

## News Focus

### A Review of the BDO Market in H1 2018

2018-08-06



PUdaily, Shanghai-- The price movement of BDO in the first half of 2018 was similar to that of last year except for the overall price level. From January to April 2018, the market price continued to rise. In April, it hit the high of RMB 11,850/ton, up RMB 200/ton from the same month one year earlier. From January to March, which was around the Spring Festival holiday, the manufacturers' operating rate remained low as there were intensive turnarounds of units, which provided a boost to the price. This year's downward price movement began in April, earlier than last year. The price dropped at an average pace of RMB 200/ton a month. This is primarily due to the sluggish demands from downstream sectors such as PU resins for synthetic leather and PU resin for shoes sole...[More](#)

## Polyurethane Market

### IPDI Market will Bounce Back in H2 Though it Remained Sluggish in H1

2018-07-31

PUdaily, Shanghai-- The first half of 2018 has passed. In the first half, the IPDI market remained quite sluggish. During this period, although Wanhua's IPDI supply to the market decreased, the overall inventories in the industry were high due to the manufacturer's high inventories plus the significant increase in imports. In the context, downstream demands were limited...[More](#)

### Innovative Foam for Thin and Light Instrument Panels

2018-08-02

Automobile manufacturers and processors are always searching for new, cost-effective solutions for more efficient components. This imposes a variety of challenges on material suppliers. For example, highly complex instrument panels must comply with current requirements while at the same time supporting trends like autonomous driving. The complexity of this safety component is increased both by the size...[More](#)

## Company Dynamic

### BASF Closes Acquisition of Businesses and Assets from Bayer

2018-08-02

BASF has closed the acquisition of a range of businesses and assets from Bayer. The transaction is a strategic complement to BASF's crop protection, biotech and digital farming activities and marks its entry into seeds, non-selective herbicides and nematocidal seed treatments...[More](#)

### Coveris Divests Rigid Business to Focus on European Flexibles

2018-08-03

Coveris Group has finalised a deal to divest its rigid packaging business as part of a strategic move to shift its focus to flexible packaging in Europe. The company announced that US-based private equity investors group Lindsay Goldberg LLC had acquired Coveris Rigid, for an unspecified amount, on 31 July...[More](#)

### Dow Wins Sustainability Product of the Year Award for Second Year Running

2018-08-08

The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) has won the 'Sustainability Product of the Year' for the second consecutive time in the prestigious Business Intelligence Group's Sustainability Awards Program. Dow won the award for VORAGUARD™ Polyol, a ComfortScience technology for mattresses with built-in safety properties and sustainable environmental profile...[More](#)

## Industry Glance

### EU Safeguards for Iran Investment Sealed

2018-08-08

EU safeguards for member states whose companies want to invest in Iran – colloquially known as the "blocking mechanism" –officially entered into the bloc's legal statutes on Aug. 7. The act purposely coincided with reintroduction of tougher US sanctions. In view of the intensive pressure exerted by Washington, many doubted that the intended European protections would have any effect...[More](#)

### Mattress Tariffs Gold Bond: Chinese Tariffs Would Boost U.S. Producers

2018-08-01

A proposed tariff on Chinese-made mattress would be a welcome relief to Gold Bond Mattress and other domestic mattress manufacturers, according to Gold Bond President Bob Naboicheck. Domestic producers are trying to compete with low-cost Chinese imports that are flooding the U.S. market, he said...[More](#)

### New Home Prices Rising Further on Strong Supply

2018-08-07

SHANGHAI'S new housing market continued its rally last week with transaction volume remaining above the 200,000-square-meter threshold, the latest market data showed. The area of new residential properties sold, excluding government-subsidized affordable housing, rose 16.1 percent to 240,000 square meters during the seven days to Sunday...[More](#)

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