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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Following a successful August edition with the return of the ILM Award, attention is already turning to the next industry gathering: from 13 to 15 February 2027, the ILM International Leather Goods Fair in Offenbach will be held for the 165th time. The focus will be on new collections, business prospects and an industry that is actively shaping its own future.

The momentum built up in August is set to shape the upcoming edition as well. ILM is reporting a positive level of registrations and is deliberately focusing on its core strength as an international business platform this February. Alongside the presentation of new collections, the focus will be on concrete ordering decisions and the business outlook for the new year.

“We are very pleased with the current number of registrations. It is particularly important right now for the industry to come together, exchange ideas and look to the future as one. Anyone who wants to actively shape their business needs to know what is happening in the market, and ILM offers the ideal platform for this,” says Arnd Hinrich Kappe, CEO of Messe Offenbach.

BUSINESS FIRST

Which brands will fit into the product range in future? Where is new revenue potential emerging? And how can customers be inspired by new products, even in a challenging market environment? Questions such as these will be the focus of the upcoming ILM.
The trade fair offers retailers and manufacturers the opportunity to meet new business partners, strengthen existing relationships and discuss product ranges and strategies together.

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NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE PRODUCT AND THE INDUSTRY

Alongside established exhibitors, the 165th ILM is also set to welcome new brands that reflect current trends and changing consumer needs. To complement the trade fair activities, universities are set to open up new creative perspectives with their own designs and product presentations, offering insights into the next generation of design.
Whilst the February edition marks the start of the business year, the ILM adds further highlights in September with special event formats and shared industry experiences. One highlight of which the team looks back on with particular pride is the successful return of the ILM Award in August 2026. After a break of several years, the award returned to the stage to recognise outstanding achievements in industry and retail. This makes the anticipation all the greater for the next award ceremony in the 'Best in Retail' and 'Best in Product' categories in autumn 2027, which will once again be hosted by Frauke Ludowig.

"The ILM is not a static event. We listen carefully to what our exhibitors and visitors need, and develop the trade fair accordingly. Above all, it thrives on the people who come together here. It is them who help shape our industry – and, by extension, the ILM," said Kappe.

ILM Edition #165 will take place in Offenbach am Main from 13 to 15 February 2027.

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