

Synthetic Diamonds: State of Affairs

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Conclusion

- Synthetic diamonds have grown exponentially since the last African Diamond Conference, however remain relatively small compared to the natural diamond market.
- Synthetic diamond demand is still mostly driven by retailers rather than by consumer demand.
- Acceptance by US majors has led to substantial growth.
- Move from fashion jewellery into bridal jewellery.
- Marketing focused on 'love' and 'emotion'.
- Prices both at B2B as well as B2C level are continuously dropping.
- Production capacity up and can be further scaled up if demand grows.
- Project Assure: "Universal standard to test the performance of Diamond Verification Instruments in a consistent manner"
- Patent infringements could temporary hamper growth of CVD diamonds.