The UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT) announce John Miln to step down and appointment of new Chief Executive Officer

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The UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT) announces that Chief Executive Officer John Miln will be stepping down and Adam Mansell will take over the prestigious role as of January 2016.

Having held the position since 2011, Miln's leadership has been instrumental in the growth and success of the association as it now stands and the businesses it has helped develop and grow. Prior to UKFT, Miln's entire career has been in textiles and apparel, working in global multinationals, UK branded enterprises and SME's in various senior executive board roles in the UK, Europe and internationally. Miln will stay on as a Consultant to UKFT.

Adam Mansell, current Director of Special Projects at UKFT, will succeed John Miln and assume the role in January 2016. As Director of Special Projects at UKFT, his focus has been on increasing the membership offer, including overseeing the introduction of a new Retail Partner Programme, as well as introducing the UKFT Masterclasses and running an environmental programme, which has seen UK dyers and weavers significantly reduce their CO2 emissions.

Along with his work at UKFT, Mansell is a Director of Wulff Consultancy; a bespoke consultancy for the fashion and textile industry and has recently been elected as President of Ginetex, the organisation that owns the trademarked care labelling symbols. As of January 2016 Adam will be a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters. Having previously worked in the accountancy and publishing sectors, Adam Mansell joined the textile and clothing industry 20 years ago. With experience representing all aspects of the fashion and textile supply chain, Mansell has links to every part of the industry from design, fabric and component suppliers, wholesalers, brands, manufacturers and retail.

Adam Mansell said of his new appointment: *"John Miln has done an exceptional job in positioning UKFT as the most inclusive British network for fashion and textiles and I am both delighted and honoured to be taking on the role of CEO. I look forward to working with the UKFT team to continue the vital work the association undertakes on behalf of the industry."*

John Miln commented: *"I have been privileged to lead the UK Fashion & Textile Association over the last five years as CEO. This planned leadership transition comes at a time of strength and growth for UKFT. I look forward to working with Adam, the Board and the UKFT team as a Consultant after retiring as CEO and I am hugely grateful to them for their commitment and support over the years."*

UKFT Chairman Nigel Lugg commented: *"John Miln has been a very strong leader for UKFT and one who has managed the organisation through challenging transitions. The Board is grateful for his innumerable contributions to UKFT and his distinguished tenure as CEO over the last five years. I look forward to working with Adam Mansell in continuing to bring the industry together and am delighted to welcome him into his new role in January."*

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UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT)

UKFT is the most inclusive British network for fashion and textile companies in the UK. We bring together designers, manufacturers, agents and retailers to promote their businesses and our industry, both in the UK and throughout the world. UKFT is in a unique position, representing businesses from spinning, weaving and knitting, right through to catwalk.

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