Travel Goods Exhibitors Continue to Outdo Themselves

By Kathy Witt

It doesn’t seem possible that travel goods and gear can be continually upgraded, improved, refined, enhanced. Yet, every year, this is exactly what travel goods manufacturers do. A strap option added here; another layer of cushy-comfort added there. Accessories resized to accommodate the ever-changing dimensions of smartphones; gear customized with compartmentalized storage spaces.

A hardside boasting a hinged front pocket. A cup that works with gravity to prevent liquid sloshing over the side. Bags showcasing such arresting colors and patterns they are instantly elevated to mobile art exhibits. Goods with hidden pockets to augment safety. Gadgets that free up hands to maximize convenience. An extra or reimagined something is how these exhibitors keep it fresh and real.

Here is a preview of some of these new products that you will find at The 2019 Travel Goods Show, March 26-28 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

BCBGeneration – 24-7 International
Booth 953
Travel to your favorite destination with BCBGMAXAZRIA’s BCBGeneration from 24-7 International by your side. Durable and fashionable construction combines with the distinctive BCBGeneration embossing in hardside cases (21”, 28”) featuring top handle and zipper closure, retraceable aluminum handle with push lock button and fabric lining with dual packing compartments and tie-down tape. MSRP: $175-$250

Whimsical Betsey Johnson prints bring a vacation-ready vibe to this Betsey Johnson suitcase from 24-7 International, a tough hardside with dual compartments and expandability feature for easy packing. BETSEY has spinner wheels and a 3-stage push-button locking handle to enhance mobility. Case sizes range from 21” to 30”. MSRP: $200-$300

Big Skinny Wallets
Booth 1043
Designed specifically to fit the latest taller smartphones and regular full-size point-and-shoot cameras, Big Skinny’s Expedition Crossbody Bag also swallows up passports, smaller purses, checkbooks, accessories and all the change fit to carry. It flexes to accommodate

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whatever you pack yet manages to stay sleek due to its super-thin nylon-microfiber nature. And it’s light enough that, even filled, it treks easily through the mountains of Europe and sails smoothly through the oceans of the South Pacific. MSRP: $55

Briggs & Riley
Booth 922
Coming September 2019 is Briggs & Riley’s newest generation of Torq. The Torq International Carry-on Spinner has the versatility of a traditional suitcase, and is the world’s only hardside carry-on that features a true hardside hinged front pocket. Loaded with compartments and features to keep accessories eminently accessible, it can fit a 15” laptop, 10” tablet, files and more. The TSA-friendly Control Panel™ securely locks and protects belongings both in the main compartment and front pocket. It comes in granite, hunter and stealth. MSRP: $499

CabinZero
Booth 1315
The Classic Pro 42L takes the existing Classic Bag to a new level with added features, including hide-away straps, trolley slip, thicker padding on the back and straps, sternum strap, a bottle/umbrella pocket, and waist straps – all in a refined, modern design that also features a laptop and organization compartment. Available in four colors, each bag comes with an integrated lost and found tag and carries a 10-year warranty that can be upgraded to 25 years free of charge. Perfect for the serious traveler and backpacker, the Classic Pro is also available in 32L size. MSRP: $150

Design Go
Booths 1000, 1005
Combining the unparalleled comfort of memory foam with the ultimate convenience of air, the Go Travel Hybrid Pillow from Design Go effortlessly blends a luxurious memory foam top with a handy inflatable base that packs down to a quarter of its original size to fit in your hand. Benefitting from an extra-deep layer of premium memory foam for maximum comfort, the pillow molds instantly to a user’s natural contours for a more personalized fit. The inflatable base provides an immediate support boost and comfort level for an improved seated-sleep position. MSRP: $24.95

Gabbiano Luggage
Booth 1511
Cases in the Macan Collection 3-Piece Hardside Spinner Luggage Set provide a sleek, monochromatic exterior and premium features, like a built-in Add-A-Bag strap and TSA-accepted locks on each piece. Double 360° spinner wheels

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a telescoping handle make navigating crowded airports and train stations a breeze. The expandable zipper allows for up to 25% more room in an already spacious interior. MSRP: $690

**Halina – HONTUS Milano Group**

Booth 344

The HALINA Bee Sturgis Collection is designed in the USA and inspired by the unique Colorado landscape. Bright and playful designs and bold and modern colors, like Serengeti Reflections (shown), combine to bring travelers chic style in a durable and lightweight case. Features include Glide-Tech single wheel multidirectional 360° system, an ergonomic gel grip handle and a flex pack design that expands 2” to add 25% more packing space. MSRP: $360/24”

Halina from HONTUS Milano Group is made with love and crafted using artist collaborations from all over the world.

**Hedgren**

Booth 400

Rugged and sleek, Hedgren’s Midway Backpack offers a spacious interior and innovative design. It has a laptop compartment with extra mesh protection that holds up to a 15.6” laptop as well as a fleece-lined pocket for a smartphone. A large zip opening makes for easy access to items while a reinforced base helps hold heavier items. It is lightweight and ergonomic, and features a padded mesh back panel as well as mesh water bottle pockets. MSRP: $98

**Heys Luggage**

Booths 800, 900

Translucent is a fun and futuristic 3-piece spinner luggage collection (21”, 26”, 30”) that’s as stylish as it is functional. Made from a durable yet lightweight translucent 100% polycarbonate, this unique set will turn heads with its shimmering see-through qualities and stylishly accentuated color-matching found in all of its trims. Fully featured with 4, 360° dual spinner wheels, a flush-mounted TSA-accepted combination lock, internal trolley handle of lightweight aluminum and 20% zipper-released expandability, its interior is fully lined and features 50/50 storage with unique buckled compression straps on each side. It is covered by the Heys’ Worldwide 10-Year Executive Class Warranty. MSRP: $299.99/$339.99/$379.99/$1,019.99–3-pc set

**HYDAWAY**

Booth 213

HYDAWAY debuts a first-of-its-kind with its Collapsible Hydration Bottle with Integrated Water Filter. Available in 18- and 25-oz sizes and nine vibrant colors, these unique, patented water bottles collapse down to just an inch and a half, which includes the built-in filter. Cruise through TSA checkpoints, then expand and fill the bottle; the carbon filter will remove taste and odors from any municipal water source, providing fresh tasting water. The 18-oz model won the 2019 Gourmet Gold Housewares Award in the Thermal Drinkware Category based on its innovation, user-friendliness and visual appeal. MSRP: $39.95

**J World Sports**

Booth 500

With its TWISE Collection, featuring the Side-Kick Rolling Backpack and Lunch Box, J World has created a menagerie of adorable animal-themed bags. Giraffe, Penguin, Pup, Dino and Rabbit are irresistible with colorful and engaging exteriors and organizing interiors. Designed to fit under the airplane seat or inside the overhead compart- ment. Continued on page 56
Kennedy introduces travel accessories and travel items from Elle, G-force, Laura Ashley and Ruby + Cash, as well as the Macbeth Collection by Margaret Josephs of The Real Housewives of New Jersey. These include luggage tags, luggage grippers, luggage straps, passport holders, bottle sets, locks, adaptors, scales, pill cases, hydration products, travel mugs, RFID cases, travel wallets, foldable travel bags, toiletry bags, packing cubes, travel pillows, eye masks, travel blankets, travel laundry bags, wet bikini bag, press and pack bags, travel jewelry holder, travel adaptor bag, travel flat iron holder, security waist pouch and security neck pouch. MSRP: $3.99–$24.99

Knomo London
Booth 1211
Knomo gets down to organizational business with the Knomad Tech Organizer from its Mayfair Collection. Available in 10.5’’ and 13’’ models, the cases feature Knomo’s trademark organization featuring multiple internal pockets and card slots and an RFID-protected pocket. Color options are black and navy, with the addition of new collection color cornflower blue with shiny nickel hardware and teal lining for the smaller organizer. Both cases are trimmed in leather. MSRP: $79/$99

LiteGear Bags
Booth 1223
LiteGear’s 3-in-1 Gear Bag is versatility itself. Pack it to the max, then make it more compact by cinching it in at the sides and top. Travelers can carry it three different ways: by the handles, the shoulder strap or the backpack straps. The bag has a roomy interior and organizing pockets, including an RFID-protected pocket. Durable and functional, it makes an ideal personal item on the airplane as well as a great resort, beach or diaper bag. MSRP: $69.95

Mia Toro – HONTUS Milano Group
Booth 344
After two years of development and innovation, the Mia Toro Caso Uno 20” has been molded to perfection with forward-thinking features including Makrolon® PC, an unbreakable shell; a wide ergonomic lock closure, is twice as nice as the usual backpack. Pebble grain leather in brown or black, this overachieving pro offers a front asymmetric pocket with two side pockets and secured hidden side zipper pocket. Its fully lined interior; trimmed with leather and accented with silver hardware, features a compartment with built-in laptop protection, tablet pocket and secured zipper pocket, plus organizer. The bag is a comfy carry, too, with padded adjustable backpack straps and padded mesh back also equipped with a smart strap for piggy-backing onto rolling cases. MSRP: $180
trolley system; a hubless wheel system; and a TSA-accepted lock system with four digits (compared to the 3-digits norm). Every inch of this case exemplifies cutting-edge luggage design. Exclusively Designed in Milan, Italy, the case is available in gun metal. MSRP: $850

**MinkeeBlue**

Booth 817

The Parker Travel Tote is large enough for a 15” laptop and a whole lot more. A classic tote perfect for overnight trips, it offers separate spaces for toiletries, a change of clothing, work and purse essentials and more. Made of vegan leather and available in black and taupe with blue twill lining and gold accent hardware, the tote separates shoes, lunch, laptop and other personal items in one bag, thanks to a patented folding panel that creates individual storage compartments. An insulated lunch/toiletry bag and shoe bag are included. MSRP: $188

**Olympia USA**

Booth 100

Olympia USA’s Phoenix rises in sleek, textured polycarbonate in a 3-piece expandable hardcase spinner set (21”/25”/29”) that gleams in black, purple and blue. Patented features include an add-a-bag hook inside the expandable area, a utility-hook for hanging articles such as small bags of all sizes, and a hidden compartment inside the expandable area of the carry-on. This can be used to store anything from laptop to sweater to book. Other features: eight jumbo wheel spinners, built-in 3-dial TSA-accepted lock system, high quality aluminum locking handle system and detailed interior. MSRP: $600/set

**Olympia USA’s Phoenix Collection**

**REGENT SQUARE**

Booth 323

Characterized by a contemporary color palette, bold design aesthetic and iconic silhouette, the RS-Code Collection boasts a state-of-the-art GOODYEAR ultra-silent wheel system. Available in burgundy, white, black and Pacific blue, this 3-piece statement set (20”, 24”, 28”) offers a built-in flat TSA-accepted lock and 25% additional packing capacity via its expanding system, and is covered by the REGENT SQUARE 5-year warranty. MSRP: $399/set

**Pocket Socks**

Booth 414

Pocket Socks® puts a feisty fashion foot forward with its new line of fun, funky and fabulous socks for savvy travelers. Offering a variety of colors and patterns, including stripes and polka dots, each sock is machine-knitted from soft combed cotton and features a hand-sewn zippered pocket in unique contrasting fabric designs – the perfect place to tuck keys, cash and cards. MSRP: $19.95 Men’s and Women’s Fashion Crew; $21.95 Women’s Knee High Boot Socks.

**ReturnMe Lost & Found**

Booth 229

Let your brand travel the world with ReturnMe’s Luggage Tag with Lost & Found Service. Confidential and secure, it is offered in a new silhouette with full color printing capability. Unlike

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conventional luggage tags, your customer’s name, number and address are not printed on the tag. ReturnMe has helped thousands locate their lost luggage. MSRP: $10

**Rockland Fox Luggage**

**Booth 140**

An eye-catcher in gleaming purple, Rockland's three-piece Pista Collection (20”, 24”, 28”) features lightweight construction and a smooth glide atop double spinner wheels. Cases also have a push-button retractable aluminum handle, an interior mesh pocket, elasticated packing strap, and come with a 5-year warranty. MSRP: $480

**Rollasole**

**Booth 1334**

Meet Rollasole's® Active Line, featuring sneakers that fold up and tuck neatly into a small carry-on. The perfect travel accessory for any woman on the go, the machine-washable sneakers let you travel in comfort and adorable style as you trek through airport terminals and onward to your next adventure. Each pair of Rollasoles comes with a bag for stowing discarded heels. MSRP: $29.99

**Safe Skies TSA Luggage Locks**

**Booth 644**

Safe Skies® 3-Dial TSA Zipper Lock (Model #837) has Bluetooth technology to enable users to track, unlock and relock through the easy-to-use Chi Ling Mobile App. TSA-accepted, the lock has a built-in battery that lasts up to two years with average use and is safe to travel with on airplanes. The lock's stylish and slim alloy finish is available in multiple colors.

**Signal Brands**

**Booth 1301**

The GUESS brand goes back to its roots with the classic Iconic Triangle logo in 28” from Signal Brands. The case features an 8-wheel system, fully flexible, durable design, the compact and lightweight safe can be attached to pool chair, bench, fence, closet rod, golf cart, etc. A textured surface provides a better grip and slip resistance and waterproof-resistant exterior and interior liner keep smartphone, tablet, wallet, cash, keys, jewelry, passport, keys and other accessories safe and dry. MSRP: $29.99/small; $39.99/medium; $49.99/large

**Rollasole’s Active sneakers take up very little space in bag or brief but offer big relief to travel-worn feet.**

**ReturnMe’s Luggage Tag with Lost & Found Service now offers a new shape.**

**Royce/Emporium Leather Company**

**Booth 931**

This versatile business bag is handcrafted in Royce's signature full grain pebbled leather and richly appointed with durable yet refined silvertone hardware: Meet the New York Executive Briefcase, elegantly lined with soft suede and featuring a center compartment for a 13” laptop. Carry the bag by its reinforced handles or the detachable strap for hands-free use. It comes in black. MSRP: $550
lined interior and sleek ABS PC Film construction. MSRP: $220

**Solite International**  
**Booth 622**

Meet Monreale, a 22” carry-on spinner upright in 100% pure polycarbonate. With patented folding technology that flattens the case down to a mere shadow of itself and a patented Tilt Technology Trolley Handle, this case offers a TSA-accepted integrated custom combination lock, top and side carry handles as well as waterproof lining. MSRP: $400/$199.99 promotional retail

**The Airhook 2.0**  
**Booth 1425**

The Airhook 2.0 supports any tablet or smartphone, plus a can, cup or bottle – hands-free – on an in-flight tray table, vehicle headrest or luggage handlebars. This next-generation in-flight/in-vehicle travel device includes several new features, including a stabilizer bar that makes setup more secure; a convertible mode that allows users to fold down their drink holder to save additional space; a full range of motion while watching an electronics device; and enhanced bungee support for easier, more secure installation. Additionally, it can now be used in vehicles with a new add-on product, The Crossbar, that fits between a vehicle's headrest bars (or luggage handlebars). MSRP: $29.95

**Thermalay’s Travel Mat™ Ultra**  
**Booth 233**

Thermalay’s Travel Mat™ Ultra is everything the Travel Mat™ Basic is – and more. Featuring a thicker foam neck pillow for uniformity and a raised chin rest for comfort, the Ultra features two lockable connector toggles on each arm to secure the pillow below the neck and black PVC anti-slip backing. Constructed of a proprietary high density convoluted foam and proprietary bamboo rayon fabric with design and logo, the model is a more compact carry. MSRP: $89.95

**Travel Smart by Conair**  
**Booth 700**

This multi-compartment travel essential takes the tote to the next level. The Tote with RFID by Travel Smart by Conair is a must for anyone who wants the convenience of a lightweight travel bag, laptop case and stylish weekender bag – all in one. Designed with RFID-blocking material, this innovative tote even prevents identity thieves from hacking your personal information. It comes in blue and gray. MSRP: $24.99

**Thule’s Crossover 2**  
**Carry-on Spinner**

Thule’s Crossover 2 Carry-on Spinner is built to withstand the rigors of frequent travel.

**Traveler’s Choice Travelware**  
**Booth 1613**

The VULKAN by Traveler’s Choice is a stunning 3-piece hardside spinner set

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Lewis N. Clark’s WaterSeals™ Locking Cinch Backpack is great for camp, sports, beach, park, pool and more. (21”, 25”, 29”) in a sleek 2-tone polycarbonate blend protected by a polycarbonate film. Expandable cases have a color-matched telescopic push button handle system and 360° dual wheel spinners with color-matched wheel caps. A TSA-accepted flush-mounted Travel Sentry combination lock and premium anti-theft zippers with black nickel finish zipper pullers add security and a fully lined interior with zippered divider and pockets, plus built-in laundry bag, enhance functionality. The carry-on features the iTravel USB Charge Port (power bank not included). MSRP: $799.99/set

Part of Travelers Club’s new M&A brand, the 2-piece Wide Trolley Rolling Upright Collection consists of a 28” upright and a 20” carry-on. Made of 100% polycarbonate, this collection features a fully lined interior; a 360° 8-wheel system and mounted TSA-accepted lock. MSRP: $260/20” carry-on; $600/28” upright.

Travelon®
Booth 1601
Take your coffee to go with Travelon’s® patented hands-free Beverage Caddy with an innovative, self-leveling design that uses gravity to prevent spills and splashes. Made of ABS material, it holds any 8- to 24-oz cup or tapered tumbler and stores away flat. It attaches easily onto a rolling suitcase, most wheeled coolers or mobile work bins so you can keep your beverage next to you while traveling, tailgating, picnicking or working. MSRP: $13.65

Travelon®'s Women-Specific Cool Mesh II comes in a color palette of black/turquoise, lucite and sea mist.

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The Wide Trolley Rolling Upright Collection saves wrists and hands from discomfort and provides more room to grip and move luggage.

The VULKAN by Traveler’s Choice comes in black carbon, navy carbon and burgundy carbon, each accented with a gray brushed finish.

Travelers Club Luggage
Booths 1257, 1357
Travelers Club debuts its unique patent-pending wide telescopic trolley handle system. Including a push-button mechanism, this sleek recessed handle was designed to allow more room to hold the handle and more ease to maneuver while turning. Part of Travelers Club’s new M&A brand, the 2-piece Wide Trolley Rolling Upright Collection consists of a 28” upright and a 20” carry-on. Made of 100% polycarbonate, this collection features a fully lined interior; a 360° 8-wheel system and a mounted TSA-accepted lock. MSRP: $260/20” carry-on; $600/28” upright.

WRIGHTSOCK
Booth 826
Don’t think merely “shrinked and pinked”: WRIGHTSOCK’s® Women-Specific Cool Mesh II offers a complete redesign of its top selling model, Cool Mesh II – now engineered for the active woman’s foot. Kicking off with a modified heel pocket to accommodate women’s narrower heels, the sock is tapered from toe to heel to align with her foot shape. A contoured cuff eliminates bulkiness to provide a slim and stylish look. The newly designed Cool Mesh II is available in tab, lo quarter and crew lengths. MSRP: $14/tab and lo quarter; $15/crew

WRIGHTSOCK’s Women-Specific Cool Mesh II comes in a color palette of black/turquoise, lucite and sea mist.

The Beverage Caddy’s gyroscopic design gracefully moves with you while keeping your cup level.

WaterSeals – Lewis N. Clark
Booth 1501
Lewis N. Clark’s WaterSeals™ Locking Cinch Backpack is a take-anywhere/stay-anywhere bag that is lightweight, durable and waterproof. A patent-pending combination lock closure protects contents and secures to a stationary object to help prevent opportunistic theft. Available in multiple colors, the bag has a large main compartment with inner zip pocket, 3-dial resettable combination and cinch and rolltop closures. MSRP: $24.99