



## CLOSING REPORT

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### **IWA OutdoorClassics 2018: Strong international flavour and quality discussions**

**The 45<sup>th</sup> edition of IWA OutdoorClassics, the world's leading trade fair for hunting, shooting sports, outdoor activities and security, ended on a positive note after four successful days, which saw 1,558<sup>1</sup> exhibitors and almost 47,000<sup>1</sup> trade visitors from around the world meet for their annual industry highlight at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg from 9 to 12 March 2018.**

Exhibitors from almost 60 countries and trade visitors from about 130 countries gave the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of IWA OutdoorClassics even more of an international flavour than last year. The only exception: attendance from the German-speaking world was down a little, reflecting a somewhat recessive situation in the industry in those countries. This year, eight out of ten exhibitors and almost two-thirds of the trade visitors travelled to Nuremberg from locations outside Germany.

The exhibitors had praise for the international background and also the high quality of the trade visitors: nine out of ten trade visitors are involved in making procurement decisions in their businesses. In turn, the trade visitors found what they were looking for in terms of both proven solutions and new developments among the products and services on offer from the exhibitors at IWA OutdoorClassics: about 85 percent were happy to very happy with what was on offer. All in all, the best conditions for quality discussions during the event and successful post-show business.

#### **Save the date: IWA OutdoorClassics 2019**

The next IWA OutdoorClassics will take place in the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg from Friday 8 to Monday 11 March 2019.

<sup>1</sup> The visitor, exhibitor and floor space figures for this trade fair event are calculated and certified in accordance with the uniform definitions published by FKM – German Society for Voluntary Control of Fair and Exhibition Statistics.

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