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Conneaut Leather Acquires Cortina Leathers
American Tradition Meets Italian Elegance

NEW YORK, NY – Conneaut Leather, a U.S. manufacturer of upholstery leather since 1903 in Conneaut, OH has acquired the sister companies Cortina Leathers and DMS Leathers. “Bringing together these two great companies offers our customers a ‘best of both worlds’ leather solution” says Jack Prause, President of Conneaut Leather. “In addition to what Conneaut Leather has always stood for – producing American-made leathers with competitive pricing and short lead-times--we are now able to offer a broad array of in-stock, high-end Italian leathers as well. This is a combination that no other company in the U.S. can match.”



Conneaut Leather brings to the marriage its manufacturing capabilities such as large in-stock lines, custom leathers, strikeoffs, special finishes including Crypton™ and cut-to-pattern which have made it a leader in the office furniture, hospitality, automotive aftermarket, and residential OEM markets.

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For over thirty years, Cortina Leathers, led by Elayne and Meryl Siegman, has been synonymous with quality and elegance among the architectural, interior design, commercial end-user and aviation industry--always raising the bar to introduce unique and technologically-advanced products. This will continue with Elayne and Meryl remaining in critical roles leading the A&D and Aviation businesses for the combined company. Cortina Leathers exceeds Conneaut Leather's hopes for an organization that they could partner with whose core values and brand identity align seamlessly and one which will continue the tradition for excellent service, profound leather expertise and impeccable quality.

"This is an exciting time for all of us at Cortina Leathers and DMS" says Meryl Siegman, President of both companies. "As a family owned and operated business for over 30 years, we are thrilled to be part of Conneaut Leather, an established, well-respected and progressive company which shares our principles for quality, service and integrity in all they do. We now have the ability to satisfy all leather needs for every market sector."

The Best of Both Worlds

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Please join us for our debut at Booth 965 at BDNY on November 9 and 10 in NYC.

About Conneaut Leather

Steeped in 111 years of American manufacturing tradition, Conneaut Leather began producing hides in 1903. Over the years, the upholstery leather industry has seen it grow from a small boutique leather shop on the shores of Northeast Ohio to a 55,000 SF, ISO Certified, state-of-the-art leather manufacturing facility. It's vertical supply chain and unique ability to produce custom leathers within days provides designers, purchasing agents, and manufacturers with a turnkey solution for all of their leather needs.

About Cortina Leathers

For over thirty years, Cortina Leathers has been importing fine Italian upholstery leathers to serve the architectural, interior design and commercial aviation markets in the Americas and throughout the world. Established in 1986 as a high-end collection for contract use, Cortina has expanded its line to include leathers sought after by the residential, hospitality and retail design communities as well, and has gained an international reputation for quality and service.

About DMS

Design Marketing Sales has been supplying Italian upholstery leather to the OEM, private label and bookbinding and accessories market since 1976. Owned and run by the mother-and-daughter team of Elayne and Meryl Siegman, it is the sister company to Cortina Leathers.

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