



Tannery of the Year: China

The fourth programme of Tannery of the Year has yielded a candidate list of ten excellent tanneries for China.

All Tannery of the Year candidates have caught the attention of industry experts for their commitment to corporate social responsibility, including issues such as fair treatment of workers, respect for the environment, compliance with local and national laws, openness to innovation and to forming strong partnerships with suppliers and customers.

Brief profiles of each of the ten candidates, in alphabetical order, appear here.

Bader Automotive Leather, Dalian, Liaoning Province.

Dalian-based Bader is part of German tanning group Bader, which was established in 1872 and is now being run by the fifth generation of the family. The Chinese facility is one of seven globally. It was opened in 2005 and deals with crust to finished leather. It is certified Leather Working Group (LWG) Gold.

Foshan Nanhai LandScore Leather, Foshan, Guangdong Province. Landscore Leather Company Limited is part of a wider industrial group in Guangdong province that also specialises in leather chemicals, leather gloves for industrial use and other finished products. The tannery, based at the Shang Bai Industrial Zone in Luocun, near Nanhai. It works mostly from wet blue, importing the material from South America and other origins and finishing it in southern China.

Henan Prosper Skin & Leather Enterprise, Mengzhou City, Henan Province. Henan Prosper is one of the world's largest sheepskin tanneries, with a daily production of 60,000 skins. It specialises in wet blue, double-face, leather, linings, homecare products, chamois, paint rollers, automotive and equestrian. Clients include Ugg, Prada, Timberland and Nike.

Henan Sanhe Leather Products, Luyi Town, Henan Province. Henan Sanhe Leather Products, in the economic development zone of Xuanwu town, employs around 1,300. Focusing on bovine and sheep leather for shoe uppers, it offers 15 products including waxed leather, aniline, nappa and oil-dried leather. It operates an advanced effluent treatment plant and has been awarded ISO environmental management system certifications.

Huanghua Defu Leather Products, Huanghua, Hebei Province. Huanghua Defu Leather Products imports raw material from a variety of regions around the world and produces leather in Cangzhou, Hebei Province. The business was established in 2003 and employs around 300.



Quanzhou Jinxing Leather, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province.

Quanzhou Jinxing Leather supplies finished leather for footwear and gloves, and operates its own finished goods factories. Its glove-making division was established in 2004, and produces protective working gloves from full-grain leather, split leather, pig leather and pig splits.

Richina Leather, Baoshan District, Shanghai.

Richina Leather Industrial (SRL) is an operating division of the Richina Group and is headquartered in Shanghai. SRL's Baoshan factories produce both automotive leather and leather for footwear and accessories manufacturers. The business has an annual finished leather capacity of 70 million square feet and supplies to brands such as Caterpillar, Cole Haan, Merrell and Rockport. Its auto leather is used by carmakers including Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Nissan and Toyota. The group operates a wet blue tannery in Fuxin, Liaoning Province, which provides material for its automotive and footwear leather tanneries.

Shandong Dexin Leather, Zibo City, Shandong Province.

Shandong Dexin Leather is located in the Zibo High-Tech development zone of Shandong Province. It was established in 2003 and has around 1,000 employees. It focuses on medium to high-end upholstery and car seat leather, with an annual production of 1.4 million hides.

Zhejiang Dazhong Leather Industry, Haining, Zhejiang Province.

Zhejiang Dazhong Leather began in 2004 with initial annual production of one million hides. Its main products are full-grain bovine nappa leathers. It operates an advanced effluent treatment centre, a chemical testing centre and a research and development laboratory.

Zhejiang Mingxin Automotive Leather, Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province.

Mingxin Automotive Leather employs around 350 at its Jiaxing facility and produces automotive interior leathers for car seats, steering wheels, dashboards and door panels, with both chrome and chrome-free production. Products include full-grain, corrected grain, nappa, perforated and split leathers.

From this group of ten candidates, two finalists have emerged. Detailed reports on both finalist tanneries appear in the following pages of *World Leather*. 🌐