

DIRECTIONS TREND COMMITTEE

Since its foundation in 1998, the *Directions* Trend Committee has provided an invaluable research and marketing tool to designers and garment professionals, helping them steer their designs and manufacturing process in line with coming fashion seasons. The committee comprises of top trend forecasters, selected by Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd based on their knowledge and wide experience in all fields of fashion. They come from cities considered the fashion capitals of the major export markets for international garment trade: New York, Milan, Paris and Tokyo. Each season, the committee members combine their expertise and local influences to come up with the themes that tell the story of tomorrow's apparel fabric trends.

SACHIKO INOUE – TOKYO, JAPAN

Sachiko Inoue graduated from the International Design and Art Institution in 1971, then worked for various textile companies as a fashion and textile forecaster. Currently, she offers consulting services, including trend forecasts and individual guidance for several key material producers, trading firms, converters and fabric manufacturers in Japan. She has also been involved in directing JFW (Japan Fashion Week Organization)/Textile Div. in the trend forecasting and textile consulting field in both Japanese and overseas fairs.

Other production team member: Miyo Hattori (graphic design)

DONEGER CREATIVE SERVICES – NEW YORK, USA

Doneger Creative Services (DCS) is a leading forecasting and creative consultancy at the intersection of lifestyle and commerce. A division of The Doneger Group, retail's trusted advisor and the global leader in merchandising strategies, DCS has a unique perspective in blending breakthrough creativity with commercial practicality. Their mission is to provide design confidence through creative concepts, hands-on inspiration and branding strategies to bring great ideas to life. Kai Chow, Director of DCS, leads a team of forecasters, concept designers, trend analysts and branding strategists to inspire and guide clients through designing products and brands that make an impact.

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ELEMENTI MODA – MILAN, ITALY

Elementi Moda has provided consultation services since 1979 as well as styling and product design for the international textile industry. Elementi Moda organises trend conferences for international apparel companies. It also provides extensive research and development services for commercial textile products, such as fibres, yarns, fabrics and knitwear. Creative Director Ornella Bignami is a specialist in fibres, colours, yarns and fabric developments for fashion and home.

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NELLYRODI™ AGENCY – PARIS, FRANCE

Founded in Paris in 1985, NellyRodi is a consulting firm specialising in innovation and creativity. Today based in Paris, Shanghai, Tokyo and New York, it is an international reference for forecasting the industrial and service sectors. NellyRodi coaches and assists brands, investment funds, and collective organisations in developing their strategy, marketing, product and digital expertise.

NellyRodi is established in China for 15 years, and Michael Bonzom is the Asia creative director.

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