

## **Welcome address to participants, visitors and organizers of the Mebel 2017 International Exhibition**

Dear colleagues,

I am glad to welcome the visitors and participants to the Mebel 2017 International Exhibition on behalf of the Russian Union of Architects.

The Mebel Exhibition is the country's largest trade show presenting achievements of the furniture industry, which rightfully occupies a leading position and enjoys the recognition and close attention of furniture manufacturers, architects, engineers, and designers. Mebel gives a strong impetus to the furniture industry's development and the creation of modern interiors. Business contacts and the exchange of practices between leading Russian and foreign furniture manufacturers, architects, and designers will help map out a future for the domestic furniture industry and promote the creation of a modern habitat.

Architects, designers, and artists have a professional interest in new furniture collections and interior solutions, while visitors take aesthetic pleasure in the exhibits. Interior design and equipment of homes and public areas with modern ergonomic furniture are tasks of paramount importance, which help create a comfortable home, office, and recreation space.

At the show you will learn more about the Russian furniture industry's capacities to the fullest extent.

No doubt, Mebel is a key platform for presentation of the realized and prospective ideas, promotion of best products of the domestic industry on the global market, and introduction of new names and young talents. Participation in this show is a chance to find new business partners, share practices, and plan your development.

I wish all Mebel 2017 visitors and participants fruitful work, useful contacts, and professional success.

**Nikolay Shumakov**  
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