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With hundreds, or was it thousands, of new products to peruse – from the Made in America showcase to Venture Out to ingredient brands and tried-and-true favorites – scouring the goods of Outdoor Retailer Winter Market seems to get more daunting every year. While teal and burgundy overtook orange and gray, zippers got vertical, outerwear got even more techy, and responsible sourcing and recycling became the status quo. Here's a quick spin around the show floor.

Osprey packs is jumping on the urban travel bandwagon with “one bag to rule them all.” The design is a roller luggage wrapping its arms around a daypack. It's a redesign of the Meridian, with backpack straps. Also big for Osprey is a new partnership with Hydrapak, which will launch Osprey into the “Hydraulics” bladder market. Yes, all their packs fit a hydration pack, but the new Osprey bladder with backer plate, unique grab cuff, and bite-blast valve is a leap into uncharted ground.

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