



Elico, Ethiopia

Located in Addis Ababa, Elico tannery specialises in processing and exporting Ethiopian sheepskins to leather gloves and garment producers. These skins, known as Abyssinian, or Abyss skins, are well-known for their high-quality grain and compact fibre structure. The tannery also prides itself on producing fully finished sheepskin, goatskin and bovine leathers. Elico is committed to environmental compliance, and uses clean production methods and an effluent treatment plant.

Its glove leather lines include full aniline, semi-aniline and pigmented. The tannery has the production capacity to produce 3.4 million square feet of finished bovine leather, 5.1 million square feet of finished sheepskin leather and 5 million square feet of finished goatskin leather. It can also produce around 36,000 leather garments, 20,000 leather bags and 68,000 small leathergoods per year.

Nakara, Namibia

In 1989, Nakara built a large factory in the northern industrial area of Windhoek, Namibia, consisting of a large tannery and a manufacturing plant. Its specialism is the pelts of locally bred Karakul sheep, which it exports at the pickle stage to clients in Italy. The tannery produces a variety of game skins as well. The different types of leather the company makes include springbok, eland, hartebeest and bovine, which are used in the furniture manufacturing industry. Around 90% of the leather Nakara produces is exported.

Seton Auto Leather, South Africa

The tannery now belonging to Seton South Africa was established in 1965 and has been supplying automotive leathers since the late 1970s. It was bought by the Seton family in 1996, at which point the site was modernised and the equipment was updated. Based an hour outside Johannesburg in Nigel, Gauteng province, the company processes and cuts several thousand hides per day. It supplies both full-grain and corrected-grain leathers, depending on the customer's requirements. Seton South Africa is able to produce chrome-tanned or chrome-free leather and ships to customers all over the world.

Bader Leather, South Africa

Bader Leather can be found in Rosslyn in South Africa's Gauteng province. It started producing leather in 1990 and specialises in automotive leather. The tannery is able to produce wet blue, wet white and finished leather.

Bader Leather is owned by the Bader Group, a family business established in 1872. It is now managed by the fourth generation of the family and has grown from being a small shoe leather manufacturer to being a large-scale automotive leather producer. It has about 4,200 employees at seven facilities around the world, and produces 40,000 square metres of automotive leather per day.

Klein Karoo, South Africa

Originally an ostrich feather company, Klein Karoo was established in 1945 in Oudsthoorn, South Africa. The company set up an abattoir in the early 1960s and a tannery in 1970, which it claims is the largest of its kind in the world.

Klein Karoo produces aniline leather in a range of finishes including saddle, plunge and naked finish. It also produces pigmented leather, which include metallic, classic and pigmented matt finishes. These leathers are mainly used for bags, shoes and small leathergoods. The company also manufactures leathers for automotive, upholstery and clothing applications.

Tanneries Mégisserie du Maghreb, Tunisia

Tanneries Mégisserie du Maghreb, or TMM, was founded in 1976 in Grombalia, Tunisia. It comprises two units, the Tannery River and the Tawery River. Tannery River has a daily capacity of 30 tons of calfskins and cowhides, while the Tawery River's capacity is 10,000 sheepskins and goatskins. Together, the Tannery and Tawery have a production capacity of 1.5 million square feet per year.

TMM produces a range of different types of leathers, including buffalo, sheepskin, goatskin and bovine. Leathers created in the tannery include pigmented, aniline, "plein fleur", "fleur corrigée", nubuck, oil-painted and full-grain. End applications include gloves, shoes, garments and small leathergoods. Its products range from low to high end and from classic to modern. ©