





# Redefining Global Standards for the Footwear & Bags, Luggage, Accessories & Leather Products

The 5th edition of DIFLEX, held from 23rd-25th September 2025 at the Festival Arena, Dubai Festival City, concluded on a spectacular note marking another milestone in its journey as the Dubai International Exhibition & Conference on Footwear, Bags, Luggage, Accessories & Leather Products.

The 2025 edition delivered record-breaking participation, global business engagement, and a renewed focus on sustainability and innovation, reinforcing DIFLEX's reputation as a premier sourcing and networking platform for the global market.



# **Hosted Buyer Programme**

The Hosted Buyer Programme at DIFLEX offers qualified buyers from strategic global markets an exclusive, curated sourcing experience.

Tailored to enhance meaningful business connections, the programme ensures top-tier buyers meet the most relevant exhibitors in a productive and professional environment.

### **Key Features**

- Pre-scheduled B2B meetings with exhibitors to optimize time and ensure high-value business interactions.
- Access to VIP lounges, buyer assistance desks, and dedicated on-site hospitality.
- Exclusive networking opportunities during show receptions and industry gatherings.

### **2025 Highlights**

150+ Hosted Buyers from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, Algeria, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Malaysia, Libya, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Syria, and Taiwan, etc. Each hosted buyer receives:

- 2 nights of complimentary accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Airport-hotel-venue transfer service

### **Purpose & Impact**

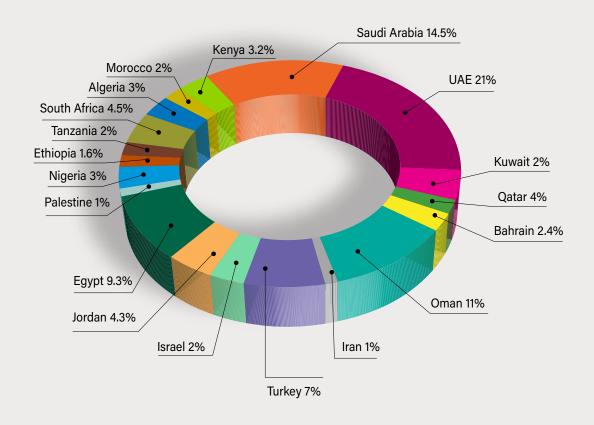
The Hosted Buyer Programme continues to strengthen DIFLEX's role as a global sourcing hub, fostering profitable partnerships, trade growth, and long-term collaborations across the international footwear and leather industry



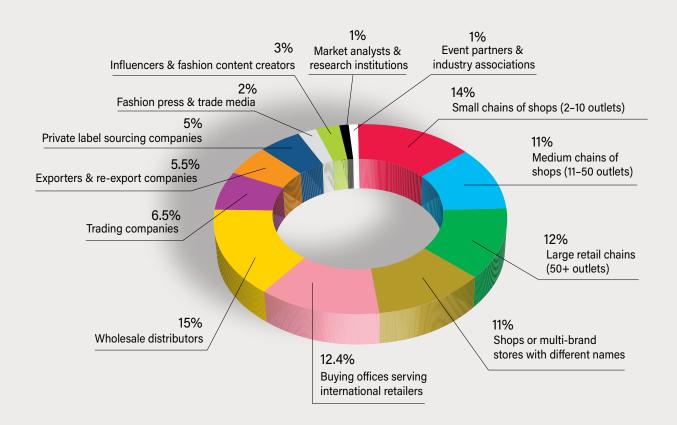
The DIFLEX 2025 exhibition floor hosted a dynamic showcase of global innovation, craftsmanship, and design excellence across the footwear, Bags, Luggage, leather, and fashion accessories industries.



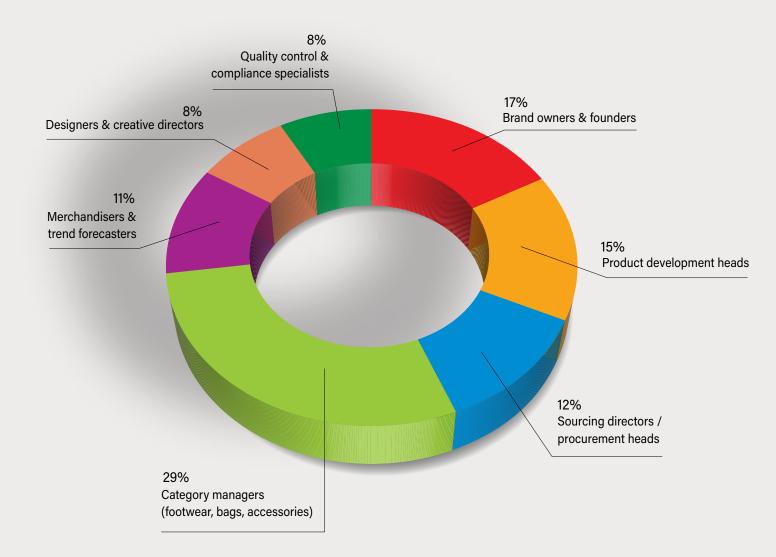
#### **BUYERS & VISITORS ANALYSIS**



#### **INDUSTRY SEGMENTS**



#### **VISITORS SEGMENTS**



### **PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**



















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### CONFERENCE 2025

"Sustainability driven growth strategies for Footwear & LeatherIndustry in Middle East."

**Day 1: Tuesday, 23 Sept 2025** 

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10:30AM:

**Official Opening Ceremony** 

**Session 1** 

11:30am - 13:00

'Reinventing successful retail business models for Footwear & Leather goods, while navigating the impact of Geopolitics, E-commerce boom, technology integration and dynamic consumer choices'

#### **SPEAKERS**



**Prashant Diwakar** Former Head of Category Sun and Sand Sports





Raphael Lauria Italian Footwear Solution





Nilesh Kirani Director King's Traders



**Session 2** 

14:30-16:00

'Effective strategies for driving growth in the multibillion Dollar Footwear and Luxury Leather goods market in Middle East

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

#### **Dinesh Shahani**

Chief Executive Officer **Footwear Businesses Shoemart Landmark Group** SHOEMART



### Shamsa Muaid Fahad AlAhbabi

Managing Director and CEO AlKhaznah Tannery



#### **SPEAKERS**



Bader Al Alawi Managing Director of CHIC Vice President of the Leather and Footwear Council, Dubai Founding Member of the Oman **Business Council, Dubai** 





#### Morgan Papin Technical Officer & Partner The Cobbler



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# **Day 2: Tuesday, 24 Sept 2025**

#### Session 3

11:30am - 13:00

'Forecasting the next wave of Trends, Innovation, Smart Fabrics, DTC Models, and Conscious choices: Designers' toolkit for success.'

#### **SPEAKERS**



Anwar Bougroug
Founder and Creative Director
Bougroug

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MayAhmed
CEO & Owner
H&T Boutique & Brand



Sally Sarieddine
Founder and Creative Designer
LaLaQueen



### Session 4 14:

14:30-16:00

'Sustainability begins at the source: Redefining smart manufacturing in the age of responsibility'

#### **SPEAKERS**



Roudha Alawadhi Managing Director Al Jedeel Trading





Oscar Santi
Chief Operating Officer
Veganologie



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### **Review And Feedback**



Raphael G.A. Lauria
CEO
Italian Footwear Solution
UAE

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Diflex organizing team for hosting an exceptionally well-curated event. It was a privilege to contribute as a speaker among such a distinguished cohort of professionals. The overall structure, thematic alignment, and attendee engagement were highly commendable. The sessions were thoughtfully scheduled, facilitating both depth and interaction. I especially valued the audience's insightful questions and the opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow panelists. The logistical coordination, from onboarding to post-session communication, was seamless. One area for enhancement could be the incorporation of a brief networking segment exclusively for speakers and industry leaders. This would further elevate the strategic value of the event by fostering targeted professional collaborations. Overall, Dilex delivered a platform that was both intellectually rewarding and professionally enriching. I look forward to future engagements and commend the team for their commitment to excellence.



Bader Al Alawi
Managing Director
CHIC Shoes and Vice President of the
Leather and Footwear Council - UAE

Dear DIFLEX Dubai 2025 Committee, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for inviting me to be one of the panelists at this year's convention. It was truly an honor to be part of such a well-organized and insightful event. I was really impressed by the variety of exhibitors showcasing their innovative products and services, it created a great space for networking and collaboration. I appreciated the comfortable seating area and food stalls, which made the atmosphere even more inviting and enjoyable for everyone. I also enjoyed listening to the different speakers and taking part in meaningful business discussions throughout the event. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and an excellent platform for both participants and exhibitors to connect and share ideas. Thank you once again for the opportunity and for hosting such a successful and inspiring convention.

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Roudha Alawadhi Managing Director Al Jedeel Trading- UAE

Its a wonderful event. Well organized. I'v had a good time and benefited. And the keynote speaker was great too. Good luck in next year.



May Ahmed
Bag Designer
H&T bags- UAE

It was my pleasure to join in diflex thank you &see you next season.

### **Review And Feedback**

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Sali Sarieddine
Founder and Creative Designer
LaLaQueen - UAE

everything looked very well organized.

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**Anwar Bougroug** Founder **Bougroug - UAE** 

Good event, very professional. Good level on suppliers.

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Veronica Luo Quanzhou Refined Footwear Company Limited China

Hello everyone, this is Veronica from China. Our company is Quanzhou Refined Footwear Company Limited. Our company has more than 30 years in footwear production and it's our first time in Dubai in Diflex. And we should say that this fair is so well organized, and we achieved so many countries, customers and the global market. And definitely we will be Here again, next time participate in Diflex Thank you very much.

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Hrithik Shrivastava INZA WORKS India

Hello, myself Hrithik Shrivastava and I'm from the INZA work. We are from Kanpur, India and it's good to be a part of Diflex 2025 because we got so many good opportunities and we got to meet many co-founders of the big brands in UAE and hoping for the next year, so we are finalized again for coming here because we got very good response. Thank you

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Shivam Goel Al Jedeel Trading- UAE Glory FootwearIndia

Hi, I'm Shivam from Glory Footwear and we are manufacturers of non-leather footwear from India. We are exhibiting at Diflex 2025. It's one-of-a-kind exhibition for footwear manufacturers that's organized in United Arab Emirates. I think the organization has been done really well. The venue of the exhibition is good, and we were able to meet some of our potential customers in this exhibition. Thank you

# **Media Coverage**

# Diflex 2025 set to attract more than 250 global brands

DUBAI: In the backdrap of the harsh tariff winds from the US battering the global footwear and leather market, Diffex 2025, the region's largest 828 trade show is set to open offering avantage point for manufacturers and brands to diversify and ramp up engagement with the Middle East and Africa (MEA) market.

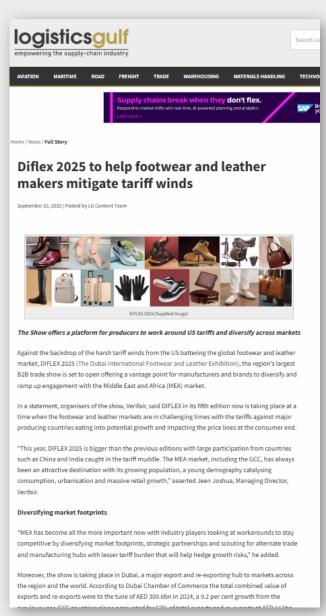
Diffex which will run during September 23-25 in Dubai will showcase more than 250 brands and 10,000 product lines to an estimated number of 5,000 trade visitors from across the world.

In a statement, organisers of the show, Verifair, said Diffiex in its fifth edition now is taking place at a time when the footwear and leather markets are in challenging times with the tariffs against major producing countries eating into potential growth and impacting the price lines at the consumer end.

"This year, Diffex 2025 is bigger than the previous editions with large participation from countries such as China and India caught in the tariff mudale. The MEA market, including the GCC, has always been an attractive destination with its growing population, a young demography catalysing consumption, urbanisation and massive retail growth. MEA has become all the more important now with industry players looking at workarounds to stay competitive by diversifying market footprints, strategic partnerships and scouting for alternate trade and manufacturing hubs with lesser tariff burden that will help hedge growth risks," said Jeen Joshua, Managing Director, Verifiair.

Staff Reporter, Gulf Today







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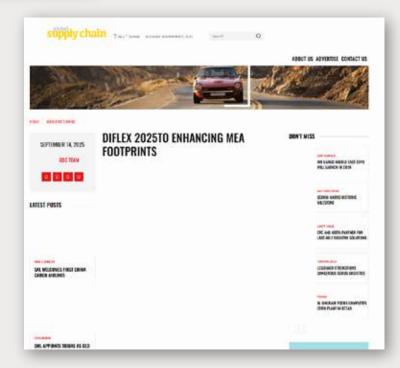
#### Diflex 2025to Help Footwear and Leather Makers Mitigate Tariff Winds by Enhancing MEA Footprints

- Show offers a platform for producers to converge and collaborate to workaroundUS tariffs and diversify across the USS37.51 billion Middle East and Africa (MEA) markets
- China leads participation, followed by India, Italy, and other EU countries among exhibitors from over 16 countries showcasing over 250 brands and 10,000 product lines.

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