

Casual Furniture Show Wraps Up

The 2009 International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market, held Sept. 21-24 at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, focused on honoring manufacturers. The show's Design Excellence Awards on Sept. 22 saw new "Fabric" and "Outdoor Rugs, Carpeting and Flooring" categories introduced. At the Apollo Awards on closing night, it was announced that Kettler won the coveted Lillian B. Winchester Best of Show for its Sereno Barrel Back Chair. Many attendees agreed that the show was busier than they had expected, and exhibitors showed off numerous new products designed with the ailing economy in mind. Firms such as Sunbrella and TriVantage donated fabrics for an annual favorite, the Al Fresco Fabric Fashion Show. ■

