

Venue

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Conditions for Participation:

Target group:

CEOs of the world-leading foundries and foundry equipment manufacturers

Participation:

On personal invitation only

Sponsoring Conditions:

Gold

Benefits (€ 6000):

- Invitation of up to 10 guests
- Company presentation on conference CD
- Sponsor poster
- Logo on all documentation
- Link to the Sponsor's website
- Sponsor's Dinner participation
- Preferred participation in panel discussions at the forum

Silver

Benefits (€ 4000):

- Invitation of up to 4 guests
- Logo on conference CD
- Sponsor poster
- Logo on all documentation
- Link to the Sponsor's website
- Sponsor's Dinner participation

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VDMA DesignStudio

International Foundry Forum 2006

where the CEOs meet

Announcement

September 28-29, 2006
Hotel Cascais Miragem
Cascais (Lisbon), Portugal



Objectives and Benefits

Benefits

Our Objectives

The International Foundry Forum is the "Summit" of the Foundry World.

It is the convention of the CEOs world wide, of important casting users, ferrous and non-ferrous foundries as well as foundry equipment and consumable suppliers. Their overall goal is to increase the market opportunities for metal castings in competition with other processes and products in a global business environment.

This goal is much better achieved by joint efforts of the market players and has to be supported by a common understanding of the market trends by all parties involved.

Perspectives

Your Benefits

The forum will

- **offer you the casting-related perspectives of the following industries:**
automotive • transportation • general engineering • energy • infrastructure
- **identify the future challenges and opportunities of the foundry industry**
trends for business, investments and technology • innovation, research and development • product policy
- **give you an opportunity to meet your world wide business partners and establish personal relations**
exchange of information and experience • point out new business opportunities
- **offer a meeting environment in one of Europe's most attractive cities**

Programme

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September 27, 2006

Get Together / Sponsors Dinner

Welcome

September 28, 2006

Welcome

World Economic Outlook - Europe

The "Lisbon Strategy" - to make the EU the world's most dynamic and competitive economy • Industry trends of the future - a global perspective

Automotive - The Driving Force ?!

Future automotive industry structure - goodbye "world car"? • Customised segmentation of technical concepts • Possible consequences of alternative power train designs for the use of castings • Success factors for suppliers to the automotive industry • Materials competition - tailor-made components

Panel discussion

Trends in selected customer industries

Railway industry • Water treatment industry • Machine tools • Windmills • Earth moving industry • Consumer goods • Office appliances

Panel discussion

Gala Dinner

Customer Industries

September 29, 2006

Structural Foundry Trends

Presentations on the national and regional foundry industries of the world

Foundry Concepts of the Future -

Determination factors for investment decisions:

Segmentation • Serial production / Specialisation • Process chain management • In-house production versus outsourcing • Requirements for equipment manufacturers

Panel discussion (foundries/equipment suppliers)

Closing Remarks

