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New exhibitors give CARAT+ their vote of confidence ahead of second edition

Diamond companies from an array of international markets will make their debut at CARAT+ 2018, alongside raft of returning exhibitors.

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CARAT+, The World's Premier Diamond Event, is pleased to welcome an array of first-time exhibitors to its second edition at Antwerp Expo from May 6-8, 2018.

The businesses joining CARAT+ hail from a range of international markets, with many seeking a fresh alternative to existing global trade events. Those who have given their 'vote of confidence' in CARAT+ 2018 will travel from Hong Kong, India, Japan and Germany to name a few locations.

Companies joining CARAT+ include Hong Kong-based colour diamond specialist, Kunming Diamonds; and round and fancy-cut diamond manufacturer, Venus Jewel International, which has offices in Surat and Mumbai, India.

Harsh Maheshwari, Director of Kunming Diamonds, says: "CARAT+ is a great platform for us to grow and retain our European presence. It gives us an opportunity to reconnect with our past, present and potential clients."

Similarly, Mahiar Borhanjoo, Managing Director of Venus Jewel International, comments: "I am personally very excited about this show as Belgium has always been at the heart of the diamond industry, and it is nice to see it host such a luxurious event."

Also joining CARAT+ in 2018 are German coloured gemstone specialist, Paul Wild; Hong Kong-based diamond and gemstone supplier Iskkon; Tahitian and South Seal pearl experts, Anmol Gems, from Kobe, Japan; round diamond manufacturer, M. Tarun, which operates from offices in London, Mumbai, Antwerp and Hong Kong; German precious and semi-precious gemstone supplier, Singhanian & Sohn; and finished diamond jewellery and one-of-a-kind high jewellery manufacturer, Wondercuts Jewels, based in India.

Speaking on joining CARAT+ and its debut Coloured Gemstones Sector, Kavi Agarwal, Owner of Iskkon, says: "We believe CARAT+ will be a great bridge in bringing coloured gemstones from around the world into a city with a significant portion of the trade [being] in diamonds."



More companies from Antwerp – the world’s capital of diamonds - are also taking part in CARAT+ 2018, including; diamond manufacturer, Carbon 6 Diamonds; luxury jewellery and watch business, Kapriss; and diamond manufacturer and supplier, Supergems.

New service providers joining CARAT+ in May include diamond grading specialist, HRD Antwerp, and multi-banking fintech company, Ebury, which provides diamond merchants with a platform to perform transactions across the globe.

HRD Antwerp CEO, Michel Janssens, explains: “We are very proud to welcome CARAT+ to Antwerp. This city, with its intimate connection to the diamond trade for many centuries, needed this kind of high-end trade show to attract a new range of potential clients, and to reinforce the business relationships with existing ones.”

CARAT+ has seen more than 90% of exhibitors from 2017 return for 2018, highlighting industry demand for well-presented, professional and niche events that suit specific trade interests. Returning exhibitors include Roberto Coin, Rosy Blue, Shapiro Gems and Dali Diamond to name a few.

The second edition of CARAT+ will feature a maximum of 150 exhibitors across Halls 1 and 4 of Antwerp Expo. Companies specialise in loose diamonds, unbranded and branded diamond jewellery, and diamond technologies, plus a curated selection of coloured gemstones and fine pearls.

CARAT+ has ambitions to become *the* reference in diamonds; offering an annual meeting place for buying, networking and debating the future of the diamond industry. Launched in 2017, the event attracted more than 3,000 visitors and 130 exhibitors in its first year alone.

Partners and sponsors that have joined CARAT+ for the 2018 edition include **Main Partner** Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC), **Diamond Partners** ABN AMRO Belgium; security expert Brinks; insurance broker Driesassur; the Federation of Belgian Diamond Bourses (FBDB); the world’s foremost authority in gemology, GIA (Gemological Institute of America); industry media specialist Rapaport, and **Event Partners** motor company, Bentley; Brussels Airlines; champagne house Laurent-Perrier; Porsche Center Antwerp, and mobile camera security specialists, TowerEye.

CARAT+ takes place on 6, 7 & 8 May 2018 at Antwerp Expo in Antwerp, Belgium. For more information please visit caratplusantwerp.com.

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About CARAT+

Covering the full spectrum of the diamond and diamond jewellery trades, CARAT+ features five sectors: loose diamonds, branded diamond jewellery, non-branded diamond jewellery, services for the diamond and diamond jewellery industries, and coloured gemstones.



Taking place in Hall 1 and Hall 4 of the Antwerp Expo, entry to the show is restricted exclusively to industry professionals, including diamond and jewellery wholesalers and manufacturers from around the world, and jewellery retailers from across Europe and the wider world.

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