

Theme

"Decoding the Middle East Footwear & Leather industry dynamics: Aligning demand, supply and trends"

DAY 1- TUESDAY, 08 DEC 2026

Ribbon Cutting

11:00 – 12:00 | OPENING PLENARY

- Welcome Remarks: Jeen Joshua, Managing Director, VERIFAIR
- Opening Remarks: Mukhtarul Amin, Vice Chairman, Council for Leather Exports- CLE , Govt. of India
- Chief Guest and Inaugural Address: TBC
- Special Keynote : *'Scaling Kenya's Leather & Footwear Industry: Investment, Innovation, and Export Readiness'*: Jimmy Odhiambo, CEO, Kenya Leather Development Council- KLDC , Govt. of Kenya.
- Closing Remarks: TBC

12:00 – 13:00 | SESSION 1

Panel Discussion: *The Demand Shift; How Brands, Distributors, and Retailers Navigate Geopolitical Headwinds?*

Speakers

- Jatin Kalra , Vice President , Apparel Group

13:00 – 13:30 | SESSION 2

Keynote: "Opportunities & challenges for footwear industry in the Middle East"
Speaker : Dinesh Shahani, President - Footwear Business, Landmark group
13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 | SESSION 3

Panel Discussion*: Global Footwear & Leather Market Outlook: Effective Strategies for Global Realignment & Growth*

Speakers

- Shahzad Faisal , Founder , Hoog Store

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DAY 2- WEDNESDAY, 09 DEC 2026

11:30 – 12:30 | SESSION 4

Panel Discussion*: Step into the future; Is Sneaker & Casual Revolution Rewriting Industry Rules?*

Speakers

- May Ahmed, Founder, H&T Boutique
- Elm Barkley, Founder, Baga Baga

12:30 – 13:00 | SESSION 5

Keynote: The Survival and Growth of SMEs in the Global Leather and Footwear Industry

- Speaker: Mohamad Mudabbir, Owner, Hayat Al Fajar Leather Products Trading LLC

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 | SESSION 6

Panel Discussion : *Capitalizing on Premium Markets: Growth Perspectives in Footwear & Leather Industry*

Speakers

- Morgan Papin, Chief Technology Officer, The Cobbler

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DAY 3- THURSDAY, 10 DEC 2026

11:00 – 12:00| SESSION 7

Panel Discussion*: Sustainable Horizons: Redefining Footwear & Leather Industry in Middle East*

Speakers

- Elke Steijns, Founder, VOGAYA

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