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#### The Dream Factory & The Dream Fabrics

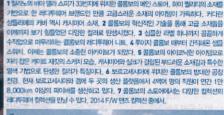
콜롬보는 전 세계 50여 곳에 분포한 사육지에서 동물이 털갈이를 할 때 획득 되는 털을 수집해 보관하고 있다. 캐시미이와 캐멀 헤어는 몽골 울란바토르 등 지에서 구입하는데, 이 지역의 원사가 굉장히 가늘고 품질이 좋다고 알려져 있 다. 캐시미어(cashmere)는 인디아, 몽골, 중국, 아프가니스탄 지역에 서식하 는 염소과의 포유류에게서 얻을 수 있는 최고급 원사, 최상급으로 알려진 회이 트 캐시미어를 비롯해 다양한 내추럴 컬러의 원사 중 콜롬보는 부드러운 솜털 만 뽑아 직조한다. 한 마리가 1년간 생산할 수 있는 모의 양이 500g 정도밖에 되지 않는 회소성과 섬세한 수공의 공정으로 그 가치가 높이 평가받고 있다. 또 높은 보온성과 편안함. 부드러운 질감과 우아한 드레이프성으로 '섬유의 다 이아몬드'로 일컬어진다. 비큐나(vicuna)는 낙타과 동물 중 가장 작은 동물이 며 볼리비아, 찰레, 페루에 걸친 안데스 산맥의 고지대에서 생활한다. 적황색 과 짙은 황갈색, 흰색의 긴 털이 다리 아래까지 늘어지는 초식동물로, 3년마다 털을 깎을 수 있어 양모 생신량이 적은 만큼 회소성 높은 최상급 소재로 알려져 있다. 비큐나는 현재에도 CITES로부터 엄격하게 보호받으며 가격으로 평가 할수 없는 높은 가치를 지닌다. 비큐나 한 마리에서 얻을 수 있는 양모는 3년 간 250g에 불과해 연간 약 80g의 양모가 생산되는 셈이며 이는 캐시미어 염 소에서 얻을 수 있는 양의 6분의 1 정도다. 과나코(guanaco) 역시 낙타과의 희귀 동물로 패루, 이르헨티나 등 주로 남미 지역에 서식한다. 과나코 섬유는 특수 시어링 기술로 레드 브리운 컬러의 가벼운 솜털만 채취해 가장 부드럽고 세련된 최상급 패브릭으로 생산된다. 콜롬보는 1990년대에 과나코의 원산지 인파타고나이에 이 동물을 방목하기 시작했고, 오랜 기간 진행한 이 프로젝트 로 이 지역 과나코의 모질은 최상의 상태를 유지하게 되었다.

티베트산 염소에서 추출한 밝은 색의 연지르(yangir)는 야생 신양 의 일종으로, 몽골, 카자흐스탄, 키르기스스탄 지역에 서식하 고 있다. 얀지르는 캐시미어보다 부드럽고 은은한 광택감과 자연스러운 금빛이 도는 솜털로 차세대 노블 파이버 원단 중에서도 최상급 소재로 꼽힌다. 콜롬보는 안지르 패브릭을 개발해 2011년 가을, 겨울 시즌, 패션 마켓에 최초로 이 새로운 프리미엄 페브릭을 선보여 화제가 되었다. 콜롬보는 털을 얻기 위해 동물을 학대하거나 죽이지 않는 것을 원칙으로 삼는다. 이를 일반 사람들에 게 인식시키는 데에는 15 년 정도의 긴 시간이 필 요했다. 1년 기준으로 캐시미어는 3백 톤. 캐 멀은 1백50톤, 앙고라 는 1백 돈, 비큐나는 2톤 비조네 · 어민 · 친칠라는 3톤 정도 생산한다. 특별히 그중 개체 수 감소와 수요 증가로 멸종 위 기 동물 목록에 오른 비큐나는 거래 제한을 위해 위다에 위사지를 표기하다













가문의 열정, 기업의 책임감이 되다\_콜롬보의 CEO 로베르토 콜롬보와의 일문일답

어떻게 노를 파이버 산업에 관심을 가지게 되었다? 대학생 사절인 1970년대는 캐시미아가 지금의 비큐나처럼 고급소리운 소재였다. 아버지가 캐시미아를 취급하는 공장을 경영했기 때문에 자연소롭게 관심을 가지게 되었다. 그 당시에는 작은 공장이었지만 마래에는 완단의 고급화를 통해 시업을 성장시킬 수 있지 않을까 생각했다. 그때부터 노트에 원사 고급화 프로젝트라는 공귀를 쓰고 다양한 사업을 구성했다. 1996년에는 러시아, 캐니다, 철제 등 전 세계를 돌여 캐시미아를 대체할 것을 찾았다. 이때 동물의 털갈이 털을 이용해 고급 원시를 만들어야겠다고 생각했다. 1970년대 캐시미아처럼 지금은 비큐나가 최고급 원단으로 각광받고 있다. 미래에는 어떤 소재가 최고급으로 취급될 이용해 고급 원시를 만들어야겠다고 생각했다. 1970년대 캐시미아처럼 지금은 비큐나가 최고급 원단으로 각광받고 있다. 미래에는 어떤 소재가 최고급으로 취급될 것이라 생각하는가? 아름다를 비롯해 알비는 나는, 어떤 등의 동물에서 채집한 최고급 소재는 이미 최상위까지 도달했다고 생각한다. 앞으로는 여기에 어떤 가공 가술력을 더 하는나가 관점을 것 같다. 플물보 노불 파이버는 기존의 원사들과 어떻게 다르가? 고급 소재는 원재료를 어디서 구입했는가가 가장 중요하다. 캐시미어 같은 경우 얼마나 가늘 고 긴자가 품질을 작은한다. 동물의 특성성 출고 건조하면 탈이 흡출해지는데, 결과적으로 이런 동물의 털은 가늘다. 플롬보는 중국 복동쪽에 위치한 몽골 알라산 지역에서 양절의 캐시미어를 구한다. 원사를 가공해 원단으로 만드는 과정도 특별하다. 캐시미어를 염색하거나 논만 소재를 합성해 신축성을 더하는 것 등은 이미 20~25년 전에 콜롬보가 최초로 개발한 것이다. 보르고세시아와 캠에 지역으로 생산 라인을 나는 특별한 이유가 있는지? 보르고세시아에서는 원단을 생산하는 데 집중하고 있다. 캠에 지역에서는 20년 전부터 아내인 케이티가 레디트웨어를 만들고 있다. 25년 전 회사에 활류한 케이티는 처음에 액세시라 디자인부터 시작해 지금의 레디트웨어까지 단계별로 성장했다. 배스트살라인 케이티 제깃 역시 그녀의 여름을 만째되었다. 양일의 캐시미어 제품을 고르는 방법을 세 가지만 압력달라 좋은 제품은 광택과 입체감이 눈으로 느껴진다. 손으로 만졌다 맛을 함께 자리 이 점을 받지 않는 것도 중요하다. 마지막으로 들이 잘 일어나지 않는 제품을 골리아 세탁했을 때 변형이 말하다. 홍콩, 도쿄, 서울에 이어 올해(2015년 기출) 중국에까지 사업을 확장하고 불다는, 이시 아시와 상황을 어떻게 예측하는 기? 급하게 서두르기보다는 안내성을 가지고 1년에 2개 정도씩 매장을 열 생각이다. 패일 리리스로 지부심이 큰 만큼 결 회사에 필고 심지는 입다. 지난 및 년간 중국에도 역시 경제 위기가 왔다면 최고급 결처리 제품은 그 영향을 받지 않았다. 이제 많은 소비자는 등은 제품을 선택할 수 있는 안목을 갖추었다. 마케팅 이상의 보낸다는 가게를 느끼게 하는 것이 무리되었다.

# STYLE CHOSUN (1)



#### The world leader of Noble Fibres

True luxury goods are never affected by trend and season. After visiting the factory of COLOMBO, we could understand the brand philosophy of the family business on the succession of three generations. The fabrics COLOMBO has manufactured such as wool, cashmere, vicuna, guanaco, camels' hair, and yangir remind us of the meaning of Luxury. The world of COLOMBO Noble Fibres we met in Borgosesia, Italy.

## True Italian luxurious and high-quality global brand

COLOMBO has a fifty-year history, and the history started from the factory the founder, Luigi Colombo, established in 1960s. He

was an artist, pioneer, and explorer with free soul and broad mind, and he traveled all around the world to find noble fibers. He was grown up by his uncle who was running a textile company, which was the reason why he got interested in prestige fabrics. He was sure that luxurious fabrics would be a niche market with high value, so he was devoted to developing new fabrics such as cashmere, vicuna, guanaco, and camels' hair. He always told his employees that they should not ask the staff how much they would sell, but just should be curious about whether the customers would like their goods. In 1970s, as his sons was involved in the business, the business was expanded into a big company with a global volume. COLOMBO was increasing their brand value throughout innovative and advanced technology, and as producing all the products made in Italy, COLOMBO has been enlarged on the philosophy of their early stage of the foundation.

### "Values become culture, culture becomes quality"

There are only one or two companies in the world which produces all the products without outsourcing. COLOMBO Noble Fibres is one of them. The headquarters of COLOMBO (short for COLOMBO Noble Fibres) in Borgosesia produce the fabrics and provide them to other companies. In Ghemme, COLOMBO produces apparels with their fabrics. COLOMBO has 94 steps of manufacturing, and 18 inspections for perfect goods. COLOMBO itself manages and controls all the steps. Since 1992, COLOMBO has raised rare animals such as vicunas and guanacos in their own farms to observe the regulation of CITES(the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species), and has put marks-of-origin on their products for transaction restriction. COLOMBO has provided their prestige fabrics to the world famous companies such as Hermes, and Celine, and still has such a strong relationship with them. Casting back to the interview in 2007, the late Jean Louis Dumas at Hermes said that the quality of the cashmere garments and mufflers of Hermes are attributed to COLOMBO, and it was the most satisfying praise COLOMBO had ever received. Now COLOMBO has run two kinds of business; one is fabric production and

the other is ready-to-wear apparel business with their highest prestige valued fabrics. They started to announce their success for the apparel, opening a flag shop on 33<sup>rd</sup> Via Dellar Spiga street in Milano in 2010. They have concentrated on the promotion of their premium apparel with tradition and modernity. The board of directors of the third generation has been devoted in making the highest-quality. It is a craftsmanship with Italian warmness which is focused on the quality and innovation. It is the reason why we are curious about their future walk. There are 4 shops in Korea; Lotte Avenuel Worldtower branch, the Shilla Arcade, Daegu department store Plaza branch, and Busan Lotte department store. Tel 02-3213-2303

#### Kate Jacket

Kate jacket which is the steady seller and iconic item of COLOMBO is a single breasted design in medium length made of the luxurious cashmere and silk. It is very comfortable and soft to wear, and is an elegant and refined style with abundant color touch. Especially, the elegant color is what is made by the dyeing process that they have studied so long.

# STYLE CHOSUN (2)



## The Dream Factory & The Dream Fabrics

COLOMBO has gathered and stored the hair from over 50 farms all over the world. They have bought cashmere and camels' hair from Ulan Bator, Mongolia. The fibers in the region are very famous with a good quality. Cashmere which is extracted from goats in India, Mongolia, China, and Afghanistan is the highest-grade fiber. COLOMBO uses only the soft downy hair among fibers with a variety of natural colors such as white cashmere. The amount of the wool that can get from a goat for one year is about 500g, so it is high in scarcity and has high assessment. It is known for its warmness, coziness, soft texture, and elegant drape, and called 'The Diamond of Fibers'. Vicunas are a kind of camels and the smallest of them. They inhabit Bolivia, Chile, Peru,

and the Andes. They are herbivorous animals with reddish yellow, deep yellow brown and white long hair. They are high in scarcity because their hair can be cut every 3 years and the amount is very little. So, they have given high protection from CITES and have had a high value. The amount of the wool that can get from a vicuna for 3 years is about 250g, which has 6 times higher value than cashmere. Guanacos are also a kind of camels and very rare animals which inhabit mostly Southern America such as Peru and Argentina. Their red brown hair is used for weaving the best fabrics with a special shearing system. COLOMBO has raised them its own farm in Patagonia since 1990s, and has kept their hair the best.

Yangirs are Tibetan goats and inhabit Mongolia, Kazakhstan, and Kirgizstan. They have been taken on center stage as the next generation of textile because they have naturally golden hair and elegant sheen and their hair is softer than cashmere. In 11 FW, COLOMBO firstly developed and introduced yangir fabrics to high-end fashion market, and was given a great spotlight. COLOMBO doesn't kill and mistreat animals for the hair. It took 15 years to make people change their thought about this. The amount which is produced for one year is 300 tons of cashmere, 150 tons of camel, 100 tons of angora, 2 tons of vicuna, and 3 tons of ermain and chinchilla. Especially, it is vicunas that are on the list for endangerment because the population is decreasing and the demand is increasing. So, COLOMBO has put marks-of-origin on their vicuna goods.

Passion of the family, responsibility of the business – the CEO of COLOMBO, Roberto Colombo

How did you come to be interested in noble fiber industry? In 1970s when I was in college, cashmere was such an expansive fabric like vicunas' now. As my father ran a cashmere factory, I naturally got interested in it. At that time, the factory was so small, but I thought soon or later it could be grown up with upgrading the fabric. From the time, I planned a plenty of business on 'luxury yarn project'. In 1996, I visited Russia, Canada, Chile, and so on to find a cashmere substitute, and I thought I would use molting animals' hair to make luxury yarns.

Now vicunas' hair has been given much attention like 1970s' cashmere. What do you think will be the most luxurious fabric? I think the most luxury fabrics made of vicunas' hair, albino camels' hair etc. have already reached the top, so from now on, which processing technique is added will be the key point.

How is COLOMBO noble fiber different from other yarns? The most important thing for the material is where it is purchased from, and for cashmere hair, the quality is up to how thin and long it is. Animals' hair becomes tufted and thin in cold and dry weather. We, COLOMBO, buy good-quality cashmere hair in Alashan, Mongolia which is located at the north-eastern of China. The manufacturing process of COLOMBO is very unique and special. The methods to dye cashmere or to add elasticity into cashmere with synthesizing span yarn are what COLOMBO first developed about 25 years ago.

Is there a reason you divided the producing line into two regions which are Borgosesia and Ghemme? Borgosesia is for fabrics and Ghemme is for ready-to-wear apparel that my wife, Kate, has made there since 20 years ago. 25 years ago Kate entered the company, she started accessory design at first and later she grew up to be a great fashion designer. The bestseller, Kate jacket, is the product named after her.

Would you like to tell three of your tips to pick up good-quality cashmere? Firstly, it is elegant luster and texture, secondly, not easy to wrinkle, and finally lint-free. That kind of cashmere usually doesn't lose the shape after washing.

I heard you will expand your business to China in the next to Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Seoul.

What do you think about next Asian market? My plan is to open two or three shops a year not in a hurry but with patience. Since I have pride of my company as a family business, I don't want to sell it (But, I don't know whether my son will do or not. Laughing). For years, China has had economic crises, but the best luxury goods have not been affected. Now customers have their own view to select good product, so it is not enough to attract customers just with marketing. Now is the era that quality is more important than marketing.

- 1. The main shop which is located at 33<sup>rd</sup> Via Dellar Spiga ST. in Milano. It is filled with items with high-quality fabrics as a prestige ready-to-wear apparel brand. A chandelier covered with cashmere.
- 2. COLOMBO created high-end fabrics with a variety of colors throughout innovative technology which have never been shown.
- 3. Knit which is being finished by handwork. It has become the cherished archive of COLOMBO.
- 4. Sample swatch which is inherited from Luigi Colombo who was the founder.
- 5. Kate jacket which is the iconic item. Its feature is soft texture and colors with a special dyeing technique.
- 6. The factory of COLOMBO in Borgosesia. About 400 workers have produced over 18,000km of fibers for one year in Borgosesia and Ghemme.
- 7. A variety of garments for 14 FW men's collection in the shop of COLOMBO.