

New York Fashion Summit Signals Growing Industry Focus on Regeneration and Circular Systems

New York City, New York Feb 26, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Signet Fashion and reState Media today highlighted key themes emerging from the inaugural New York Fashion Summit. On February 13, 300 industry leaders, innovators, artists, investors, and emerging talent convened at Moonlight Studio to collectively reimagine the future of fashion as a regenerative industry at the intersection of culture, technology, materials, and capital.

The Summit framed fashion as a high-performance sector that brings investment, creates space for cultural dialogue, and helps position New York as a global hub for the creative economy.

Through international perspectives from Denmark, Finland, and Portugal, conversations explored how material innovation, engineering advances, and scalable circular production are increasingly shaping competitive strategy and investment priorities in the global fashion industry.

The Summit further examined the future of creative economies, emphasizing the importance of aligning long-term talent investment, cultural value, and forward-looking policy. Speakers reflected on fashion's expanding influence beyond aesthetics, as a system intertwined with nature, entrepreneurship, technological progress, urban development, and global capital flows.

The curated program featured a materials and ocean innovation installation by Parley for the Oceans, alongside artworks by Monica C. LoCascio and Ruby June, the architectural jewelry of TOHUM and The Age of Stones, and a tasting experience by Double Cross Vodka.

To close the evening, the partners shared their vision for the New York Fashion Summit as a year-round platform dedicated to shaping the regenerative future of fashion in New York.

Highlights:

- **300** — Designers, founders, investors, and operators engaged in conversations on materials, manufacturing, and the future of fashion in New York and beyond.
- **Shared priorities** — Advancing regenerative design principles, circular production systems, and new models of creative-economy collaboration.
- **Zero** — A long-term ambition discussed across sessions: reducing waste through circular systems, improved engineering, and next-generation materials.

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Quotes

Dean Sorrentino, Chief Executive Officer, Signet Fashion, said:

“The New York Fashion Summit brought culture, capital, and innovation into one room during New York Fashion Week. The conversations were timely, the network exceptional, and the momentum generated here will extend far beyond a single evening.”

Anastasia Kalinina, Partner at reState Media, said:

“Fashion remains one of the most influential cultural systems in the world. The Summit demonstrated what becomes possible when designers, investors, technologists, and city leaders convene with shared intention - creating a platform for long-term value, global talent, and future-facing collaboration.”

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