019 — Today Copenhagen Fashion Summit and Copenhagen International Fashion Fair (CIFF) announce the business space for sustainable innovation C+, set to launch in August 2020 during Copenhagen Fashion Week.

With an extensive, growing environmental and social footprint across the globe, there is an urgent need to accelerate the fashion industry's sustainable transformation. That is why Copenhagen Fashion Summit and CIFF are joining forces to launch C+, a business space for sustainable innovation designed to help small and large fashion businesses implement innovative solutions to create more sustainable products.

Connecting fashion brands with sustainable solutions

At a curated trade and exhibition area at CIFF, C+ will present some of the world's most promising sustainable solutions covering the entire value chain. The business space will have approximately 100 solutions on exhibition and also a stage programme with panels focusing on sustainable solutions. C+ will also offer a matchmaking programme with facilitated and pre-scheduled business meetings between fashion brands and solution providers to help companies take the first important steps towards (further) implementing sustainability.

"We must accelerate the pace of progress, and we believe that connecting brands with solution providers is what will help them advance most quickly. Copenhagen Fashion Summit is restricted in terms of how many companies we can engage, which is why we're beyond excited about our collaboration with CIFF and having the opportunity to access its huge network in the Nordics. Creating direct connections between fashion brands and innovative solutions aligns well with our mission to mobilise and guide the fashion industry to take bold and urgent action on sustainability," says Eva Kruse, CEO, Global Fashion Agenda, organiser of Copenhagen Fashion Summit.

From words to action

Global Fashion Agenda, as the foremost leadership forum for industry collaboration on fashion sustainability and organiser of Copenhagen Fashion Summit, has comprehensive experience and knowledge with helping fashion brands work with sustainability. In fact, the C+ space is inspired by the organisation's sustainable solutions platform, Innovation Forum, which has been a permanent fixture at the Summit the past few years. By teaming up with CIFF, one of the largest and longest-running fashion fairs in Europe, C+ taps into the Scandinavian audience and will reach the fair's nearly 2,000 exhibiting brands.

"Despite improvement the fashion industry has yet to reach its sustainability potential and the pace of positive change doesn't match the projected growth of the fashion industry, which will put an unprecedented strain on planetary resources. CIFF has sustainability as a core value, and as a major player in the fashion field we play an integral part in helping the industry along. This collaboration is a great opportunity to inspire more fashion brands to embark on or further their sustainability journey," Kristian W. Andersen, Chief Innovation Officer, CIFF.

The business space for sustainable innovation C+, which will launch during Copenhagen Fashion Week SS21, will be open to visitors from 4-5 August 2020.

About Global Fashion Agenda

Global Fashion Agenda is the foremost leadership forum for industry collaboration on fashion sustainability. As a thought leadership and advocacy organisation focusing on industry collaboration and public-private cooperation, the non-profit organisation is on a mission to mobilise and guide the fashion industry to take bold and urgent action on sustainability. Global Fashion Agenda is behind the renowned business event on sustainability in fashion, Copenhagen Fashion Summit, which has been leading the movement for over a decade.

We consider brands and retailers at the core of securing comprehensive change and increasing the industry's sustainability performance across the value chain to ensure that sustainability is a strategic priority. In partnership with our Strategic Partners ASOS, BESTSELLER, H&M Group, Kering, Li & Fung, Nike, PVH Corp., Sustainable Apparel Coalition and Target, we spearhead the fashion industry's journey towards a more sustainable future. For more information visit globalfashionagenda.com.

About Copenhagen International Fashion Fair (CIFF)

CIFF is part of NorthModern, a catalytic, community company connecting art, sport, fashion and urban development.

CIFF is a one of a kind platform, where innovation and cutting-edge concepts meet the business of fashion. Over the past eight years, we have been connecting the dots between emerging talents, design, art, sustainability and urban development through our creative projects. CIFF has collaborated with, for example Virgil Abloh, Gosha Rubchinskiy, Naomi Campbell, Olafur Eliasson and John Skelton. Twice a year, the CIFF platform welcomes nearly 2,000 brands across more than 60,000 square metres of exhibition space. CIFF encompasses CIFF, CIFF YOUTH and CIFF Showrooms, which comprises nearly 20,000 square metres of luxury showroom space housing more than 500 brands on a permanent basis. For more information visit ciff.dk

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