

PRESS RELEASE

As of January 1st, 2005, BFM (British Furniture Manufacturers' Federation) has become the 25th member of the UEA bringing almost to a close coverage of the European continent.

"With the competitive situation of the European furniture industry threatened as it is currently by the imports, we consider an increased cooperation with our European colleagues a necessity and we are very happy to rejoin the UEA and to concentrate our efforts" Mr. Mitchell, President of BFM was quoted saying after their decision to rejoin the UEA.

Mr. Valenti, president of the UEA, has welcomed the efforts of the British industry to support the development of an industrial policy for the furniture industry in the EU and expressed his satisfaction with the membership of BFM in the UEA.