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[≪] Industry Overview

Amidst increasing globalisation, boundaries between countries and regions are blurring and diminishing. The apparel industry is dominated by ever-growing international fashion giants. How can industry players stay competitive and relevant in this complex and challenging marketplace? How can they stay motivated to keep innovating to align with consumer trends while sustaining customer loyalty? Facing the drop in Brick-and-Mortar traffic, what can industry players do to adapt to a new way of business?

Pain Points of Apparel Industry

Trade War Impact

- → Difficulties in crossborder sales and branding of original design manufacturing
- → Development of sales within China and among non-US customers via different touchpoints
- → Set up of factories in ASEAN countries to diversify risks

Sustainability in Style

- → Advantages of sustainable fashion and textiles as well as their design and production
- → Cost and response time concerns

New Standards of Fashion

- → Gain your competitive edge in the crowded fashion marketplace with the challenge of new standards
- → Provide seamless experience, foster customer loyalty and deliver customisation
- → React to rapid growth of innovation and technology

Event Mission

The Apparel Disrupt event aims to bring together industry players from different stages in the textile and garment industry ecosystem to discuss what the current challenges facing the sector are and how to address them. A unique, collaborative networking event, DBS BusinessClass will showcase the Bank's suite of innovative textile and garment SME banking solutions and how it provides banking support across the industry chain.

[≪] Keynote Speakers



Mr. Edwin Keh Chief Executive Officer, HKRITA

Edwin Keh is CEO of HKRITA. He joins HKRITA from Wal-Mart, where he most recently served as SVP COO of Global Procurement. Keh serves on the boards of several multi-industry and education organisations and is an active advisor to social enterprises. He received the 2011 Production and Operations Management Society's Martin K. Starr Excellence in Production and Operations Management Practice Award, and is listed in Debrett's 100 Most Influential People (Technology and Digital).

Topic: Closing the loop for the fashion industry



Ms. Hanna Hallin

Sustainability Manager of H&M (Greater China)

Hanna Hallin is Sustainability Manager at H&M Greater China, responsible for the sales markets of Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan and Macao. She previously served as one of the global Sustainability Business Experts at H&M Group's Head office in Stockholm. Hanna's background is in the non-profit sector, and includes roles at Fairtrade Sweden and the Clean Clothes Campaign. Before joining H&M in 2012, she was the Executive Director of a Swedish civil society think tank.

Topic: Leading the change for a more sustainable fashion future

≪ Industry Sharing



Mr. Stanley Szeto

Chairman, Hong Kong Textile Council

Stanley Szeto is Chairman of Hong Kong Textile Council, Vice-Chairman of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers Association and past Member of the Hong Kong Government's Textiles Advisory Board. The recipient of the 2009 Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong from the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, Szeto is a frequent guest speaker on CNBC, Bloomberg and other business news channels. He is also Executive Chairman of Lever Style. Inc., a supply partner of premium brands such as Theory, Hugo Boss and AllSaints, as well as e-commerce pioneers including Bonobos, Everlane and Stitch Fix.

Szeto graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, triple-majoring in Finance, Entrepreneurial Management, and Legal Studies.

Topic: Trade War – 20 weeks or 20 years?

Real Panel Discussion

Topic: Future of Apparel Industry



Mr. Alexander Chan Co-Director, The Mills Fabrica

Alexander Chan is Co-Director of The Mills Fabrica, where he focuses on early-stage investments, incubation support and government/ policy related affairs. He is also an occasional contributor to SCMP, HKFP and Stand News in Hong Kong where he writes on issues related to innovation/ entrepreneurship, social mobility and public policy.



Ms. Kay Liu Education Director, Redress

Kay Liu spreads Redress' messages of reducing textile waste and promoting environmental sustainability of the fashion industry through presentations and workshops. She ultimately hopes to drive growth towards a new circular economy for fashion through Redress' dynamic programmes. Kay holds a Masters' degree in Ethical Fashion from the University of the Creative Arts in the UK.



Mr. Max Ng

Production Control Director, Novetex Textiles Limited

Max Ng has been working Novetex Textiles Limited over 10 years, overseeing and monitoring production, sales, sustainable and innovation development. He actively supports local textile associations for the continuous growth of the textile industry, he is also a Director of Hong Kong Knitwear Exporters and Manufacturers Association since 2017.



Ms. Kim Wong Professor of Practice, ITC, PolyU

Kim Wong has an outstanding record of building businesses with a global footprint including the DFS Group, Lane Crawford and Burberry. Prior to her current role as a Professor of Practice, ITC at PolyU, Kim had been the Chief Operating Officer of The Swank Shop in Hong Kong and China; and had held the position of Managing Director of Brunello Cucinelli Hong Kong.

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≪ Event Rundown

Date	6 November 2018 (Tuesday)
Time	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue :	L21, K11 Atelier, Victoria Dockside, 18 Salisbury Road,
	Tsim Sha Tsui (TST East Station Exit J3/ J1)
Language :	Cantonese (Presentation material by partial speakers
	will be supplemented in English)

3:00 - 3:05pm	Fashion Show Session 1
3:05 – 3:10pm	Opening Speech by Mr. Alex Cheung Managing Director Head of Institutional Banking Group, Hong Kong DBS Bank Ltd, Hong Kong Branch DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
3:10 – 3:30pm	1 st Keynote Speech by Ms. Hanna Hallin Sustainability Manager of H&M (Greater China) Topic: Leading the change for a more sustainable fashion future
3:30 – 3:50pm	2 nd Keynote Speech by Mr. Edwin Keh Chief Executive Officer, HKRITA Topic: Closing the loop for the fashion industry
3:50 – 4:20pm	Panel Discussion and Q&A Topic: Future of Apparel Industry - Mr. Alexander Chan , Co-Director of The Mills Fabrica - Ms. Kay Liu , Education Director of Redress - Mr. Max Ng , Production Control Director of Novetex - Ms. Kim Wong , Professor of Practice, ITC, PolyU
4:20 – 4:40pm	Industry Sharing by Mr. Stanley Szeto Chairman, Hong Kong Textile Council Topic: Trade War – 20 weeks or 20 years?
4:40 – 4:50pm	Exhibition Highlights
4:50 – 4:55pm	Fashion Show Session 2
4:55 – 5:30pm	Exhibition and Network Session