

## **Unifi Announces Recipients of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual REPREEVE® Champions of Sustainability Awards**

### ***Awards recognize brand leaders and textile partners committed to sustainable sourcing***

**GREENSBORO, N.C. - Jan. 30, 2019** – Now in its second year, Unifi, Inc.'s (NYSE: UFI) Champions of Sustainability awards continue to recognize brands, retailers and textile partners that demonstrate the shared goal of making our planet a better place to live. This year, a total of 68 companies are being recognized as Champions of Sustainability – a 36 percent increase from last year's total. Thanks to help from partners like these, Unifi has now recycled more than 14 billion bottles that are used to make its REPREEVE® performance fiber.

“The REPREEVE Champions of Sustainability awards highlight our brand, retailer and textile partners that are committed to a better tomorrow through their use of REPREEVE recycled performance fibers,” said Kevin Hall, Unifi's CEO. “This year, Nike and Target join Polartec in the Billion Bottle Circle for recycling more than one billion bottles each. Ford and H&M have each recycled more than a quarter of a billion bottles. Additionally, adidas, Hanesbrands, Under Armour, Volcom, and Williams-Sonoma, Inc., are some of the brands that have reached new milestones. We're encouraged that so many major brands, retailers, and textile partners are increasing their commitment to sustainability and that consumers are continuing to choose more eco-friendly products.”

REPREEVE Champions of Sustainability will be awarded to 28 brand and retail partners that have each used the equivalent of 10 million or more bottles, and 29 textile partners that have each used the equivalent of 50 million or more bottles, through the inclusion of REPREEVE performance fibers. Eight new brands and retailers join the list of winners this year, including Aeropostale, Patagonia and IKEA Range & Supply. In addition, 15 new textile partners have now each recycled 50 million or more bottles through their use of REPREEVE in the fabrics they produce. A list of award recipients can be found by visiting [unifi.com/champions-of-sustainability](http://unifi.com/champions-of-sustainability), and on page two of this release.

“Together with our partners we can achieve our sustainability goals and make a real difference in the textile industry as a whole,” Hall added. “We're on track to reach our goal of recycling 20 billion bottles by 2020 and 30 billion by 2022.”

### **Winners circle**

In addition to the bottle awards and those in the Billion Bottle Circle, Unifi is also recognizing eleven special category award winners:

- REPREEVE Partners in Innovation recognizes companies using REPREEVE in a way that's unique to the market. This year's winners are IKEA Range & Supply and KIPAS.
- REPREEVE Circular Economy recognizes companies demonstrating best-in-class use of the closed loop concept, which aims to eliminate waste throughout the product life cycle. League Apparel and General Motors are being recognized as this year's winners.
- REPREEVE Newcomer recognizes key companies that started using REPREEVE in the past year. Unifi is proud to recognize INDITEX, Lovesac and New Balance for this award.

- REPREVE All-In recognizes companies that have integrated REPREVE into their entire product line from the beginning of the partnership. Sherpani and American Flora are winners for their commitment to using REPREVE.

Unifi will also be introducing a new Champions of Sustainability Leading the Change award to Mara Hoffman during a special event at the upcoming New York Fashion Week.

#### **Brand and Retailer Bottle Awards**

adidas  
Aeropostale\*  
Cone Denim  
Ford Motor Company  
Gildan Activewear, Inc.  
Haggar Clothing Co.  
Hanesbrands, Inc.  
Haworth  
H&M  
IKEA Range & Supply\*  
Jordache\*  
Levi Strauss & Co.  
Lindex  
Momentum Textiles  
NIKE  
OKAIDI\*  
Patagonia\*  
Polartec  
Quiksilver  
Target  
The North Face  
Under Armour  
VF Corporation  
Volcom  
Walmart  
Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

#### **Textile Partner Bottle Awards**

Antex Knitting Mills\*  
Billion Rise  
Burlington  
Clarotex\*  
Copen United\*  
Darlington – A Moore Company  
duvaltex  
Freudenberg Performance Materials  
Hamrick Mills\*  
Hornwood, Inc.\*  
Intradeco Apparel  
Jiangyin Yuanwen Textile Co.\*  
Kipas Mensucat Isletmeleri A.S.\*  
KUCUKCALIK\*  
MAS Fabrics  
Milliken & Company  
Ningbo Shenzhou  
Pettenati  
Pride Performance Fabrics\*  
Sage Automotive Interiors  
Shanghai Challenge Textile  
Suzhou Yunmei\*  
Tainan\*  
TEXHONG  
Texpasa USA LLC\*  
Textufil S.A.\*  
TUNTEX  
Valdese Weavers LLC  
WUXI YGM TEXTILE CO., LTD\*

#### **Billion Bottle Circle**

Nike  
Polartec  
Target

#### **Special Category Awards**

##### **REPREVE Partners in Innovation**

IKEA Range & Supply  
KIPAS

##### **REPREVE Circular Economy**

League Apparel  
GM

##### **REPREVE Newcomer**

INDITEX  
Lovesac  
New Balance

##### **REPREVE All-in**

American Flora\*  
Sherpani

\*New Champions of Sustainability

## **Sustainable awards**

Sustainability awards should be sustainable. That's why Unifi partnered with The Olio, a nonprofit organization based in Winston-Salem, N.C., that focuses on teaching and empowerment through entrepreneurship, glassblowing, art and sustainable solutions. Each custom crafted award is blown by hand using glass recycled from local restaurants and bars, and sits on a base made from recycled aluminum and reclaimed wood.

## **About Unifi:**

Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a global textile solutions provider and one of the world's leading innovators in manufacturing synthetic and recycled performance fibers. The Company's proprietary PROFIBER™ technologies offer increased performance, comfort and style advantages, enabling customers to develop products that perform, look and feel better. Through REPREVE®, one of Unifi's proprietary technologies and the global leader in branded recycled performance fibers, Unifi has transformed more than 13 billion plastic bottles into recycled fiber for new apparel, footwear, home goods and other consumer products. Unifi continually innovates technologies to meet consumer needs in moisture management, thermal regulation, antimicrobial, UV protection, stretch, water resistance and enhanced softness. Unifi collaborates with many of the world's most influential brands in the sports apparel, fashion, home, automotive and other industries. For news updates from Unifi, visit <https://unifi.com/news> or follow Unifi on Twitter [@UnifiSolutions](https://twitter.com/UnifiSolutions).

## **About REPREVE®:**

Made by Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: [UFI](https://www.unifi.com)), REPREVE® is the global leader in branded recycled performance fibers, transforming more than 13 billion plastic bottles into recycled fiber for new clothing, shoes, home goods and other consumer products. REPREVE is the earth-friendly solution to making consumers' favorite brands more environmentally responsible. Found in products from many of the world's leading brands, REPREVE fibers can also be enhanced with Unifi's proprietary technologies for increased performance and comfort. For more information about REPREVE, visit [www.repreve.com](http://www.repreve.com), and connect with REPREVE on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/repreve), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/repreve) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/repreve). REPREVE® is a trademark of Unifi, Inc.

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