

Who We Are

This issue marks my three year anniversary. When I came to this job, I was determined to continue *Travelware's* mission of not just handing you the news or passing along rumors, but rather providing objective, targeted industry reporting. I'm pleased that I have not only continued, but have stepped up that coverage. Retailer after retailer, large and small, tell me that *Travelware* is their trusted source of relevant and useful market knowledge, that our ability to provide new yet relevant information, statistical analysis and real world trends makes it easier for them to do their job and do it well.



I'm proud of all we've accomplished. There's a long list of "firsts" for *Travelware*. First to realize the importance of—and report on—travel accessories, travel clothing and other non-luggage travel related items that are now so integral to our industry. First to provide an industry handbook, a suppliers guide and special sections focusing on specific categories such as small leathergoods. First to report on retail technology as it relates to the luggage and leathergoods retail industry. First to provide retailers with a visual preview of the products they'll be seeing at the ITLA show before the show begins. I plan to add many more firsts in the years to come.

I'm also proud that *Travelware* is part of the Business Journals family; a fourth generation media company that services retailers through magazines, trade shows, web sites and conferences. Our sister magazine *Accessories* offers trend information, retail statistics and analysis, roundtables as well as fashion visuals. *MR*, another sister magazine, is the world's largest b2b magazine of the men's fashion industry. *AccessoriesTheShow* is the world's largest all-accessories, juried show featuring carefully edited collections from new and established designers and brands. Business Journals recently launched Fashion Avenue Market Expo (FAME), a new show for the women's apparel and accessory market.

I look forward to the coming years and to continuing *Travelware's* 103-year tradition of keeping you ahead of the curve.

As always, stay in touch,

Christisa Ryper
Editor-In-Chief

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