

Media Release

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**2009 Furniture & Home Accessories Fair
29th March – 1 April 2009 www.irishfurniturefair.com**

Despite the economic doom and gloom 2009 proved to be a successful year for the Furniture & Home Accessories Fair. With 110 Exhibitors and over 10,000 square metres of carpeted space the Show still provided visitors with plenty of new products, ideas and initiatives and demonstrated why it is still the flagship Irish trade event for the whole Furniture and Interiors sector.

The 4,000 trade visitors who descended on to the RDS for this year's Show found many highlights including:

- Leading Irish and International suppliers such as Morris Furniture Group, Gleneagle, Blue Bone, Vogue Beds, Tornado, XYZ Agencies, TCS Imports, John Lynch Upholstery, West Décor, Minster Stylish Living, Lebus Upholstery among many others
- Over 110 Exhibitors – the majority of which you will not find at any other Irish Show
- The Furniture & Home Accessories Fair celebrated Irish manufacturing with the Monaghan Furniture Association Pavilion. Some of the biggest names in Irish manufacturing have come together in an exciting feature area showcasing the best of contemporary and traditionally designed pieces from the centre of Ireland's furniture manufacturing industry.

'There was concern from the industry going into the Furniture & Home Accessories Fair this year, however the event team worked hard to ensure everything was done to maximise business at the Show. High quality buyers were visiting from a bustling opening day proving that there were deals to be made and orders to be taken. All of this made the Furniture & Home Accessories Fair a success against very difficult market conditions' *David Skinner, MD, Furniture & Home Accessories Fair*

Positive Feedback

There were many positive comments from Exhibitors in our independent Exhibitor Survey* independent visitor research from Business Information Group. www.big.ie

'For the times we are in, painted by the media, we were pleasantly surprised at the orders taken' *Michael Shannon, Cavendish Upholstery*

'Great venue and exceedingly helpful organisers' *Clare Wright, Zenith Art*

'Quality of customers for us was very good. The show exceeded our expectations.'
Brendan, TMS Sales

'It was a great show with a lot of new colour and ideas, well organised and the marquee was great as usual' *Padraig McGeough, Mono Furniture by Design*

'In this climate we need to entice the customers to buy, and they did! This trade show is the ideal platform for our new products.' *Caroline Horgan, Scatter Box*

'This is our second time exhibiting and we have been able to consolidate relationships with contacts from last year as well as meet new customers' *Shirley Goodrick, Melrose Textile Co. Ltd.*

'A very good launch pad for companies wanting to enter the Irish market' *Julian Bowen, Julian Bowen*

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After the success of the 2009 Furniture & Home Accessories Fair, plans are already in place and are taking shape for the next Show. Mark your diary now for the Autumn Furniture & Home Accessories Fair from 6 – 9 September, 2009, Simonscourt, RDS

NB> This is a trade only event – we request all visitors pre-register in advance. Simply download a registration form from www.autumnfurniturefair.com and fax it to 01 288 3127 with your correct ID including a recent invoice or call 01 288 8821.

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