Michele Marini Pittenger, president of the Travel Goods Association, and Scott Kosmin, chair of the TGA Board and president & COO of 24-7 International, wield the giant TGA scissors, officially opening The 2016 International Travel Goods Show.

Exhibitors, retailers and press crowd Show registration desks. With 314 exhibitors, The 2016 International Travel Goods Show was the largest Show in TGA history, and the largest collection of travel goods on the planet.

**Seen at The Show**

By Kathy Witt | Photographs by Kerry Pittenger

- **Washable and reusable 4 A Clean Getaway** seat covers are a stylish way to protect against germs and gain additional storage for quick-access personal items while traveling on a plane, train or bus. Slip the elastic end over the top of your seat and tuck the fabric in between the back of the seat and the seat cushion. Viola! Stylish, germ-free comfort is yours. MSRP $36

- **ACE’s Rockpaint-SS International C/O Spinner** is super lightweight in abrasion-resistant nylon. With the International C/O weighing a mere 5.0 lbs and the 28” Spinner capping out at 7.3 lbs, young and old, hip and traditional travelers alike will appreciate the maneuverability, bright colors, clean lines and entry-level price points of these cases. Also offered in Domestic C/O and 24” Spinner models, cases are available in black, blue, green, purple, red and yellow. MSRP $126

- **With the Aimee Kestenberg Ivy Collection**, featuring a 28” 8-Wheel Expandable Upright, **Heritage Travelware** delivers contemporary styling in a statement piece for the modern businesswoman. Cases have a durable ABS shell with a vibrant metallic python-printed polycarbonate film on the outside and are finished with gold-plated custom hardware. Fashionable interiors are fitted with accessory pockets, garment restraint flaps and elastic shoe pockets. The 8-wheel spinners sport logo-plated hubcaps; the 24” and 28” models have molded feet. MSRP $169.99

- **Every super hero needs a sidekick!** Travel with the Captain America 21” Hardside Spinner from American Tourister’s Marvel Collection. Designed especially with adult fans in mind, this polycarbonate collection features a split construction with Marvel branded lining, single spinner wheels, Marvel character-specific branded push button pull handle and American Tourister branded top and side carry handles and zipper pulls. Other characters from the Marvel Universe included in this collection are Spider-Man, Iron Man and the Hulk. MSRP $139.99

- **Temperature- and impact-resistant, the Andiamo Premio from 24-7 International** is sleek in 100% polycarbonate with meticulously handcrafted leather details throughout. An exterior handle system means maximum interior packing capacity, and easy-glide silent Japanese wheels add comfort to the journey. Cases are finished with waterproof YKK zippers with an integrated TSA-accepted lock. Shown is the 21” case. MSRP $395-$495

- **A carry-on that coddles and carries, Airpocket** offers soft neoprene protection and a design that slips into a seatback pocket or over the extended handles of a carry-on bag. With detachable and adjustable shoulder strap, its pockets keep in-flight essentials handy, but it can also be stowed inside a tote or messenger bag. MSRP $75

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A meeting of the (stylish) minds: Walter + Ray designer Tania Rodrigues talks co-branding opportunities with Juan De Lascurain, CEO of the Mexican media company Dream Big.

Jamie Trachtenberg, Neil Trachtenberg and Wasfy Boktor from Mancini sit down with Bermuda retailer Sheilagh Robertson from the Harbourmaster. On the table: Mancini’s fine collection of wallets, accessories, and business and travel products.

Melanie Yu, from Australian powerhouse retailer Strand Bags, examines the new Trina Turk Collection with Jamie Stoltz of Signal Brands.

Here is enlightened luggage by Antler: the Revelation Weightless D3W Standard Large Orange Roller case is not only hardwearing and tough, but lightweight and water-resistant, too. Enjoy smooth travels with a lightweight trolley system with branded push button, seamless top and side comfort handles and 360° rotating wheels. Measuring 30” x 19” x 13”, this case earns the limelight in can’t-miss orange. MSRP $199.99

The Apera Performance Duffel is designed to carry everything so you can conquer anything. With immense interior capacity, two exterior shoe pockets and laptop, tablet and tech storage, this duffle has antimicrobial protection, intelligent wet/dry separation and laser-cut venting so your bag can breathe, ventilate and stay healthy. MSRP $139

Striking a dramatic pose with its black, brown and silver color palette featuring contrast color accents and corner guards, b·tL’s Gallerie Collection from Olivet International comes in 100% polycarbonate with a diamond finish. Comprising 20”, 24” and 28” models with split interior packing, cases have four spinner wheels, two inches of packing expansion and removable shoe and laundry bags. MSRP $410/$430/$450

Meet the durable and stylish Bellemonde Tote Bag, made of Bellemonde’s signature Scotch grain vegan leather. This bag features lots of pockets inside and out and a top zipper that folds out of the way for easy access but also keeps things secure. Grabbing the spotlight in new collection color red, it is also available in brown, black, orange, Aspen gray, turquoise, lime green and pink. MSRP $60

The Ben Sherman 180091 Red House Gingham Collection from Heritage Travelware, featuring the 20” Upright, shows off the company’s in-house-designed gingham patterns, now available in stylish luggage. With a uniquely woven gingham-printed polyester jacquard exterior and a tear-resistant, fully lined interior with color pop, this lightweight and expandable collection rolls smoothly atop 4-wheel spinners. Other amenities: dual front exterior zip down pockets, padded and flexible top and side handles and convenient bottom grab handle. MSRP $240

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Athalon offers up a dynamic duo with its Long Haul 29” Hybrid Spinner that is part luggage and part wheeling duffle. Superlight and super functional, it combines the best of adventure and travel. It comes in camo. MSRP $300

PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF THE EXHIBITOR: APERA, ATHALON, B•TL, BELLEMONDE, BEN SHERMAN
Lark Gould, travel contributor for the Washington Times and associate editor for Business Traveler magazine, researches an article on compression socks with the help of VIM & VIGR’s Katie Van Dorn.

Retailers crowd into Travelpro’s booth to examine the latest from Atlantic®, Travelpro®, and Universal, including the Maxlite4® Collection.

The aisles of The 2016 International Travel Goods Show are packed with retailer meetings, busy travel editors and standing-room-only product presentations.
Daniela Lester of Group III walks through the new SWISSGEAR collection with Sue Flaum, merchandising manager for Burlington Stores.

Tony Mazlish, CEO of Travel PAL, with Marketing Director Mike Wade, shares thoughts on innovation and international production with David Lifshitz and Isaac Atlast of FUGU Luggage, currently in development with Kickstarter.

Jeff Thaw, president at ATM – America’s Travel Merchandise, challenges old friend Jerry Kallman, president of Airline International Luggage, to a race on the new Nickelodeon SCOOTIE ride-on luggage.

● Performing a dual role, the Contratempo by bugatti can be carried as a backpack or briefcase via padded shoulder straps or ergonomic handles. With a large mid-section storage capacity, it securely holds a 17” laptop and offers a hidden side zippered pocket accompanied by an organizer. The bag’s exterior has a magnetic quick-access pocket, a zippered pocket with multiple sections, dual expandable side pockets and a lost-free key chain. It is accented with gun metal hardware. MSRP $150

● Cabrelli has updated one of its classic fabrics by offering a patent croco in a new shape and in new collection color gray. This carry-on-size bag (716007U) with inline wheels and retractable handle features two front zip pockets and two side pockets on the exterior; padded laptop and tablet compartments, interior organizer section and a new interior key leash with clip amenity that keeps items neatly arranged. MSRP $200

● Skate through the terminal with inline skate wheels and a telescoping hideaway handle on California Pak’s lightweight Madison Rolling Satchel. Offered in a variety of eye-catching patterns with contrast color imprinted full interior linings, this carry-on-friendly size bag provides duffle bag size capacity. MSRP $49

● Meet The 2016 International Travel Goods Show Buzz Award winner: The Evolution Cool™ by Cabeau. Comfortably cool while avoiding sweaty neck syndrome with its cool air circulation vents, this travel pillow supports the neck in soft comfort via dual-density memory foam and a magnetic custom-sizing toggle. Headphone-friendly, it comes with an attachable deluxe travel bag that compacts the pillow down to half its size. MSRP $59.99

● Maximize your carry-on allowance with the CABINZERO Ultra Light Carry-On Backpack. Weighing less than 2 lbs yet boasting a yawning 44-liter capacity, this bag, which can be carried as a suitcase or backpack, fits most global airline carry-on dimensions. Waterproof and fully lined, it has built-in lost and found protection powered by Okoban®, among other features. MSRP $79
Hidesign America’s Vikas Kapur shows off the Aldous, a handcrafted, fine leather briefcase to California retailers Amrit Randhawa and Ajju Singh of Noble Luggage.

Cabeau CEO David Sternlight, and International Sales Director Derrick Moxley present Cabeau’s creative and comfortable travel kit to their Asian distributors.

Anglophiles Chris Cavanagh (Go Travel) and Jessica George (buyer at Zulily) take the Great British Say-ings Quiz, with a few hints from Go Travel’s Cynthia Mitchell and Rebekah Vennard.

This Wheeled Duffle from Tara’s Traveler’s Canvas Collection from Cara USA is constructed of fine canvas with rose trimmings and gold-tone hardware. Perfect for fashionable female execs and classy weekend getaways, it has a high-quality handle and wheels, a front zip-around compartment for a laptop and a vertical front pocket for tickets, passports, etc. A rose luggage tag is included. MSRP $119.99

Slim, simple and lightweight, Caracaise™ jewelry boxes are single surface organizers that keep items exactly where you place them. There are no compartments, snaps or zippers to slow down packing time – and no more tangled necklaces and chains or scratches on precious metals. Constructed from a durable polycarbonate blend plastic, its flat-surface lid can be personalized with monograms, decals and other embellishments. MSRP $40

The card is the key with CCL Security’s 947 Series SearchAlert® Travel Lock with Card and Cable. Its patented Security Window tips travelers off if TSA has searched your bag and its durable zinc alloy construction provides peace of mind that your bag is secure. The lock comes in red, black and pewter. MSRP $19

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Use your phone, watch a movie, play games or read – all within the patented Cloud Sleeper Pillow by Cloudz and while maintaining proper back alignment as you relax in a natural forward position. Featuring EZ Inflate to inflate and deflate in seconds and a 2-valve system so you can adjust the top and bottom sections separately for custom comfort, the pillow attaches to luggage and has a removable and washable headrest cover. MSRP $29.99-$34.99

Ditch the excess baggage and keep essential equipment close to your chest with Craghoppers’ NosLife Adventure Gilet, a multi-pocket performance sleeveless jacket offered in sizes S through XXL. Featuring NosLife permanent insect-repellent technology and an astonishing tally of 13 handy pockets, including one passport sized RFID-blocking pocket, this practical go-anywhere gilet is primed and ready for action. MSRP $120

Simple, beautiful and magical to use: The Chipolo Bluetooth Item Finder measures about the size of a coin and just 5mm thin, is compatible with iOS, Android and Windows phones and easily attaches to valuable items. With the free Chipolo app, travelers can locate any lost or misplaced item in seconds, using Chipolo’s Range Meter or via Chipolo Network GPS. It comes in a range of fun colors and can be customized for B2B orders, from Compass Partners. MSRP $29.95

Photographs courtesy of the Exhibitor: Cara USA, Chipolo, Craghoppers
Sakroots’s Talya Ottley shows Beverly and Kevin Mashburn from Kambers the new prints available in the Sakroots Artist Circle Lunch Boxes.

Boscov’s Lynne Howells and Jeff Houston survey the wide range of colors, patterns and features presented by Eric McLaughlin, senior vice president of sales at Leisure Merchandising Corp./London Fog/Waverly/Adolfo.

Royce Leather’s Kathy Bauer pauses to chat with Rita Zheliuyi Wang of Valsfer, the innovative crowd-sourced design platform. Also present: Royce Leather’s exquisite handmade wallets, card cases, travel accessories, and bags.

Photographs courtesy of the Exhibitor: DIGIPAS, DRY CASE

Cut the weight, not the features, with DELSEY’s lightest-ever hardside, the 4.9-lb BASTILLE LITE Carry-on Spinner Trolley in polycarbonate. You’ll get organized packing with a fully lined interior with divider, shoe pockets and tie-down straps, carry convenience with soft-touch top- and side-carry handles and peace of mind with a TSA-accepted lock. MSRP $129.99.

Svelte and savvy – DELSEY’s CHATILLON Expandable Carry-On Spinner Trolley in durable and water-repellent DuraTec™ fabric is a trim 4.7 lbs. Not only that, it is equipped with a padded front pocket whose soft-touch lining fits up to a 14” laptop and a bottom front pocket that comes with a pouch to provide easy access and storage. An integrated Overweight Indicator, expandability and smooth-rolling spinner wheels are among other features. MSRP $129.99

The CHATELET SOFT+ 21" Expandable Carry-on Spinner Trolley, beautiful in champagne and chocolate designer fabrics with leather-like trims and soft-touch lining, features DELSEY’s patent-pending Stop and Go brake system to prevent runaway luggage. The bag’s roomy and zippered pockets, lid compartment and shoe and laundry bags deliver packing efficiency and its recessed 3-dial TSA-compliant combination lock dials up security. MSRP $249.99

It’s the champagne travel life with the Chapter 4 Collection, combining a brushed finish and the old school vibe of leather post handles with DOT-DROPS Paris’ famous design motif. Comprising 22”, 24” and 28” models in stylized Bayer® Makrolon® polycarbonate for sturdy protection, cases glide smoothly along on new-design double wheels. MSRP from $400

Here is the world’s first eGeeTouch Dual-Access Technologies Smart Travel Padlock by DIGIPAS. An award-winning and patented innovation embedded with state-of-art dual proximity access and vicinity tracking technologies, this lock is all about providing peace of mind and a hassle-free experience. No key, digit-wheels dial or code memorizing is required. MSRP $39.90

Pack the Masonboro 35 Liter Waterproof Adventure Backpack by Dry Case® on your next beach or boating getaway. From the removable wallet compartment and bottle opener to the padded support and waist buckle, this 100% waterproof bag delivers the goods. The best part? The 2-way air valve allows you to compress, inflate and even drain the bag if you need a make-shift cooler or shower on the go. Available in gray and blue, its versatility extends to a front mesh pocket that keeps wet items out of the waterproof area. MSRP $99.99

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See the road-rugged Cargo Hauler Duffel 60L. Lightweight at 1.75 lbs, it is sturdy, roomy and ready to accommodate any adventure. In Bi-Tech™ Armor Lite with a non-petroleum based coating that is both strong and environmentally friendly, this bag is backed by Eagle Creek’s No Matter What™ warranty. It comes in blue/gray, cherry/gray, fern/gray, orange/gray and black. MSRP $99

Unzip, flip and slide: The ORGO Lite from Everything ORGO has an everything-in-its-place attitude, but that’s not all – it actually creates counter space with its ingenious foldout panel that takes this organizing dynamo from 15” to 3” of storage. With 18 adjustable compartments to hold all your toiletries, it is durable and lightweight and slips easily into small suitcases. It comes in black with a green, pink or black zipper. MSRP $39.99

Is it luggage or a scooter? Flyte is both. Practical and playful, this child-size pull-along suitcase converts to a 3-wheel scooter – the brainchild of a toy designer and travel enthusiast. With a dent-proof polyurethane foam case and steel scooter chassis and featuring full-color graphic designs, Flyte is ready to be part of your child’s next travel adventure. Flyte Midi is for children ages 4- to 8-years-old; Flyte Mini is for children ages 2- to 4-years-old. MSRP $89.99

Look smart and feel fresh with Go Travel’s light-weight, water-resistant Dual Washbag, whose 2-in-1 design allows you to compartmentalize travel essentials, separating wet and dry items in transit. Ideal for toiletries and grooming essentials alike, it has a dedicated side compartment with three organizing loops for comb, toothbrush and razor. The main compartment is spacious enough to store all your favorite products and can be easily wiped clean. An integrated carry handle and two internal pockets round out features. MSRP $14.95

Say ahh with Grand Trunk’s plush, micro fleece Hooded Travel Pillow with memory foam. The attached, storable hood covers eyes and ears so light won’t seep through and reset your body’s internal clock, ensuring you get that much needed shut-eye on your travels. It is available in bright crimson and peacock green. MSRP $40

Granite Gear’s Cross-Trek Collection, offered in a new flint colorway, comprises five different pieces of travel gear, including the 32” Wheeled Duffel (shown). This bag easily transitions into a backpack with hide-away ventilated and load-absorbing shoulder straps. The duffle also boasts an expandable drop bottom pocket for 15% additional packing space, a zipped divider curtain for packing adaptability and Granite Gear’s BARRIER protection to provide 360° of water-repellent coverage. MSRP $199.99

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– See the prize-winning Healthy Back Bag booth (Best Booth, 200-300-sq.-ft.) Priscilla Chase of The Healthy Back Bag Co., Gaynell Troiano of Finley AAA, Laurie Lendon of Kenneth Cole, and Nancy Evans of The Healthy Back Bag Co.

– Gathered in the prize-winning Healthy Back Bag booth with Marty Wahl from Genius Pack.

– Seen in the DryCASE booth: Corey Heim and Patrick Harris from DryCASE compare notes on The Show with Marty Wahl from Genius Pack.

– Longtime friends Philip Wein of Irv’s Luggage, Howard Kalichman of Cabrelli, Ken Montgomery of Cabrelli and David Wein of Irv’s Luggage catch up in the Cabrelli booth.
A capable bag for the most epic of journeys: The Haiku Wanderlust, an eco-friendly travel cross-body, holds everything you need and secures all with a toggle locking zipper closure. Four exterior pockets (two zipper pockets, a slip pocket with flap closure and a back panel slip pocket), interior zipper and slip pockets; five card slots – including one with RFID-blocking technology – key fob and removable zipper pouch keep you in good stead. MSRP $90

Meet Hartmann’s Medium Journey Expandable Glider™ featuring the company’s new StrideAlign™ technology. Incorporating three patent-pending technologies, StrideAlign™ is the hallmark of the Glider™ cases in both Ratio and Ratio Classic Deluxe Collections. These cases sport a unique low profile and wide wheelbases for ease of movement and stability, allow travelers to conduct and guide the movement of the luggage naturally and effortlessly, and are extremely lightweight for exceptional manageability. MSRP $650

The 15” Junction Backpack from Hedgren’s Connect Line has it all: room for a laptop and a plethora of gear (camera, smartphone, tablet), ample extra bag space and a designated section for a battery (not included) that makes on-the-go charging a breeze. It also offers an EVA-molded guard pocket to safely store a camera or headphones and an easy clip-on pocket for a smartphone. The safe travel pocket on the back of the backpack pouch boasts RFID protection. MSRP $119.99

With its satin-metallic finishes, Heys’ 3-piece Motif Spinner Set is a stylish stand-out with exterior 3D texture embosses that are unique to the touch. With Homme designs for him and Femme for her, these durable cases are impact-resistant and scratch-and-scuff protected. Eight 360° spinner wheels provide stability; interiors are elegant with satin lining and a built-in fully zipped divider; and the zipper-released expansion system offers 20% more packing space when needed. Collection colors include champagne, gunmetal and silver. MSRP $179.99/21”; $199.99/26”; $229.99/30” or $609.99/3-pc set

A boon to the traveler, the Hunter Duffel Bag is the perfect cabin-sized weekend getaway bag (19.2” x 12.59” x 8.6”) made in Hidesign’s full grain vegetable-tanned classic leather. Sporting a magnetic snap closure with a roller buckle for show on the front pocket and a zip closure for the main compartment, this bag offers Hidesign’s signature 100% cotton green striped lining, adjustable canvas webbing shoulder strap with detachable dog locks and two grab handles. MSRP $319.99

Photographs courtesy of the exhibitor: Hartmann, Hedgren, HEX, Heys

Jennifer Millen and Denise Millen, both of distributor Destination Bags, strategize opening new doors for bugatti with Johanne Bolvin and Valerie Maze of bugatti.

Surrounded by the clever and colorfulwares of The San Francisco Umbrella Company, Julia Trombley, buyer for Brookstone, discusses the Blue Jean Umbrella and the Vogmask with Marc Brown and Wendover Brown.

Make new friends (but keep the old): new travel goods friends Shun Chen of Gabbiano and Murray Bunwick of David King find common ground in the Gabbiano booth.
Show attendees prepare to raise a glass of champagne to the 2016 winners of the Travel Goods Association Awards.

It’s a party! Richard Swayze, Janine Bennett, Adela Castaneda, Marcell Fitzgerald, Anne Camara, Fanha Sheikh, Emran Sheikh, Heather Qian, Susan Patterson, Nari Jo, Steven Miao, Alden Evangelista (left to right) wish a Happy Birthday to Heys.

Old friends discussing new products: Tony Barkan of DELSEY and Michael Lauri of Travelpro get together every year at The International Travel Goods Show.
Andrew Hamilton of Antler demonstrates the innovative new Atom case to Dustin Boyd, Leslee Richards and Frank Fine of Lieber’s Luggage, and Jay Friedman of Lazar’s Luggage.

Opportunities for face time are invaluable in international business. David Sharman and Philip Hopwood of Antler meet with Tomoyuki Yamada, Hideaki Kanebako, and Eiichi Kuwayama of Sunco Luggage Co. of Japan.

Sharing a warm handshake and a smile, Jordan Ketel and John Bums of Bon-Ton discuss the Decatur Collections with Maricel Bieszk of High Sierra.

J World New York’s Scott Laptop Backpack in twill-foam PU polyester 900D is ready to work with ergonomic S-shaped shoulder strap, padded laptop sleeve in main compartment, air mesh cushion back and front utility and hidden back pockets. Measuring 17.6” x 10.6” x 5.7”, it comes in black and red. MSRP $55

Jack Georges’ Canvas Collection, including a 22” Duffle with Front Pockets, features a heavyweight cotton canvas body trimmed with belting leather and antiqued hardware. Inside are large shoe pockets and a zippered pocket. The bag is available in black with black leather trim or in khaki with brown leather trim. MSRP $250

Jovo introduces its MVP™ (Most Versatile Pillow), the patent-pending flipillow®. Made in the U.S.A., this innovative two-pillow design combines a horseshoe and contour pillow, which can be used together or separately in a variety of combinations, including for lying face down. A multi-function elastic strap, which holds flipillow in place on a seat or lounge, can also be used as a carrying strap over your luggage or shoulder. Its removable, washable spandex cover comes in a variety of colors. MSRP $29.99

With its far-out pattern in indigo, the Jessica Simpson Tye Dye Collection from Olivet International is right on trend. Eight pieces, including a 17” Wheeled Tote, 21” Expandable Spinner and 22” Rolling Duffle, cover the packing needs garnet in a lightweight collection that provides plenty of interior organization with removable shoe and laundry bags and Comfort Grip top and side carry handles. MSRP $240-$340

With its exclusive neo-vintage design, JUMP Paris’ Cassis Collection, featuring the 26” 4-Wheel Suitcase, recaptures the yesteryear romance of travel. Beautiful in burgundy, the stately case has a unique patent-pending design in sleek-but-tough Bayer® Makrolon® polycarbonate with double Hinomoto wheels and leather trim. MSRP $350

PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF THE EXHIBITOR: J WORLD NEW YORK, JACK GEORGES
The meeting of the Michaels: Michael Noymer of Leather World connects with Michael Warren, National Account Manager for Victorinox Swiss Army.

The unconventional garage motif of the Trunkster booth matches their unconventional rolltop luggage. Jesse Potash of Trunkster chats with Shigeru Nishiyama of Travel Sentry/Okoban SA, while Dillard’s Armando Gonzalez and Joshua Harper examine technical features.

Let’s make a deal! Michael Abate of Sam Swick Leather Goods works with Donald Smith of Osgoode Marley, flanked by a display of Osgoode Marley’s attractive leather bags and accessories.

Refined and feminine, the kensie Collection by Travelers Club is a 2-piece Spinner Set with a streamlined design and increased packing capacity. In printed polyester, it includes a 19” rolling carry-on and a 16” tote. MSRP $200

Knomo London introduces the world’s first in-bag, magnetic wireless charging solution with its Maddox Drop & Go Charging Bag, featuring a 3-part system. This includes a leather-backed iPhone case with a magnetic connection receiver; a Knomo magnetic connection cable with USB head built into the bag; and an auto-sensing “instant-on” Knomo battery so that every time connection is made, your iPhone automatically instantly charges. From Compass Partners. MSRP $395

Knirps’ Floyd Duomatic with push-button auto open-close. With a closed length of 11” and canopy diameter of 34.25”, it is a handy and lightweight umbrella offering solid protection in the elements. Eight bright fashion colors include pink, orange and Capri. From Compass Partners. MSRP $29.95

The slimly silhouetted Houston Backpack from Korchmar is sheer elegance in vegetable-tanned cowhide with a wax finish and natural leather interior. In mocha and cognac, this bag boasts a split interior by way of a hanging interior gusset, plus built-in iPad sleeve and two expandable front pockets to hold variously sized PDAs, cell phones and computer power systems. MSRP $450

Tuck the evening’s essentials into the Squeeze Wristlet from LCI Brands’ Women’s Collection of accessories made with modern style and thoughtful functionality. In lightweight and durable nylon with quilted accents, this wristlet features an RFID-blocking pocket as well as a large squeeze-top pocket, exterior slot pocket and zip pocket with two card slots and a removable wrist strap. It comes in black and slate. MSRP $31.49

Photographs courtesy of the exhibitor: Kensie, Knirps, Knomo London, LCI Brands

Greg Willenbrink, VP of national accounts for OGIO, describes the features of the new OGIO bag, The Layover to James Molina from Academy Sports + Outdoors.

The New Products Pavilion is everyone’s first stop at The Show. Sara Lavi and Christine Hemmi from The Container Store examine this year’s newest travel accessories.
Peter Doval of Triforce Luggage presents the new Francisco Ceron artist collection to Chantel Mortensen from Overstock.com and Sandra Cortes from ecWorld Enterprises Inc.

Traveling for a few days and taking only one bag? No need to check with the Isaac Mizrahi 10-Piece Travel Set from MiWorld Accessories. TSA-compliant so you can tuck it right into your carry-on, the set includes three bottles, one spray bottle, one bottle with pump, three jars, a scooper, labels to keep track of liquids, funnel to avoid messes and a printed carrying case. MSRP $12.99

A seamless blend of elegance and mobility, McKlein’s Uptown, a 15.6” Vertical Wheeled Ladies’ Laptop Case in top grain leather, is grace on wheels. Able to be carried by the hand or by its telescopic handle, the Uptown has a narrow silhouette for smooth manoeuvring down airplane aisles without having to pick it up. A stylish flap-over front pocket holds files and accessories with a secure clasp and key lock. It comes in red, brown, navy and black. MSRP $210

Here is Moleskine’s Classic Backpack in soft and supple leather. Tuck your electronics within the bag’s protective structure that keeps digital devices safe and enables the bag to stand alone. Featuring padded pockets to fit laptop and tablet and a gray lining that contrasts with the bag’s black exterior, it is finished with quality YKK zippers. MSRP $190

Thirsty? Just snap the top and bottom of your Hydrapak Stash™ Collapsible Sport Bottle together, squeeze to open, remove the screw-cap and fill. Mercury Luggage gives travelers a BPA- and PVC-free way to drink in a bottle that won’t leak and is naturally anti-fungal. In 25- and 32-oz sizes, the bottles collapse down to 2” and 4” respectively and come in a variety of colors. MSRP $18/25-oz; $22.99/32-oz

Travel in style and comfort with Mia Toro’s Angolo Hardside Spinner from HONTUS. Made from lightweight armor-flex composite with Mia Toro’s exclusive, scratch-resistant Wide Carbon Fiber Texture, this bag fuses art and science together for a look and feel that is rich and right now. MSRP $340/21” Carry-On; $360/25”; $380/29”

Luggage America presents the Maverick Series, sleek in polycarbonate and smooth on jumbo 8-wheel spinners. Fully featured, these expandable cases coddle contents with a fully zipped internal divider with mesh and wet pockets, an effortlessly imprinted and fully padded interior lining and a padded compression divider with zip pockets. Collection colors include black, wine and champagne. MSRP $300/$320/$340; $840/set

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PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF THE EXHIBITOR: MCKLEIN, MIWORLD ACCESSORIES, MIA TORO, MOLESKINE
The micro-bag and cross-body bag trends intersect at the LUG booth: Larry Gulenchyn and Kevin Soplet from LUG are all ears as Cherise Gosselin from Bags N All predicts the colors and styles her customers will prefer.

What a setting for a business meeting! Parkson Liang and Justina Ysaguirre from Longlat chat with Bealls buyer Lindsey Knapp, surrounded by the pleasing patterns and pastels of their 2016 collection.

Drawing a crowd: 007 Bond Girl, Rachel Grant, lends her star-power (and Sharpie-prowess) to the Playluggage booth.

NEET Products presents the Apprentice Series Laptop Bag (16" x 12" x 2") with invisible expansion to accommodate bulkier gadgets. You’ll carry this bag in comfort with its patented NEET cable keeper signature shoulder strap and know your valuables are safe within double padded protection. Offered in blue, red and black, it also has integrated compartments and slides onto luggage handles. MSRP $414

The Pathfinder Marathon from 24-7 International is crafted of innovative, lightweight Duramax nylon blend fabric. Sporting self-repairing YKK nylon zippers for a more protected closure and ergonomic zip pulls, cases have four double spinner wheels for optimum maneuverability and zero weight on your hand. Interior zippered and mesh pockets provide an organized packing environment. Shown is the 29” case. MSRP $120-$300

The future is now with Planet Traveler’s Space Case Utility from HONTUS, offered in 21” and 29” Expandable Spinner Upright models. Designed to balance technology, style and function, this day-to-day case is perfect for the modern professional, with a digital biometric lock with fingerprint recognition; global tracker GPS system; digital self-scale; removable power bank, two external USB ports and another USB port within the laptop compartment; Bluetooth speakerphone; and anti-theft sensors. MSRP $1,300

The Slingsafe LX300, a youthful and energetic anti-theft backpack from Pacsafe, offers plenty of space for organization and features to help keep gear safe, including eXomesh Slashguard and Carrysafe Slashguard. Additionally, a 15” padded laptop sleeve, easy-access front pocket, RFID-safe pocket and padded backpack straps make this pack comfortable to wear and ideal for urban travels and adventures abroad. MSRP $69.95

The micro-bag and cross-body bag trends intersect at the LUG booth: Larry Gulenchyn and Kevin Soplet from LUG are all ears as Cherise Gosselin from Bags N All predicts the colors and styles her customers will prefer.

Original Penguin’s Norton Collection by American Traveler embodies what today’s travelers are seeking—an on-trend design paired with modern features. Progressive application of materials, pocket locations, elevated hardware and an ultra lightweight frame cater to the new wave of business and leisure travelers. Shown is the 21” upright case. MSRP $240

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Rogue Industries presents the Bison Rogue Wallet. Lightweight, slim and stylish, it is crafted in Lewiston, Maine, from American bison leather. A perfect fit in your front pocket, it comfortably holds six credit cards plus banknotes and ID, and has RFID-blocking Wallet-Guard stitched directly into its lining. MSRP $50

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From Princess Sportsgear & Traveller B.V. comes the Princess Power Collection. Comprising ultra-light suitcases with a portable charger, these cases let you power up while you’re on the road, charging your smartphone five times faster than using a standard socket. You can charge several devices at the same time – and be reachable at all times and in all places. MSRP starts at $155

Revo’s 3-piece Astro Collection of Expandable Spinners from Olivet International shines with a sleek and sturdy physique in 100% honeycomb polycarbonate. Cases offer organized split interior packing plus two additional inches of expandable space as well as eight spinner wheels, a TSA-accepted recessed lock and sporty corner guards. Collection colors are blue, charcoal, red and silver. MSRP $270/21”; $320/25”; $360/29”

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Fellow New Yorkers and longtime travel industry friends Michael Kraus and Mike Merensky from it luggage and Jeremy Bernstein and Marty Wagner from Bronx Luggage discuss DURALITON™, it luggage’s ultra-strong, lightweight, and scratch-resistant luggage.

Mark Stern from Savinar Luggage arrives at his meeting with Greg Pollock, Marco Cortinovis, and Ron Bizieff of Travelsox.

Savvy buyer Pamm Julian looks for new pieces for the 300-location National Stores chain. Daniel Chi from Vikland is on hand to show the new collection of Vikland trolley cases.

**Sakroots’ Artist Circle Rolling Duffle**, available in the company’s newest print, Brave Beauti, is lightweight and roomy yet compact enough to bring on board. Featuring two exterior pockets with zipper closure and an interior organizing mesh pocket, it has a coated canvas exterior accented with matte black hardware. An internal extendable handle and top handle straps allow for travel comfort. MSRP $129

With its Free Fall Backpack, **Samsonite Outlab** has created a backpack that can handle the rigors of an on-the-go lifestyle. Ideal for college students and young professionals who play as hard as they work, this backpack features sailcloth technology for lightweight durability and a unibody construction with no seams at typical breakage points. Dedicated padded laptop and tablet pockets – including a side-loader – hold devices safely. MSRP $149.99

**Savvy Travelers’ Jet Set Kit** that includes 16 individually wrapped luxe sheets: four No Sweat (antiperspirant); four In The Klear (lens and screen); four Take Offz (facial cleansing); and four Speak Eazy (mouth cleansing). Sheets are EPA Green Power Partner-approved, FSC and Rainforest Alliance-certified, biodegradable and compostable, and are not tested on animals. Made in California using clean, renewable solar energy, they are TSA-compliant and carry-on friendly. MSRP $20

**Shoemerang® Shoe Trees** – at 2 oz, the lightest shoe tree made. Made in the U.S.A., they feature a slim design that is strong and durable, pack flat and can be trimmed easily to fit any size shoe. MSRP $19.99

**Fully integrated corner guards** provide heavy impact protection for the lightweight Huxx 24” 4-Wheel Hardside Spinner in bronze from **Signal Brands**. Featuring an ABS and polycarbonate composite shell, case features include interior tie-down straps and accessory pockets, super quiet polyurethane spinner wheels and a soft and ergonomically correct TPR trolley grip. MSRP $119.99

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**Go ahead and stretch out** – your Personal Body Comfort System will support your lumbar spine. The BRIDGE™ by SITTINGBRIDGE helps you rest, stretch, move and sleep – all in your seat. Simply adjust the size of this molded polycarbonate shell to your comfort and collapse it for storage on the go. The Bridge expands from less than 1” to over 4” in height, and even creates a rocking footrest that flexes your muscles and promotes circulation. MSRP $65

**Solo’s small Urban Code 17.3” Duffel** makes a big style statement in black and gray. With a fully padded 17.3” laptop compartment, internal iPad/tablet pocket and large-capacity main compartment, it has a removable/adjustable shoulder strap and a back strap that slides over a luggage handle. MSRP $69.99

**Inspired from fashion’s spring runway collections is the Steve Madden Diamond Collection from 24-7 International**, featuring an impact-resistant polycarbonate blend hardshell and fully lined interior. Self-repairing nylon coil zippers, four double spinner wheels for smooth maneuverability and cushioned top and side carry handles add to the tote-ability of these cases, including the 20” carry-on, shown. MSRP $320-$400

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**Leave the luggage at home**. With the Stuffa® One Vest Jacket’s 12 concealed pockets, you can pack everything you need – including jeans, socks and sweater – no bag required. This versatile and lightweight polyester jacket can handle more than 12 lbs of clothing, making it perfect for carry-on items, day trips, festivals and for keeping warm. When you arrive at your destination, turn Stuffa inside out, hang it up and use as a temporary hanging wardrobe. MSRP $130

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Solomon Crayton, editor of the new travel website Things I Forgot, takes note of the clever new spinners in the New Products Pavilion. The New Products Pavilion is the first stop for many retailers and all journalists when they arrive at The Show.

David Lomas of Go Travel and Michele Marini Pittenger, president of the Travel Goods Association, with this year’s top anglophile, Jennifer Miller from AAA Mid-Atlantic and winner of “How English is your English” — Go Travel’s great British quiz. The prize: two round-trip tickets to London!

Lena Overstreet from Firefly Buys may be the ideal product tester for the Wet Brush, the first and only full size, folding, detangling brush. Jay Eisenberg from Wet Brush is on hand to show off the collection.

Timberland introduces the 6-piece Reddington Collection, including Expandable Spinner Suitcases, backpacks and a duffle from Randa Luggage. Featuring authentic materials, oiled leather trims and antiqued brass hardware, these cases show off rugged and refined styling and functionality and are ready for any adventure on the modern trail. Shown is the 21” Expandable Spinner Suitcase. MSRP $140-$360

You’ll never sit in an uncomfortable seat again with Travel PAL. The exclusive wishbone shape of the self-inflating Travel PAL cradles the spine to provide perfect lumbar support in any seat. It easily deflates and rolls up to an easy-to-tote size that fits in most bags and purses. It is also spill-resistant and durable, comes with a lifetime warranty and is available in fun color options. MSRP $29.99

Here is a full-support bra designed with all comfort features that also has a patented drop-down expandable passport holder, a mesh card pocket and a hidden jewelry pocket. The Travel Bra™ is Australian-designed, made of bamboo and organic cotton and comes in black/blue stitch, retro pink/white spaghetti straps, black/lime green trim, black/silver and flesh/white. The range includes ultra-light runners and beach travel bras. MSRP from $59.99

The design profile of the Barcelona Spinner Upright Collection from Traveler’s Choice is uber organization enhanced by hassle-free maneuverability. Comprising a 22” Carry-On Spinner (shown) and a 30” Check-In Spinner, features include patent-pending T-Cruiser handle and Dual Cyclone Spherical Spinner Wheel systems, a medley of pockets, three packing cubes, an expansion gusset that increases packing capacity by 25% and a built-in TSA-accepted lock. MSRP $359.99/22”; $499.99/30”

The Anti-Theft Heritage Backpack from Travelon® is Americana-inspired with a modern twist. Crafted from sustainable, durable cotton canvas with a soft worn touch, rich suede trim and matte nickel hardware, it has a pinstriped-lined interior and intelligent organization. A padded laptop sleeve, two easy-access front zippered pockets, RFID-protected interior pockets, a tethered key clip with LED light and Travelon’s patented anti-theft technology features are among the bag’s amenities. MSRP $110

The new Travelpro® Crew™ 11 21” Expandable Spinner is wired for travelers on the go. With an external USB port that allows you to connect any USB device to the Power Bank that is stored in a dedicated pocket, this carry-on also comes well-equipped with multiple patented features. These include MagnaTrac™ self-aligning spinner wheels, the Contour Grip and the PowerScope extension handle. Made of a rugged, fashionably textured ballistic nylon fabric with leather carry handles, it is offered in black and indigo. MSRP $460
Seen at The Show

From the Travel Buddies™ menagerie at TrendyKid® is Tinko Tiger, a 2-piece kids' travel set, designed by kids for kids. Lightweight in ABS and carry-on-friendly, the case's interior is designed for efficient packing and its retractable pull handle has both adult and child pull heights. Available in orange, it comes with a matching 12" backpack. MSRP $89.99

The Vikland 20" Cabin Trolley Case from Vikland Stockholm is constructed of high quality aluminum alloy, the case has double wheels with metal housing for excellent performance. An innovative interior and TSA-accepted combination locks are among its many features. MSRP $580; Limited Edition Mirror finish $1,080 (shown)

The Spectra 2.0 Collection from Victorinox Swiss Army is engineered to be lightweight without sacrificing durability. Its performance-focused design includes smooth-rolling dual-caster wheels and a dual-trolley handle system and, on select styles, a dual-access feature that allows users to quickly reach travel documents, electronics, etc., through a convenient zip-around front door. Depending on the style, cases provide up to 47% more packing capacity. MSRP $289.99-$499.99.

Trunkster pulled off one of the biggest Kickstarter campaigns ever with its suitcase with innovative rolltop opening, zipper-free entry, integrated digital scale, USB charging, location tracking and matching smartphone app. Measuring 22" x 14" x 9", it is made of polypropylene and comes in black. MSRP $435

Keep your belongings accessible, safe and secure with VN Bags® Essential Organizer. Designed with professionals and jetsetters in mind, this lightweight nylon system features EVA-padded material and multiple TSA-friendly storage pockets to keep travel essentials organized and easy to reach. Not only does this organizer have the capacity to hold everything from boarding passes to device chargers, it's compact enough to be easily packed in a suitcase or backpack. MSRP $34.99.

Featuring rich fabrications, textured materials, shiny hardware and sleek silhouettes, Vince Camuto’s six-piece Carissa Collection from Randa Luggage – available for Fall 2016 – embodies style and versatility for the fashion-focused modern traveler. Shown is the 19" Expandable Spinner Suitcase in two-tone polyester with iridescent Saffiano-textured PU, origami-like trim details, elegant gold foil branding and rose gold hardware. MSRP $300

Meet the Cassius brothers of Earth Gear Corp.: Jack and George Cassius boast a combined total of 80 years of Show attendance.

Chris DePonte from 24-7 International; Kevin O’Leary from HSN, and Scott Kosmin, Dennis Zhang and Farib Alvarez from 24-7 International unwind at the Opening Night Party.

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SeeNaT the Marigrita Party: Fred Ebert from Edwards Luggage shows his winning spirit, as he scores a new Gear Warrior AWD Carry-On, at Eagle Creek’s famous Marigrita Party.
Rich Genoval captivated the audience at the Opening Night Party with his voice and crowd-pleasing performance. Genoval has performed everywhere from MTV to Madison Square Garden.

The ZERO NEW YORK – Midtown Collection’s Small Backpack from ZERO HALLIBURTON – makes the perfect day bag, travel bag or business case for the young, urban professional. With rugged construction and moisture-wicking back panel, the Small Backpack has a cavernous and expandable main section that includes a padded computer pocket and two additional zippered pockets, a front organization compartment that includes a water-resistant tablet pocket and two outside mesh side pockets. MSRP $165

Zensah introduces sleek Fresh Legs Copper Compression Socks with embedded copper yarn and Zensah fabric for natural anti-odor management and feel-good feet. Give your feet the best of both worlds with copper and compression in a sock packed with benefits: increased circulation, reduced swelling and relief for discomfort in the legs. A seamless toe box adds comfort and vertical ribbing and compression energizes and massages legs. MSRP $29.99

Be kind to your scalp with Pop Fold, the first and only full-size folding detangling brush. With Intelliflex bristles that effortlessly glide through hair, you’ll easily brush out tangles without painful pulling and tugging. This on-the-go stylist is from the coiffeurs at Wet Brush. MSRP $15.99

ZOmer Sport backpacks are made from actual sport ball materials. Baseball, football, soccer, softball, tennis and basketball (shown), each full-size backpack is made from the same material as its corresponding sport ball. With multiple double-zippered sections, pockets and compartments, including one for a laptop, these backpacks are everything you’d expect and want in a traditional backpack, but made to show your sports passion. MSRP $59.99-$99.99

Waverly’s 3-piece Cabana Collection, including 20” Hardside Spinner Carry-On and 24” and 28” Hardside Spinners from Leisure Merchandising, is on trend with stylish stripes in whimsical fashion colors. Featuring a durable polycarbonate composite hardside construction, cases offer easy wheeling via a multidirectional 360° spin technology 4-wheel system. MSRP $180/$200/$220

It’s a surprise party! Briggs & Riley birthday girl, Carole Schnall, her son Michael Schnall, and Yvonne Williamson get ready for a cupcake celebration.

Please see the Buyer’s Guide on pages 77-79 for a directory of the companies whose products are included in this feature.