

CABA holds largest Forum in its history

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CABA's Intelligent Buildings & Digital Home Forum, held last week, was its largest and most successful in the show's history, shattering previous attendance records.

The event brought together leading organizations involved in the integration of intelligent building systems and connected home technologies. CABA estimates that over 175 industry stakeholders gathered to discuss current trends in the intelligent and integrated buildings and connected home sectors.

The Forum was held at the same time as LIGHTFAIR International, North America's largest annual architectural and commercial trade lighting show: April 26-28, 2016 in San Diego. Event sponsors included: EZ Meter, Intellistar, Intermatic, nuLEDs, Pella, Project-Haystack and SkyFoundry.

There were many companies represented at the event, including: AT&T, Cisco Systems, Honeywell, IBM, Intel, Siemens and Schneider Electric, along with other national and international real estate and technology companies, including CBRE, Cadillac Fairview, JLL, PLC, Manulife Real Estate, Philips and others.

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The event, held at the Handlery Hotel San Diego, featured exclusive track sessions and workshops that examined the impact of the Internet of Things (IoT) and cybersecurity on intelligent buildings, consumer demands for privacy and trust in connected homes, interoperability between competing standards and protocols in commercial buildings and connected home market channels.

CABA's Forum was an opportunity to attend the organization's Council town halls and network with the majority of CABA Board of Directors during the entire event. The Forum also featured two evening networking receptions. The majority of CABA's Board members were in attendance due to a regularly scheduled Board meeting held in conjunction with the Forum.

New this year was CABA's inaugural start-up "Pitch Fest", a modified Shark Tank that featured 19 organizations. Intellivision won first place and Lumen Cache was runner up in the connected home technologies category. Lunera Lighting, Inc. won first place and mnubo was runner up in the building automation category.

The event also featured exciting intelligent building and smart home facility tours, which included some of San Diego's most notable connected sites including the San Diego International Airport and Microgrid, the San Diego Library and Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres.

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"We were very pleased to bring together a record number of attendees to this year's Forum," said Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "Those in attendance all agreed that the quality of this year's program, along with networking opportunities, were second to none."

The CABA event was described as “powerful” by AutomatedBuildings.com publisher Ken Sinclair, who will feature CABA's event proceedings in the June edition of his online publication.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is an international not-for-profit industry association dedicated to the advancement of intelligent home and intelligent building technologies. The organization is supported by an international membership of over 330 organizations involved in the design, manufacture, installation and retailing of products relating to home automation and building automation. Public organizations, including utilities and government are also members. CABA's mandate includes providing its members with networking and market research opportunities. CABA also encourages the development of industry standards and protocols, and leads cross-industry initiatives. More information is available at www.caba.org.

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