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Thousands of buyers attend the opening day of the June Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair

The 29th June Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair promises to meet every professional buyer's diamond, coloured gemstone and pearl needs as the four-day trade show opened yesterday at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre.

More than 2,200 jewellery manufacturers, gemstone suppliers and equipment vendors from 41 countries and regions are displaying their goods at the fair.

A highlight of the June Hong Kong Fair are the 17 group

pavilions from Australia, Antwerp, Brazil, mainland China, Colombia, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the US and the International Colored Gemstone Association.

Buyers can also visit themed halls for specific product categories such as the Diamond Pavilion located in Halls 3B, C, D and E. The Gemstone Pavilion, located in Halls 5E, F and G and concourses, hosts more than 500 companies.

The fair also features the Hong Kong Premier Pavilion, and the Fine Design & Fine Gem Pavilion.

The Mineral, Gem and Fossil Asia is held concurrently at the Convention Hall of the HKCEC.

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JNA Awards 2016 Honourees revealed



From left: Zheng Liu of Guangdong Land Holdings, Caroline Yuan of Shanghai Diamond Exchange, Naresh Surana of Diarough (Hong Kong), Rita Maltez of Rio Tinto Diamonds, Wolfram Diener of UBM Asia, Letitia Chow of UBM Asia, Kent Wong of Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group, Jimé Essink of UBM Asia, Mariaveronica Favoroso of Gemfields, Noa Pardo of Israel Diamond Institute Group of Companies and Jim Li of Guangdong Gems & Jade Exchange

JNA (Jewellery News Asia), organiser of the prestigious JNA Awards, proudly announced yesterday the highly anticipated list of Honourees or finalists across 10 categories at a press conference held on the sidelines of the June Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair.

The JNA Awards, now in its fifth year, is a premier awards programme that recognises and celebrates excellence and achievement in the jewellery and gemstone industry, with a focus on the advancement of the trade in Asia.

This year, 39 Honourees representing 28 companies from 10 countries and regions, namely China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia,

Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam, were selected. A third of these finalists were either first-time entrants or Honourees.

Wolfram Diener, senior vice president of UBM Asia, said, "This year marks the fifth anniversary of the JNA Awards, and we are extremely proud of what the event has achieved thus far in terms of creating awareness and promoting excellence in innovation, leadership and sustainable business models in the jewellery and gemstone industry."

The Awards' fifth edition saw the submission of more than 100 quality entries, and has reached

more regions and companies than before, said Letitia Chow, founder of JNA, director of Business Development – Jewellery Group at UBM Asia, and chair of the JNA Awards judging panel.

"We have the strongest applications to date," she continued. "It is encouraging and exciting to see new companies entering the Awards and being recognised for their achievements and advances in the jewellery and gemstone industry."

The independent judging panel consists of five esteemed industry experts, namely Albert Cheng, advisor to the World Gold Council, Far East (WGC); James

Courage, former chief executive of Platinum Guild International (PGI) and former chairman of the Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC); Lin Qiang, president and managing director of the Shanghai Diamond Exchange (SDE); Nirupa Bhatt, managing director of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in India and the Middle East; and Yasukazu Suwa, chairman of Suwa & Son, Inc of Japan.

WGC's Cheng said, "I am pleased to see much more quality

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Manufacturer melds classic and modern designs

Backed by more than two decades of jewellery-manufacturing expertise, Henry Jewellery Manufacturer Co Ltd aims to capture a bigger share of the

global fine jewellery market with the launch of an innovative collection.

The company is presenting diamond jewellery pieces from its Ear Mate Collection – a refreshing combination of traditional and contemporary styles.

"Fresh and fashionable, our Ear Mate Collection can easily become your go-to selection for a chic everyday look. It features a simple, easy-to-wear design that is comfortable and lightweight," the company said.

Buyers may choose from a variety of shapes, and white or black diamond accents, it added.

The jeweller said it is training its sights on China, the US and Europe but is also exploring new markets. "We are flexible in every aspect to meet our customers' needs. We are aware of the cautious optimism pervading the jewellery market so we constantly work with our customers to come up with designs that they like, and offer the products at competitive prices," the company added.

Established in 1985, Henry Jewellery is one of the major

A pair of gold and diamond earrings from Henry Jewellery's Ear Mate Collection

jewellery manufacturers in Hong Kong. Over the years, the company continuously expanded its reach to global markets through constant innovation.

The company also obtained an ISO certification on quality management systems.

Henry Jewellery offers fine diamond, gem-set and pearl jewellery in 8- to 18-karat gold, platinum and silver.



18-karat gold and diamond rings by Henry Jewellery

Fancy-shaped diamonds sparkle in jeweller's new collection

Hong Kong-based Bri-Star Jewellers Ltd wants to catch the fancy of professional buyers at the June Hong Kong Fair with its new collection of fancy-shaped diamond jewellery in 18-karat gold.

The company expressed optimism that rising demand for one-of-a-kind pieces at competitive prices from major international markets will drive robust activity at the show.

"We used baguette and fancy-shaped diamonds to give classic diamond jewellery pieces a contemporary twist," noted Bri-Star.

The jeweller hopes to find potential clients from the US, Europe and China.

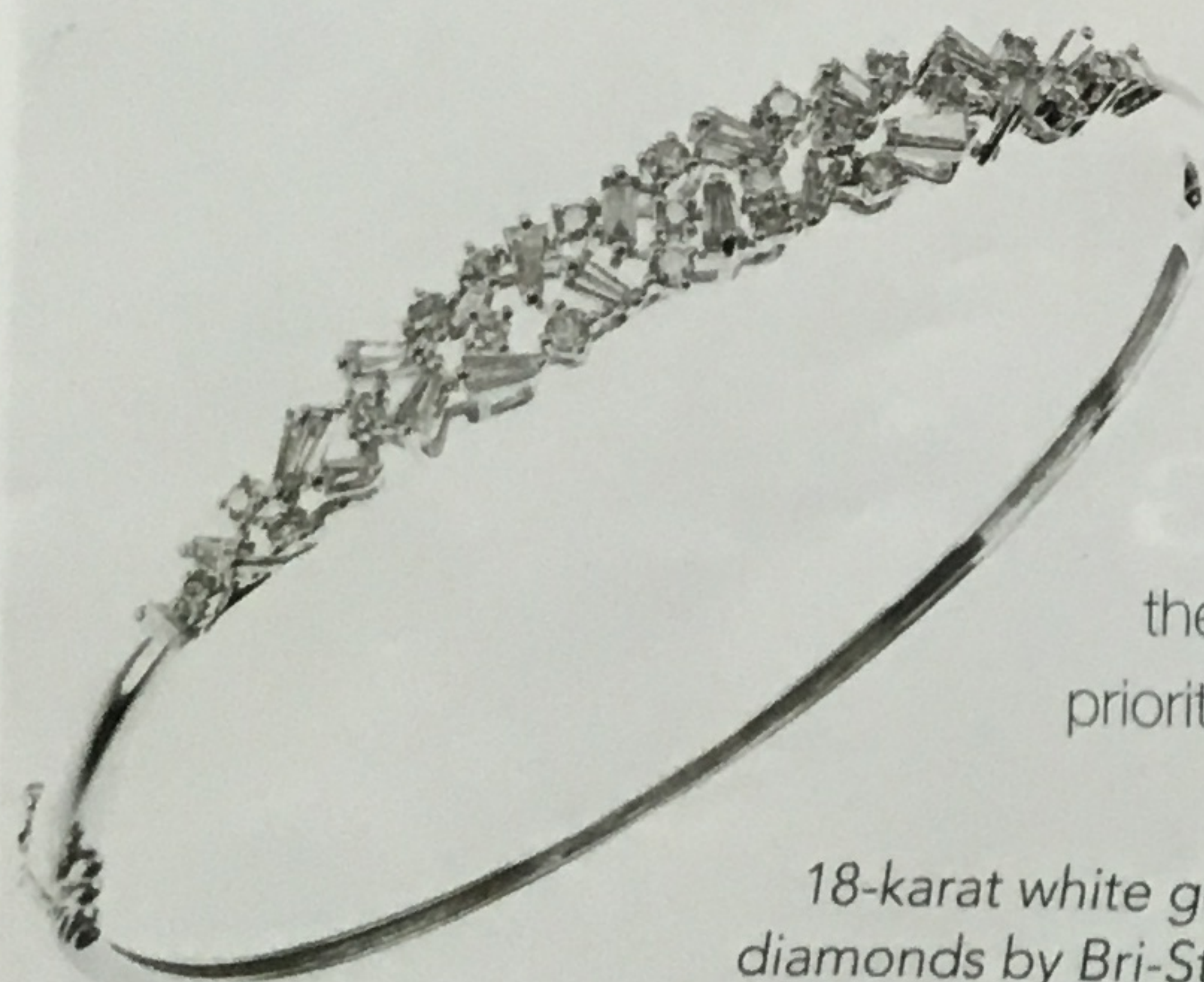
Bri-Star, which specialises in fine diamond and coloured gemstone jewellery, has a strong foothold in the US market. The company is also

counting on growth prospects in China's fine jewellery sector throughout the year.

Ben Yep, managing director of Bri-Star Jewellers, said in an earlier interview that building a greater presence in the Chinese market is one of his priorities in 2016.



Bejewelled butterfly brooch in 18-karat gold by Bri-Star Jewellers Ltd



18-karat white gold bangle with fancy-shaped diamonds by Bri-Star Jewellers Ltd

Brilliant gems from Hans D. Krieger



From left: Ring in 18-karat rose gold with a 1.03-carat natural champagne diamond centre stone and embellished with natural champagne coloured and colourless diamonds, and a ring in 18-karat white gold with a 1.24-carat heart-shaped diamond in D-colour with diamond accents by Hans D. Krieger Fine Jewellery

Hans D. Krieger Fine Jewellery is presenting a wide selection of fancy coloured diamond and coloured gemstone jewellery pieces at the Fine Design and Fine Gem Pavilion of the June Hong Kong Fair.

Based in Idar-Oberstein, the jeweller, which has nearly 300 years of history, is one of the first companies in Germany to specialise in fancy coloured diamonds. According to the company, goldsmiths and gemstone cutters from the family were mentioned as early as 1720. Since 1935, the traditional company from Idar-Oberstein – the forerunner to Hans D. Krieger Fine Jewellery – shifted its focus to diamond cutting.

In addition to fancy coloured diamonds, the jeweller also uses high-end coloured gemstones such as ruby, sapphire, emerald, Paraiba tourmaline and aquamarine in its collections.

At the June Hong Kong Fair, the luxury jeweller is highlighting a number of exceptional pieces including a ring in 18-karat rose gold with a 7.84-carat fancy yellow-brown diamond centre stone surrounded by colourless diamonds; a ring in 18-karat white gold with a 10.99-carat purple sapphire centre stone with diamond accents; and a pair of earclips in 18-karat white and yellow gold with two fancy yellow diamonds (total weight of 4.02 carats) and surrounded by fancy-shaped colourless diamonds.

From left: Ring in 18-karat rose gold with a 5.98-carat diamond centre stone and a ring in 18-karat rose gold with a 7.84-carat fancy yellow-brown diamond with colourless diamond accents by Hans D. Krieger Fine Jewellery

