

**Welcome address
for Mebel 2017 International Exhibition**

Let me, on behalf of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, welcome participants, visitors and organizers of the 29th edition of the Mebel International Exhibition for Furniture, Fitting and Upholstery.

The furniture industry is an important sector aimed at satisfying basic needs of the population, implementing state social and economic programs, and accelerating the development of the domestic consumer market, where the position of Russian furniture manufacturers is growing stronger.

State programs addressing the provision of Russian citizens with affordable and comfortable homes and the increasing demand of Russians for furniture demonstrate the relevance of this trade show.

For years, the exhibition has encouraged a fruitful search for ways to improve quality and bolster competitive edge of domestic manufacturers of furniture and related materials, promote best products on the global market, and develop affiliated industries. It has also provided insight into the market situation.

I believe Mebel will once again become a high standard and important event for furniture industry professionals, while its supporting program and B2B contacts will give new opportunities for strengthening relations, finding new business partners, and entering into mutually advantageous contracts.

I wish all exhibitors efficient and fruitful work, remarkable commercial results, optimism, and wellbeing!

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