

Hello from Jesse K. Meyer and the Pergamena family,

I have always tried to balance honoring my family's connections to the ancient traditions of tanning with pushing to innovate our products and processes. Last year, we used our five centuries of accumulated knowledge and our unlimited passion to help creators unlock the potential of parchment and leather, all while striving for sustainability against an ingrained, industry-wide, disposable mindset. At Pergamena, we understand we are part of the larger picture.

A large portion of our job is working side-by-side with designers and creators to produce beautiful, individually-handcrafted materials that work for each unique project. However, another aspect of our job that often gets overlooked is to remind our customers that what you have in your hands is not a synthetic material, but was once a living thing. We want to talk about this because this is how Pergamena makes the difference, not just in the quality of our product, but in the future of our planet. By working closely with our suppliers, we are ensuring that even before you start dreaming up your next project, we have already thought about how to make sure that what you are getting is not just a beautiful material but one that is sustainable, of the highest quality and unique. Making unique products with respect takes hard work, extra time and lots of care, and that's exactly what we enjoy doing. We have been putting care and respect into our leather for over five centuries, and we're committed to continuing for another five.

I'm excited to share with you all of the things we have been doing at the tannery this year to ensure we --and our customers-- not only survive, but thrive in this changing industry and world. In the following pages you will find a letter from our new Directors of Sales and Marketing and of Sustainability, our updated offerings and pricing guide, as well as an introduction to our new traceable USA leather line.

We look forward to creating a lasting and unforgettable project with you.

Jesse Karl Meyer Owner and Head of Development