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**VIETNAM'S MARKET POTENTIAL
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Minimizing Blow Room Cotton Waste to Almost Zero



In cotton spinning, efficiency is a key factor. Every kilogram of raw

material counts, not only for profitability but also for sustainability. This makes the first step in the process, cotton processing in the blow room, especially important. Here, fibers are opened, cleaned, and prepared for carding. During this stage, impurities and short fibers are removed to ensure high yarn quality.

However, a considerable number of usable fibers often end up in the waste stream. On average, cotton spinning lines discharge 3 to 7% of blow room waste. For a mill processing thousands of tons annually, this translates into hundreds of tons of lost raw material and significant financial loss. The question is: How can mills recover these fibers and turn waste into value?

The solution: Trützschler Online Fiber Recovery Line

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Our advanced system reprocesses blow room and card waste directly within the line. Waste is extracted, carefully cleaned, and can be fed back into the process. The result? Valuable fibers are recovered and reintegrated into production. Less waste, more value, and a smarter approach to cotton processing.

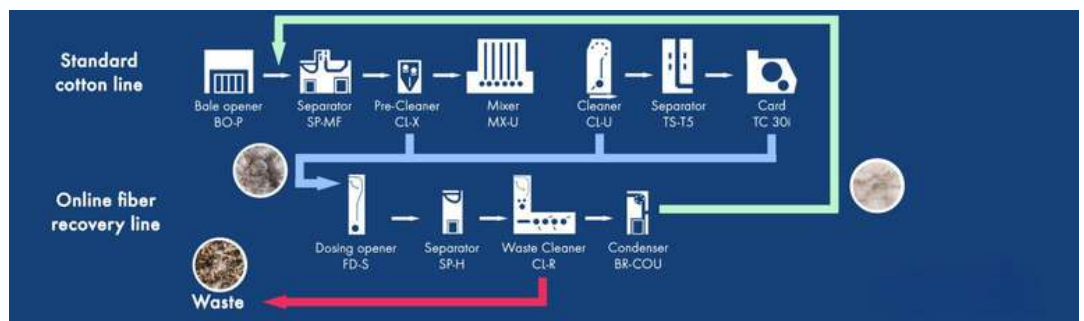
This unique solution can be easily retrofitted into existing lines. It requires only a small investment and pays off quickly, thanks to immediate and measurable savings in raw material consumption.

A small investment with a big sustainability impact

By recovering fibers that were once discarded, mills can reduce raw material consumption, boost efficiency and sustainability and achieve significant cost savings. The Trützschler Online Fiber Recovery Line makes this possible with a solution that is easy to implement, fast to pay off, and proven to deliver very good results.

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TUNICOTEX GROUP ADOPTS FASTREACTPLAN

Tunicotex Group Boosts OTDP to 85%, Cuts Planning Time by 25% & Expands Production Capacity by 40% with Coats Digital's FastReactPlan

FastReactPlan creates a single source of truth for planning and production, enabling Tunicotex to enhance visibility, increase efficiency, and expand capacity for continued growth.

Coats Digital is delighted to announce that following the implementation of FastReactPlan, leading Tunisian premium knitwear manufacturer, Tunicotex Group, has significantly improved its on-time delivery performance **from 75% to 85%**, **reduced planning time by 25%**, **minimised** delays and penalty costs, and unlocked **40% additional capacity** to take on more customer orders and support sustained business growth.

With all critical planning and materials data now connected in a single visual platform, Tunicotex has transformed collaboration, communication and decision-making across its vertically integrated operations.

Headquartered in Soliman, Tunisia, Tunicotex Group, a pioneering force in the global knitwear industry, continues to raise the bar for sustainable fashion with its certified, traceable, and eco-conscious production model. Founded in 1993, Tunicotex has grown from a small Italian-Tunisian venture into one of the world's leading suppliers of high-quality premium knitwear.

The company operates six knitting workshops, five sewing sections, three ironing and finishing units, a wash plant and an embroidery workshop. Tunicotex produces 16,000 garments daily, **400,000 per month**, and **4.8 million annually** for global luxury brands such as **Hugo Boss, Falconeri, Lacoste, Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Moncler, Ralph Lauren, Max Mara, Timberland, Napapijri, North Face** and others. Sustainability is central to its ethos, with 95% of raw materials certified to GOTS, GRS, FSC and other globally recognised standards.



In 2025, Tunicotex inaugurated its solar power plant, preventing over 650 tons of CO₂ emissions, and the company aims to run entirely on renewable energy by 2026.



Before adopting FastReactPlan, Tunicotex relied on manual Excel-based planning, which caused inconsistencies, delays and fragmented communication across departments. The lack of real-time visibility resulted in unbalanced lines, locked capacities and productivity gaps between machines and workshops. These issues generated unnecessary overtime of 5-10%, high rework levels, short shipments and a reliance on expensive air-freight to meet delayed orders. The business also experienced a 5-10% loss in profit due to inefficiencies, inaccurate forecasts and avoidable errors.

Following this period of operational strain, the business sought a more robust, end-to-end planning solution.



Headquartered in Soliman, Tunisia, Tunicotex Group, a pioneering force in the global knitwear industry, continues to raise the bar for sustainable fashion with its certified, traceable, and eco-conscious production model. Founded in 1993, Tunicotex has grown from a small Italian-Tunisian venture into one of the world's leading suppliers of high-quality premium knitwear.

Mr Haithem Bouajila, Managing Director, Tunicotex, said: "Before FastReactPlan, we faced major visibility gaps across our operations. Each department worked from different spreadsheets, which led to inaccurate forecasts, delays and frequent miscommunication. We struggled with locked capacity, planning conflicts and unnecessary overtime, all of which impacted our efficiency, profitability and customer service."

Tunicotex implemented FastReactPlan across all primary and secondary operations, from knitting and sewing through to washing, printing, embroidery, ironing and packing. By investing in a high-level planning board, four low-level boards and the embellishment planning module, the company established a fully connected planning environment that provides one unified source of truth for all teams.

Since implementation, Tunicotex has realised substantial improvements across its production ecosystem.

Planning time has fallen from 40 hours per week to 30; penalty costs have reduced thanks to fewer delays; and cross-departmental collaboration has strengthened through shared real-time data. The improved production visibility allowed Tunicotex to expand its overall capacity by **approximately 40% between 2024 and 2025**, supporting higher volumes and more diverse orders.



Mr Haithem Bouajila, Managing Director, Tunicotex, explained:

“FastReactPlan has transformed the way our teams communicate and plan. We now have accurate capacity visibility, faster decision-making and a much smoother production flow.

OTDP has improved significantly, overtime is down and we can confidently take on more orders from our premium customers. Coats Digital offered not only an advanced planning solution, but also a true partnership approach. Their experts guided us throughout the entire journey and ensured our teams were supported at every stage.”

With greater capacity stability and clearer planning boundaries, Tunicotex also strengthened its continuous improvement culture.

Teams now work through a structured Plan-Do-Check-Act methodology, supported by reliable WIP, MRP and FRP reporting. Staff morale has risen as planners and production teams now operate with clearer targets and less firefighting.

Tunicotex selected Coats Digital for its deep expertise in textile manufacturing technology and its reputation for partnership-led transformation.

FastReactPlan is part of Coats Digital’s Manufacturing Solution Suite and is specifically designed to optimise delivery, efficiency and lead times for apparel, textile and footwear manufacturers by integrating capacity, materials and critical path workflows into a single platform.

Liz Bamford, Customer Success Manager, Coats Digital, said: “We are thrilled with the remarkable progress Tunicotex has achieved since adopting FastReactPlan. The solution has enhanced visibility across all operations, improved planning efficiency, increased OTDP, and unlocked additional production capacity. These tangible results demonstrate the power of unified, real-time planning to drive operational excellence and support business growth.

We are proud to partner with Tunicotex on its digitization journey and look forward to continuing to help the company achieve even greater efficiency, agility and success in the years ahead.”

Key Benefits and ROI for Tunicotex Group

- Reduced planning time by 25% - from 40 hours/week to 30 hours/week
- Improved OTDP from 75% to 85% - fewer delays and penalty costs
- Increased overall production capacity by 40% - additional FRP rows added to support growth
- Reduced overtime - thanks to more accurate planning and balanced workloads
- Faster response to customer changes - improved flexibility for order variations and urgent requests
- Improved collaboration across departments - WIP, MRP, and FRP reports enable coordinated scheduling
- Enhanced staff confidence and morale - clearer targets and reduced firefighting
- Optimised inventory and material use - fewer shortages, reduced waste, and better cash flow
- Stronger long-term business growth - reliable data enables Tunicotex to take on more and varied orders





Mr Haithem Bouajila, Managing Director, Tunicotex, added: “The visibility provided by FastReactPlan has enabled us to grow our capacity by around 40% in just two years. This level of scalability would not have been possible without the stability and control that the solution gives us.”



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READY TO SHOW 2026: THE NEW HUB FOR GLOBAL FASHION SOURCING



GEORGES PAPA

The upcoming edition of Ready to Show marks a strategic turning point for international sourcing in Milan. As Italy's only exhibition dedicated exclusively to fashion manufacturing and private label, Ready To Show will take place alongside Milano Fashion & Jewels and major trade fairs such as Si Sposaitalia Collezioni, TheOneMilano, MICAM and MIPEL, creating a powerful ecosystem that connects global suppliers with European buyers.

This alignment is designed to maximize opportunities: bringing together key segments of the fashion supply chain in one location means more visibility, more networking, and stronger business outcomes.

Why Milan matters

Milan remains one of the most influential fashion capitals in the world. For international manufacturers, exhibiting here means entering a market where quality is non-negotiable. Securing partnerships with Italian brands not only elevates credibility but also opens doors to collaborations across global fashion networks, especially given the high export rate of Italian fashion.



Why Milan matters

The timing of the February edition coincides with Chinese New Year, which will limit the presence of Chinese exhibitors. This opens the stage for Turkish suppliers to take the lead. Turkey is recognized as a strategic hub for private label apparel thanks to its flexible production capabilities and internationally acclaimed quality standards.

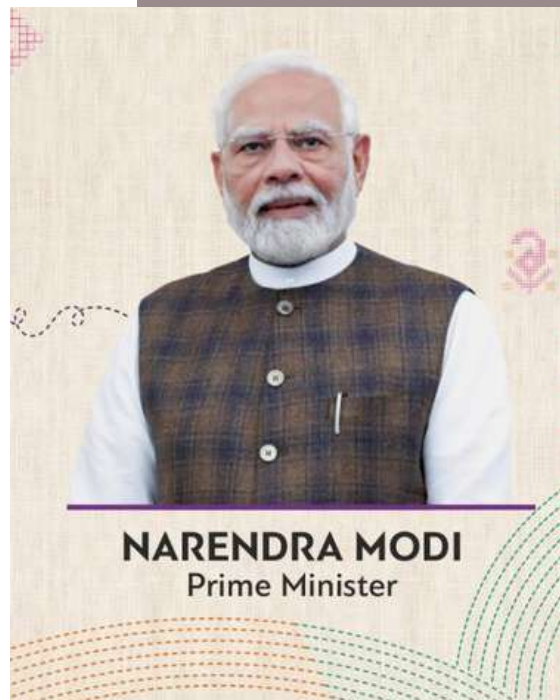
Exhibiting in Milan allows Turkish manufacturers to strengthen their reputation as trusted partners for Italian brands, a seal of excellence that unlocks access to global markets.

Middle East Buyers: a growing Opportunity

Alongside suppliers, buyers from the UAE and the broader Middle East are becoming increasingly important. These markets are experiencing rapid growth in demand for tailored solutions and premium private label products. Ready to Show offers the ideal platform to meet this sophisticated demand and build long-term sourcing partnerships with key players from the region.

Bharat Tex 2026

Announced as India's Global Textile Mega Event



The Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) has announced the third edition of Bharat Tex, India's flagship global textiles and apparel exhibition, to be held from 14 to 17 July 2026 at the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The announcement was made during a press conference organised by BTTF, a consortium of leading Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and industry associations. Organisers outlined the vision, scale, and strategic priorities of the upcoming edition, officially launching preparations for Bharat Tex 2026.

Bharat Tex has rapidly positioned itself as India's largest unified showcase for the textile value chain. The second edition, held in February 2025, spanned 2.2 million square feet, hosted over 5,000 exhibitors, welcomed 6,000 international buyers from more than 120 countries, and attracted over 120,000 visitors. The event also generated export opportunities estimated at USD 2.5 billion and investment commitments exceeding ₹2,100 crore.

According to Naren Goenka, Chairman of BTTF, the 2026 edition will continue to reflect the Prime Minister's 5F Vision - Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign, bringing together all segments of the industry under one roof.

A key highlight will be the Global Textile Dialogue 2026, which will convene global industry leaders, CXOs, policymakers, and sustainability experts to discuss Industry 4.0, ESG priorities, R&D collaboration, and evolving trade dynamics.

BTTF said Bharat Tex 2026 will further strengthen India's position as a trusted and sustainable global sourcing hub, while offering MSMEs, start-ups, and artisans new opportunities to engage with global markets and investors.

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APPPEXPO 2026 Records Strong Growth in Overseas Buyer Registrations

Following the strong momentum of its 2025 edition, APPPEXPO 2026 is set to welcome a significant rise in international participation, with newly released data showing a sharp increase in overseas buyer interest ahead of the event.

According to the organizers, overseas visitor preregistrations had surged by 62.2% year-on-year by the end of October, confirming APPPEXPO's growing status as a key global sourcing platform for the advertising, printing, and signage industries. Buyers from major economies and emerging markets across six continents, including countries along the Belt and Road route, have already confirmed their participation.

Organizers say the data reflects strong global demand for "Innovated-in-China" products, with international buyers increasingly attending not just to explore trends, but to actively source suppliers and place orders.

South America Emerges as Key Growth Market

One of the most notable developments is the sharp rise in registrations from South America, now among the fastest-growing regions for APPPEXPO's overseas audience. As the region's advertising and printing sectors undergo rapid modernization, demand for advanced machinery, digital printing solutions, and signage technologies is rising.

To better serve this market, the APPPEXPO organizing committee has strengthened cooperation with local exhibition organizers, business associations, and industry media across South America, enabling more efficient matchmaking between buyers and Chinese manufacturers.



International Buyer Groups Confirm Attendance

Beyond individual visitors, organized buyer delegations from multiple countries have already scheduled procurement visits for APPPEXPO 2026. These include representatives from:

United States, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brazil, Ecuador, Laos, Nigeria, India, Turkey, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Iran, Peru, Vietnam, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, among others.

With participation spanning both mature and high-growth markets, APPPEXPO 2026 is expected to generate a new wave of cross-border business cooperation.



Global Sourcing Momentum Builds



Industry observers note that the strong preregistration trend highlights APPPEXPO's role as a strategic sourcing hub, connecting global demand with China's advanced manufacturing capabilities across printing, packaging, digital display, industrial signage, and visual communication technologies.

APPPEXPO 2026 will take place from 4-7 March 2026 at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (NECC), Shanghai, and is expected to be one of the largest international gatherings for the global print and signage industry.

With overseas demand accelerating and buyer quality rising, APPPEXPO 2026 is shaping up as a major global marketplace for suppliers and investors seeking new opportunities in the visual communication sector.



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Reju Announces Site Selection For First U.S. Industrial Sized Facility Regeneration Hub In Rochester, New York

Reju, the textile-to-textile regeneration company, today announced it has selected the site for its first U.S.-based industrial facility marking a significant milestone in its efforts to scale globally.

This future Regeneration Hub will be in Rochester, New York, reinforcing Reju's commitment to the adoption of circular textile system across key regions worldwide.

The Reju site spans 18.9 acres on Eastman Business Park and ambitions to regenerate the equivalent of 300 million articles annually that would otherwise end up as textile waste and will produce rBHET that will then be repolymerized into Reju PET. The site selection will also provide opportunities for diversifying and near-shoring manufacturing.

The project will be subject to final investment decision by the board of Technip Energies, the parent company of Reju.



“As our first Regeneration hub in the United States, this site selection is a major leap forward in building a truly global circular system,” said Patrik Frisk, CEO of Reju. “We are proud to bring Reju’s sustainable manufacturing and jobs to the Rochester community.”

The facility will serve as a key moment in Reju's expanding network of regeneration hubs, complementing the demo plant Regeneration Hub Zero which is up and running in Frankfurt and the site selection of Regeneration Hub One at Chemelot Industrial Park in Sittard, Netherlands, announced last year.

Reju uses proprietary recycling technology developed by Technip Energies and IBM Research to regenerate textile waste, starting with polyester, into high-quality Reju Polyester. This regenerated material has a 50% lower carbon footprint than virgin polyester and is engineered to be recyclable multiple times, reducing the industry's reliance on fossil-based inputs.

"New York State is committed to creating good paying jobs, and supporting innovative projects and companies that are working to keep materials out of landfills and protecting our planet," said Governor Hochul. "Reju's ambitious project, that will create approximately 70 new jobs at Eastman Business Park, shows how smart investments can turn waste into opportunity, further supporting our state's overall green economy efforts and creating a brighter future for everyone."

"Kodak is thrilled to welcome Reju to Eastman Business Park," said Jim Moran, Kodak's President of EBP. "We look forward to supporting Reju's goal of building a system where textile waste doesn't exist by leveraging the unique infrastructure and capabilities of our Park."



Through partnerships with global brands, mills, and waste aggregators, Reju ensures full textile-to-textile traceability, transforming garments destined for landfills or incineration into raw material for a new, circular economy.

The U.S Regeneration Hub further strengthens Reju's U.S. footprint. "Reju is investing in a future where post-consumer textile waste becomes a resource, not a liability," added Frisk. "It's a signal to the market that circularity at scale is possible and now is the time to ensure the momentum continues to build."

LENZING AND ENERGIE AG UMWELT SERVICE EXTEND RVL PARTNERSHIP THROUGH 2040

- Revised framework agreement ensures long-term security of supply at the Lenzing site
- Retrofit program aims to increase plant availability and energy efficiency
- Partnership strengthens planning reliability, sustainable use of residual materials, and reduces dependence on fossil resources

Lenzing AG and Energie AG Umwelt Service have secured the long-term continuation of their successful cooperation in Reststoffverwertung Lenzing (RVL).

With the revised framework agreement, the partnership will be extended through the end of 2040. The agreement provides planning certainty for both companies and sets clear signals for climate protection, and security of supply at the Lenzing industrial site.

RVL is one of Austria's largest industrial residual-material utilization facilities and has been a central component of Lenzing AG's energy hub for more than 25 years. With a throughput of roughly 900 tons per day, the boiler plant converts more than 300,000 tons of waste into electricity and steam each year. This replaces up to 85 million Nm³ of natural gas – a key contribution to decarbonization and the reduction of fossil energy sources.

"For more than a quarter of a century, RVL has stood for security of supply. We reliably generate energy from residual materials while reducing the use of fossil resources. With the revised framework agreement, we are securing this successful path for the long term," says **Georg Kasperkovitz, Member of the Managing Board of Lenzing AG.**

The agreement includes a retrofit program for 2026/27 that will ensure higher availability of the boiler plant. In addition, the revised framework agreement establishes clear rules for handling emission-related costs and ensures compliance with all regulatory requirements – including the updated 2024 Waste Incineration Ordinance, which introduces stricter standards for emissions, monitoring, and sustainable residual-material treatment.

"This partnership with one of Upper Austria's largest industrial companies represents a circular economy in action: reliable energy generation from waste materials, high environmental standards, and robust logistics make an important contribution to the decarbonization of energy supply," emphasizes Alexander Kirchner, member of the board of Energie AG. Another plus point: "The possibility of delivering waste materials by rail also strengthens a climate-friendly logistics concept," adds Kirchner.



The agreement provides maximum planning reliability for both partners, strengthens industrial value creation in the region, and represents a clear commitment to the Lenzing site. It also supports the Lenzing Group's transformation strategy – from decarbonization and efficiency improvements to circularity – and remains a cornerstone of the site's sustainable development.

ZIMMER AUSTRIA ANNOUNCES NEW REPRESENTATION IN TURKEY

ZIMMER AUSTRIA has officially reshaped its representation strategy in Turkey, marking a new chapter in its continued commitment to one of the region's most dynamic textile machinery markets.

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he company announced that Mr. Ali Erdem Erner and Mr. Alican Alkım Şar of ERA Mümessillik ve Makina Ticaret Limited Şirketi have been appointed as its new exclusive agents for Turkey. Effective immediately, the duo will represent ZIMMER AUSTRIA across both Digital Printing Systems and Screen Printing & Coating Systems.

Recognised as two deeply experienced professionals with strong reputations in the Turkish textile machinery sector, Erner and Şar bring extensive market knowledge and long-standing customer relationships. ZIMMER AUSTRIA stated that this strategic partnership will further strengthen its local presence and support its long-term growth ambitions in Turkey.

"With their experience, market insight and professional standing, we believe Ali Erdem Erner and Alican Alkım Şar are the ideal team to continue driving ZIMMER AUSTRIA's success in Turkey," the company said in its announcement. "We look forward to a strong and productive collaboration." As the company moves forward with its new representation, ZIMMER AUSTRIA also extended its gratitude to CENGER Mümessillik Ltd. Şti., acknowledging their years of dedicated service and valued cooperation.

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With this strategic transition, ZIMMER AUSTRIA aims to enhance customer service, strengthen market reach, and reinforce its leadership across Turkey's digital and screen printing machinery sectors.



Left: Mr. Ali Erdem Erner - Right: Mr. Alican Alkım Şar from ERA Mümessillik ve Makina Ticaret Limited Şirketi

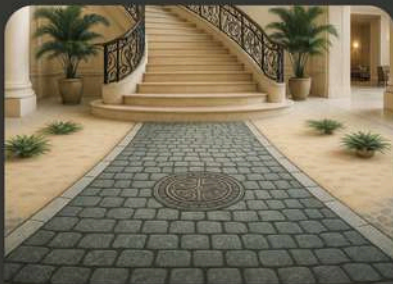
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Terrot Unveils T-Frame for Large-Diameter Circular Knitting

New universal tubular machine frame addresses rising demands for precision, modularity and future-ready production in circular knitting.

Terrot Textilmaschinen GmbH has unveiled the new T-Frame, a universal machine frame platform for large-diameter circular knitting machines. Designed to meet growing demands for flexibility, stability, and operational safety, the T-Frame provides a next-generation foundation for both current and future industrial knitting machines, combining German engineering expertise with a modular, future-ready design approach.

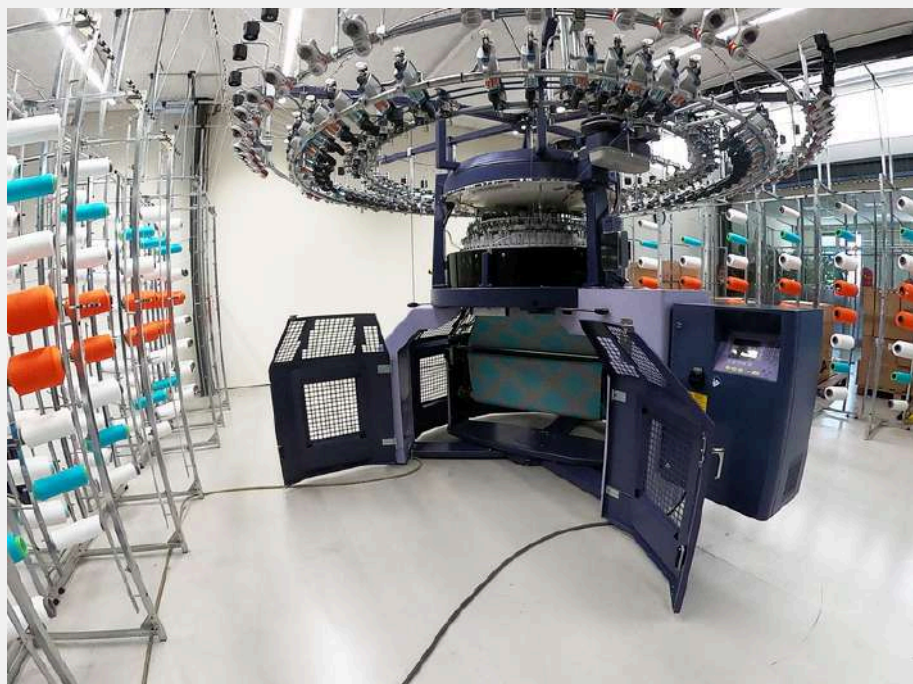
INDUSTRY RELEVANCE & MARKET CONTEXT

Circular knitting producers worldwide are facing growing pressure to increase output flexibility while maintaining consistent fabric quality under tighter cost and labor constraints. At the same time, demand for ergonomic operation, machine safety and sustainable production concepts are rising.

The T-Frame directly addresses these challenges by combining mechanical robustness with smart structural design, enabling manufacturers to respond faster to market changes without compromising process reliability.



“With the T-Frame, we have focused on the foundation of machine performance,” said Michael Lau, Head of R&D at Terrot. “By rethinking the frame architecture, we deliver higher stability, easier handling, and a level of flexibility that meets current production needs while enabling future technological developments.”



TECHNOLOGICAL CORE

With the T-Frame, Terrot introduces a newly engineered tubular machine frame made from premium steel, developed to handle higher mechanical loads while improving precision and machine accessibility. After nearly three decades of proven large-diameter machine concepts, the company has completely redesigned the frame architecture.

At the core of the innovation is an intelligently welded frame construction that combines structural rigidity with modular adaptability. A single, standardized frame platform supports multiple extraction and take-down variants, reducing mechanical complexity while enabling fast configuration changes. Integrated cable routing, centralized display positioning and optimized component layouts replace traditional add-on solutions and improve both ergonomics and safety.

INDUSTRIAL BENEFITS & BUSINESS IMPACT

The T-Frame platform delivers measurable advantages in daily production environments:

- **Operational flexibility:** One universal frame supports multiple machine configurations, enabling rapid adaptation to changing fabric requirements.
- **High productivity:** Increased structural stability guarantees knitting precision at industrial speeds, particularly in large diameters ranging from 26 to 54 inches.
- **Improved efficiency:** Standardized components and optimized accessibility reduce setup times and simplifies maintenance routines.
- **Enhanced safety & reliability:** Intelligent cable management and reduced external attachments minimize failure points and support long-term process stability.
- **Future readiness:** The platform is designed to accommodate upcoming machine generations, protecting customer investment.

Terrot T-Frame platform is available for large-diameter tubular circular knitting machines in multiple frame sizes and configurations. The development stands for transformation in textile manufacturing, combining the company’s long-standing engineering expertise with a clear commitment to future-oriented, user-friendly production processes. Visitors can experience the new T-Frame live at various upcoming trade shows, where Terrot will demonstrate the next level of circular knitting technology.



SAURER AT IRANTEX 2026

Saurer Unveils Latest Spinning Preparation Innovations at Irontex 2026



Saurer once again highlighted its strong presence in Iran's textile machinery market during Irontex 2026, using the exhibition as a strategic platform to introduce its latest developments in spinning preparation technologies. Speaking on the sidelines of Irontex, Shiva Eghbal, Executive Manager of Saurer in Iran, emphasized the company's growing focus on the spinning preparation segment over the past two to three years. "Saurer has significantly expanded its activities in spinning preparation machinery, and Irontex provided an important opportunity to present our latest solutions directly to Iranian textile manufacturers and industry professionals," she said.

According to Eghbal, while it was not possible to demonstrate the entire spinning preparation process at the exhibition, key machines—including carding and drawing frames—were displayed at the Saurer booth.

"Many factories are still not fully aware of the latest products and technological upgrades offered by Saurer. Exhibitions like Irontex allow manufacturers and technical experts to see the machines up close, ask detailed technical questions, and better understand how these solutions can be integrated into their production lines," she noted.

She also underlined the importance of face-to-face interaction during the four-day event, describing Irontex as a valuable meeting point for domestic industry players seeking reliable and high-performance machinery under current market conditions.

Irontex 2026 was held from 2 to 5 January, bringing together key players from Iran's textile and machinery sectors. Despite a more subdued atmosphere compared to previous editions, the exhibition continued to serve as an important venue for technology presentation, knowledge exchange, and direct engagement between machinery suppliers and textile manufacturers.



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BARMAG'S NEW TEXTURING MACHINE IMPRESSES THE MARKET

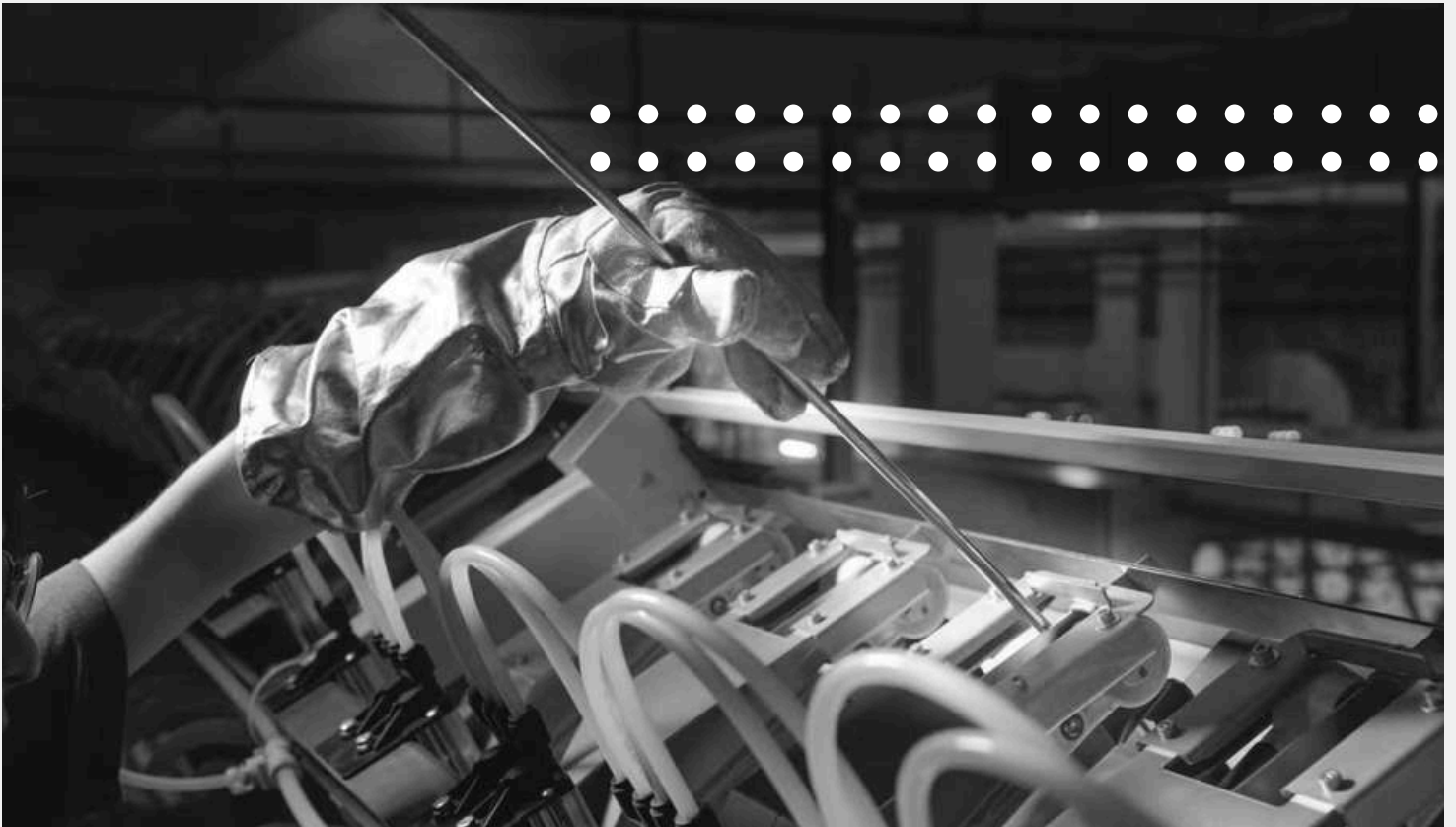
SINCE ITS PREMIERE AT ITMA ASIA + CITME 2025, THE EFK EVOSMART TEXTURING MACHINE HAS ACHIEVED IMPRESSIVE MARKET SUCCESS. THE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY IS WINNING OVER YARN MANUFACTURERS WORLDWIDE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL PRODUCTION PROCESSES. A TOTAL OF 84 MACHINES HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD – INCLUDING IN CHINA, TURKEY, AND INDONESIA – A CLEAR SIGN OF THE INDUSTRY'S CONFIDENCE IN THIS FORWARD-LOOKING SOLUTION.

EFK EVOSMART SETS NEW STANDARDS IN EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY

"Energy efficiency and top quality are key factors for successful yarn production," explains Dr. Wolfgang Ernst, Head of Sales at Barmag. "With the eFK EvoSmart, we are setting new standards in this area: intelligent technologies and significantly reduced maintenance requirements enable our customers to achieve future-proof production that takes quality and cost-effectiveness to a new level," he continues.

EFK EVOSMART – EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY

The market response to the eFK EvoSmart clearly shows how great the interest of yarn producers is in energy-optimized and maintenance-friendly solutions. The combination of the innovative EvoHeater heating technology and the single-inverter-controlled Smart Godets is particularly impressive: it enables a significant reduction in energy consumption – with potential savings of 25% per kilogram of yarn.



With its innovative EvoHeater design, which simplifies the previously time-consuming task of heater cleaning and, despite the heater being closed, makes handling much easier for operating personnel and doubles maintenance intervals, the eFK EvoSmart sets new standards. The result: up to 50% less maintenance, higher plant availability, and increased productivity - a clear competitive advantage. Whether in weaving, knitting, or finishing, the consistent performance of the eFK EvoSmart ensures smooth processes and the best results in further processing.

"With the eFK EvoSmart, we offer our customers a solution that sustainably reduces their operating costs while meeting future efficiency requirements with consistently high yarn quality," summarizes Wolfgang Ernst.

Marzoli Launches Technology Accelerator Center to Drive Textile Innovation

Marzoli has announced the launch of its Technology Accelerator Center (TAC), a new innovation hub dedicated to advancing technological and process development across the textile industry. Developed through significant research and development efforts and long-term investment, the TAC is designed to help textile manufacturers convert innovation into measurable industrial value. According to Marzoli, the new center places a strong emphasis on advanced recycling solutions and next-generation fiber technologies, addressing the industry's growing demand for circularity, performance, and scalability.

Focus on Recycling and Functional Fibers

At the core of the Technology Accelerator Center is the development of high-quality recycled fibers, enabling circular production models without compromising material performance. In parallel, the TAC is working on yarn functionalization through nanofiber technologies, allowing new properties to be added to yarns while preserving their natural characteristics. These focus areas reflect Marzoli's strategy to support textile producers as they adapt to evolving sustainability requirements and market expectations.



Industrial Services for Textile Manufacturers

Through the TAC, Marzoli is offering industrial services for fiber regeneration and yarn functionalization, based on proprietary technologies and processes. These services are aimed at helping customers enhance material functionality—such as performance, durability, or added technical features—while maintaining the intrinsic qualities of the original fibers.

The company noted that the Technology Accelerator Center is intended to act as a collaborative platform, supporting clients in testing, developing, and scaling innovative textile solutions.

With the launch of the TAC, Marzoli positions itself as an active partner in redefining fiber quality, performance, and circularity, reinforcing its role in shaping the future of sustainable textile manufacturing.

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Textile Machinery: The Upcoming Colombiatex 2026 Speaks Italian

“The Colombian textile and clothing industry has experienced significant growth in recent years, supported by a technological upgrading in which Italian machinery has often played a leading role,” comments Marco Salvadè, President of ACIMIT. “For many of our companies, Colombiatex remains an essential event on the international trade fair calendar to strengthen the partnership with Colombian textile firms.”

Numerous Italian textile machinery companies will be attending the upcoming Colombiatex, the premier trade fair for the Colombian textile supply chain, held in Medellín from January **27 to 29, 2026**. This year’s edition further confirms the strong bond between local textile manufacturers and Italian technology providers. Despite a contraction in demand from the Colombian textile sector during 2024, the South American country remains one of the region’s key markets for textile machinery manufacturers.

The most recent data indicates a sharp trend reversal: in the first half of 2025, Italian sales in Colombia reached 6 million euros, marking a +48% growth compared to the same period of the previous year. Should this growth rate remain steady, the value of Italian exports could approach the record levels seen in 2022 (18 million euros).

Following many past editions, ICE – Italian Trade Agency, in collaboration with ACIMIT (the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers), will once again organize a national Italian Pavilion in the Pabellon Amarillo for 2026. **A total of 22 Italian companies** will be present within the pavilion: **Ugolini Srl, Lonati Spa, Plm Impianti Srl, 3G Dosing Automation Srl, Santoni Spa, Laip Srl, Salvadè Srl, Cubotex Srl, BTR International Spa, Reggiani Macchine Spa, Monti-Mac Srl, Ratti Luino Srl, Tonello Srl, Itema Spa, Nosedà Srl, Kairos Engineering Srl, MCS Officina Meccanica Spa, LGL Electronics Spa, Waternext Spa, Lafer Spa, Fadis Spa, FICIT Srl. The strength of Italian participation is reaffirmed by all the ACIMIT member companies that will exhibit in individual stands or through their local agents, including: **Brazzoli Srl, Color Service Srl, Martex Srl, Monti Antonio Spa, Morgan Tecnica Spa.****

AIRBOX: INNOVATING TEXTILE DRYING WITH EFFICIENCY... AND MINIMAL SPACE



In the textile sector, drying often represents the bottleneck that limits the entire production line's capacity, and space is always a valuable resource. Biancalani's AIRBOX was created to solve this problem with a revolutionary solution: a drying system that occupies only 2 meters in length but guarantees an evaporation capacity of up to 300 kg/h.

A versatile solution for every business reality

AIRBOX adapts perfectly to the diverse needs of various markets, responding to the specific challenges of different types of textile companies.

Large integrated textile companies already possess established expertise and infrastructure, but often face the problem of insufficient drying capacity. Expanding with traditional systems means significant investments and, above all, the need for enormous spaces that are often unavailable. With AIRBOX, these companies can considerably increase production capacity using just 2 additional meters of space, transforming a constraint into a growth opportunity.

Small textile producers, focused on their core business such as weaving or knitting, traditionally have few in-house finishing activities and depend on subcontractors for drying. This means losing control over delivery times and final product quality. For them, AIRBOX represents the gateway to the finishing world with an investment proportionate to company size, allowing them to offer better service to customers without depending on external suppliers.



Small specialized companies operate in specific niches but must often rely on subcontractors to complete the production process. This dependence limits their autonomy and ability to differentiate in the market. AIRBOX allows them to complete the entire service offering internally, maintaining quality control over the entire process and offering customers a premium portfolio with complete autonomy.

The patented technology that makes the difference

The heart of AIRBOX is Biancalani's patented jet-stream drying principle, which exploits the high velocity differential between air and fabric to achieve exceptional evaporation levels in an ultra-compact form factor. This technology enables operation at variable production speeds up to 80 m/min on widths up to 3600 mm, thus adapting to any type of textile product.

The intelligent control system with color touch-screen manages complete recipes, offers advanced diagnostics and remote support, ensuring ease of use even for non-specialized operators. The maximum air temperature reaches 200°C, ensuring effectiveness on all fabric types, and offering possibilities for additional treatments such as pigment polymerization.

Usage flexibility and integration

AIRBOX can operate in two distinct modes, adapting perfectly to different business needs.

For more structured companies, integration with existing systems allows AIRBOX to be used as a pre-dryer for AIRO®24 drying lines (with a production increase of over 50%) or as an enhancement system for any other drying line (tumbler, relax...) and as a backup to ensure production continuity during maintenance.

In the case of AIRO®24, integration enables management from existing control panels, simplifying operations.

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Smaller operations can instead use AIRBOX as a completely independent solution to dry any type of fabric and knitwear without tension, while textile printing laboratories benefit from rapid drying after printing and pigment fixing, thanks also to the possibility of working without contact on the upper part of the fabric. Small dyehouses can finally complete the production cycle internally, and contract finishing companies can offer a more complete and autonomous service.

Energy efficiency and scalability

From an energy perspective, AIRBOX optimizes consumption and offers great system scalability that grows gradually: from the base version, with a single drying section, to the XL version with two sections, up to multiple configurations with 4, 6, 8, or more sections, for higher production capacities.

Concrete results and return on investment

Field results confirm the solution's effectiveness: the simple installation of AIRBOX in Portugal, Turkey, and Pakistan has increased production by over 50% while simultaneously reducing operating costs.

AIRBOX therefore represents much more than a simple dryer: it is a strategic partner that grows with the company, transforming space and budget constraints into concrete development opportunities. The patented technology, combined with usage flexibility and system scalability, makes immediately achievable what until yesterday seemed impossible: obtaining industrial performance in minimal spaces with proportionate investments.



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SCZONE and Eroglu Moda Tekstil Sign USD 5.6 Million Agreement for New Garments Factory

The Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE) has announced a new Turkish investment in Egypt's textile and apparel sector, as Mr. Waleid Gamal El-Dien, Chairman of SCZONE, signed a contract with Eroglu Moda Tekstil San Ve Tic S.A. to establish a ready-made garments factory in the Qantara West Industrial Zone.

The project, fully self-financed by the Turkish investor, will be built on an area of 5,700 m² and will see total investments amounting to USD 5.6 million. The facility will specialise in manufacturing ready-made garments and denim products, with an annual production capacity reaching 1 million pieces.

According to SCZONE, the factory aims to export 95% of its output to global markets, while the remaining 5% will be supplied to the domestic market.

Once fully operational, the project will generate 700 direct job opportunities, strengthening the region's role as a competitive hub for apparel manufacturing and export-oriented industries.

Mr. Waleid Gamal El-Dien emphasized that Qantara West Industrial Zone continues to attract strong industrial interest. With the addition of this project, the total number of contracted investments in the zone has reached 50 projects, spanning approximately 3,464,100 m² and representing cumulative investments of USD 1.352 billion. These projects collectively provide over 70,000 direct jobs.

He also highlighted the contribution of the industrial developer, Main Development Company (MDC), SCZONE's development arm, which is working to establish ready-to-operate factories and industrial facilities to support investors and accelerate project implementation.

RIDING THE WIND, FORGING NEW FRONTIERS!



2026 (The 21st) Guangzhou International Textile Clothing and Printing Industry Expo ITCPE

Guangzhou International Textile Clothing Printing Industry Expo Investment Promotion Launches!

As the textile and garment manufacturing industry enters a brand - new track of intelligence, greenness, and high - end development, technological innovation and the restructuring of the global supply chain have become the key for enterprises to break through. The 21st Guangzhou International Textile, Clothing and Printing Industry Expo (ITCPE Guangzhou) , with the theme of “Smart Connectivity for a Global Future Innovation Leading the Way”, leverages the strategic pivot of the Guangdong - Hong Kong - Macao Greater Bay Area, gathers global resources, helps enterprises seize the technological high - ground, make inroads into the new markets along the “Belt and Road”, share global industry business opportunities, and jointly build a sustainable industrial ecosystem!

The 21st Guangzhou International Textile, Clothing and Printing Industry Expo (ITCPE Guangzhou) will be held from May 19 - 21, 2026 at Poly World Trade Center Expo, Pazhou, Guangzhou. Focusing on cutting-edge fields such as textile printing, intelligent sewing and embroidery, green dyeing and printing, functional fabrics and accessories, the expo will gather over 1,000 high-quality exhibitors worldwide and is expected to attract more than 60,000 professional visitors. It aims to build an international industry event integrating technology display, business matching, trend release and industrial cooperation.

01 Seize the Initiative, Connect Globally

- **Brand Exposure:** Reach over 60,000 professional visitors, covering the entire industry chain including textile & garment manufacturing, printing, sewing, embroidery, dyeing & finishing, and fabrics & accessories.
- **Technical Endorsement:** Showcase innovative achievements alongside 1,000+ global exhibitors to establish industry benchmarks.
- **Business Implementation:** Achieve efficient order conversion through B2B matching systems and VIP buyer group programs.
- **Policy Benefits:** Leverage the geographical advantages of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to enjoy support for cross-border trade facilitation.



02 Efficient Matching with Global Buyers

A Gathering of Global Buyers: Industry associations from ASEAN, Central Asia, Europe, America and other regions will organize delegations to attend. Tens of thousands of professional purchasers, designers and enterprise representatives will gather in Guangzhou, with cross-border cooperation channels fully opened and the enthusiasm for business matching continuing to rise.

High-Quality Buyers: Past data shows that among over 60,000 professional visitors, 40.51% are printing processing enterprises, 28.23% are seeking new products, and 15.45% are looking for suppliers, with an on-site transaction rate exceeding 85%.

03 Technology and Trends Lead the Industry

A Feast of Technologies Captivates Attention: Cutting-edge technologies such as intelligent sewing & embroidery, digital printing, and green dyeing & finishing compete on the same stage, leading the direction of industrial upgrading.

Cutting-Edge Innovations Debut in Focus: Beyond digital printing and intelligent sewing & embroidery equipment, there's a featured zone - the Seamless Garment Industry Zone - showcasing seamless garment technologies like one-piece garment-making equipment and seamless bonding. It's set to attract on-site visits from buyers of high-end brands in sports, underwear, outdoor, and more.

04 International Forums: A Collision of Global Wisdom, Insight into the Industry's Future

Forum Matrix: Covering cutting-edge topics across the entire industry chain - including international forums like the Guangzhou Summit of the World Textile Digital Printing Conference, the World Sewing & Embroidery Development Conference, and the Denim Industry New Productivity Development Conference. Industry leaders from multiple countries are invited to participate, offering insights into global textile and garment industry's forward-looking technologies, information, and markets, while helping build a network of global frontier technologies.

05 An Integrated "Exhibition-Production-Sales" Closed Loop

From Exhibition Hall to Factory: With the expo as the entry point and factories as the link, domestic and foreign purchasers, industry experts, and visiting groups are invited to conduct on-site visits to exhibitors' factories. This strengthens purchasers' trust in exhibitors' strength and builds an integrated "Exhibition-Production-Sales" closed loop.

06 Come Aboard - Let's Co-Crete Tomorrow

Whether you are a technology provider, equipment manufacturer, or fabric/accessory supplier in the textile, garment, printing, or embroidery industry, ITCPE Guangzhou will offer you:

- Targeted Audience: Focus on professional purchasers, eliminating ineffective traffic.

- Global Perspective: Connect with markets worldwide and along the "Belt and Road", facilitating brand globalization.

- Long-Term Value: Become a co-builder of the industrial ecosystem and share the dividends of industry upgrading.

Secure your prime booth now and seize the 2026 industry high ground!

From May 19-21, 2026, at Poly World Trade Center Expo, Pazhou, Guangzhou, let's embark together on the boundless journey of the textile and garment industry!

Booth reservations are now fully open!





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ISTANBUL YARN FAIR

Preparing to Meet the Sector for the 22nd Time

Bringing Europe and Asia together, Istanbul is preparing to host one of the largest international trade fairs of the textile industry. The 22nd International Istanbul Yarn Fair will bring together both global exhibitors and thousands of professional visitors under the same roof.

The largest and longest-standing meeting of the textile industry in the region, the International Istanbul Yarn Fair will be held for the 22nd time on March 26-28, 2026 at the Tüyap Fair and Congress Center by Tüyap Exhibitions Group. Although it was held in February every year, this time the fair will take place in March, bringing together industry professionals in a different period of the year.

A wide range of products from organic, synthetic, fancy and elastane yarns to hand knitting yarns will be exhibited at the fair. Exhibitors and visitors will also have the opportunity to examine fiber and fiber products, bobbins, spools and reels as well as textile chemicals and dyes.

INTERNATIONAL TRADING PLATFORM

This year more than 500 companies will participate in the fair, which is expected to attract about 20 thousand visitors from more than 110 countries. Drawing a lot of interest from various countries, such as Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Iran, Russia, Egypt and Algeria, the fair will pave the way for new business connections on a regional and global scale.

It is anticipated that a trade volume in excess of USD 10 million will be generated during the fair. Istanbul Yarn Fair, Turkey's only yarn-focused international specialized fair, offers exhibitors not only the opportunity to showcase their products, but also to establish new business partnerships.

STRATEGIC LOCATION AND SECTORAL ADVANTAGES

Thanks to the convenient location of Istanbul, industry professionals from Europe and Asia will be able to access the fair easily with direct flights and good transportation means, and this means that buyers and suppliers from various countries will meet under the same roof.

The fair, which hosted 546 exhibiting companies from 18 different countries and 16,921 visitors from 78 countries last year, will highlight innovative yarn trends and sustainable production solutions in the textile industry with broader participation this year. According to the results of the exhibitor survey, 95% of the

companies participating in the fair pointed out that they were satisfied with their overall experience, while 96% expressed that they plan to participate again.

In the visitor survey, 92% of the visitors indicated their satisfaction, while 94% stated that they are considering visiting the fair again. These figures reinforce the fair's role as a strong meeting point for the industry on an international scale.



Nile Textile, Plans USD 20 Million Investment

+ Nile Textile Industries Reports Strong Growth in 2025, Plans USD 20 Million Investment for Expansion in 2026



Nile Textile Industries – the industrial arm of MGS Industry Group – announced continued strong growth throughout 2025, extending the momentum achieved in 2024. The company reported a 56% increase in garment and home textile production compared to last year, bringing total cumulative growth since 2024 to nearly 98%, alongside a 27% rise in average unit prices.

Eng. Mahmoud Ghazal, Chairman of MGS Industry Group and member of the Home Textiles Export Council and Textile Industries Chamber, said the results reflect rising global demand for Egyptian textile products, particularly in the U.S. and European markets. This surge has prompted the Group to expand production capacity and increase its workforce to support rapidly growing sales.

Ghazal highlighted that June 2024 witnessed record sales growth of 100%, with expectations that total growth will reach around 150% in 2025, driven by expansion strategies and improved operational efficiency.

USD 20 Million Investment Planned for 2026

Looking ahead, Ghazal confirmed that the Group plans to invest nearly USD 20 million in 2026.

The investment package will include:

- Establishing new production units in several governorates in Upper Egypt, fully dedicated to export
- Upgrading and purchasing advanced machinery and production technologies
- Launching training and qualification programs to enhance workforce skills, productivity, and product quality

He emphasized that the Group's long-term policy prioritizes investing in human capital, expanding employment opportunities, and supporting sustainable economic development, especially in Upper Egypt.

Sustainable Athletic Wear Made from Bio-Based Polyethylene

Conventional sports textiles made from petroleum-based synthetic fibres are to be replaced in the future by sustainable, bio-based, cooling textiles. Polyethylene, previously used mainly in the packaging industry, is thus qualified for use in textiles and, as a bio-based drop-in solution, offers a cost-effective, sustainable alternative for the future.

TECNARO (Ilsfeld/Germany), BB Engineering (Remscheid/Germany), FALKE (Schmallenberg/Germany) and the Institut für Textiltechnik (ITA) of RWTH Aachen University have developed textiles from bio-based polyethylene (bioPE) in the bioPEtex project of the BIOTEXFUTURE Innovation Space.



TECNARO develops the bio-based PE compounds and handles their dyeing. ITA is concentrating on the process development for melt spinning (partially-oriented yarn, POY) and false-twist texturing (draw-textured yarn, DTY) of the bioPE yarns. BB Engineering implements the false-twist texturing on an industrial scale, and FALKE is developing the final T-shirt, which will be treated with a bio-based finish for improved elasticity.

The successful creation of a first T-shirt from the yarns developed in this project underscores their promising characteristics. This represents a key milestone and forms the basis for investigating potential market readiness in subsequent phases. Above all, the white BioPE T-shirt impresses with its pleasantly cool and soft touch. However, additional development, characterisation, and optimisation steps are necessary to make a market introduction possible.



**SOAR HIGHER, LINK WIDER:
HOMETEX
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SOFT DECORATION
INDUSTRY REPORT &
EXHIBITION LAUNCH**

On December 16, 2025, the press conference for the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Research Report on the Soft Decoration Industry and the thematic forum

“Exploring the Power of Upward Growth” kicked off at Guangzhou Yuexiu International Congress Center. Hosted by Hometex Shenzhen, the event gathered over 20 industrial chain leaders, senior designers, and dozens of industry media reps to discuss industry transformation, consumption upgrading, and other key topics.

Mr. Yuanjin Deng, President of the Guangdong Home Textile and Decoration Association and Chairman of Shenzhen Boao Exhibition Co., Ltd., addressed industry pain points like “dual carbon” pressures, rising customer acquisition costs, and homogeneous competition. He noted the sector’s resilience: 2025 curtain and window decoration market scale exceeded **RMB 220 billion**, smart curtains hit RMB 1.158 billion with **63% voice control penetration**, and H1 home textile exports reached **USD 2.3337 billion**. He emphasized cultural empowerment and announced Hometex Shenzhen 2026 will coincide with the association and exhibition’s **30th anniversary** plus Shenzhen’s APEC Summit, featuring industry awards and “Silk Road Living Room” forums.

Mr. Qing Zhang, General Manager of Shenzhen Boao Exhibition Co., Ltd., outlined three 2026 strategic upgrades: expanding exhibits to full soft decoration categories for one-stop sourcing, leveraging Informa Markets’ global network to boost international influence, and developing an intelligent supply-demand matching system for targeted business connections.



Strategic Upgrades Shaping Hometex Shenzhen 2026

Ms. Qian Zhu, WGSN’s Trend Consulting Director, analyzed 2026’s six macro trends and announced Hometex Shenzhen 2026’s theme “Integration of Myriads” with three sub-themes: “Back to Essence - Material,” “Trace to Roots - Craftsmanship,” and “Embrace Boundaries - Color.”

Ms. Xiaoyan Lu, South China Editor-in-Chief of the magazine China Textile, released the research report, highlighting bottlenecks such as sluggish B2C channels, fragmented small B demand, full-service company conversion rates below 18%, and over 40% idle factory capacity. She also pointed out opportunities in stock and elderly-friendly renovation, urging the industry to shift from “unregulated expansion” to “targeted refinement” with five breakthrough strategies.



During the forum, 3 industry leading companies shared insights: HARVEST presented a full-service breakthrough model centered on “design + product + service”; YYBS advocated for “value-driven” and long-term business principles; FABOIE COLLECTION proposed a three-step “restructure and coexist” strategy for thriving in the post-real estate era.

The event crystallized a clear transformation path for the industry —“restructuring value, capabilities, and channels”—fueling high-quality development in soft decoration.

Hometex Shenzhen 2026 is going to take place on March 7 to 10, 2026. As a premier exhibition dedicated to window and wall coverings, treatments, and protection, It can be your ideal sourcing hub for window and wall solutions and many more.





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CONFIDENCE DRIVING THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY:

Heimtextil 2026 sharpened its global market relevance by attracting more top-level decision-makers

With **148 participating nations**, rising global relevance and a marked increase in visitor quality, Heimtextil 2026 stood for stability and reliability in a volatile market environment. Once again, **3,000 exhibitors** from across the globe placed their trust in the industry's central platform in Frankfurt, presenting current collections, materials and textile solutions for holistic interior design to over **48,000 buyers**. Under the motto "Lead the Change", Heimtextil brought evolving market dynamics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and new business opportunities to life. The focus was on progressive design approaches, visionary talents, functional textiles and new hospitality concepts shaping the future of interior design. A tangible sense of confidence and a clear commitment to Heimtextil as a strong industry partner resonated throughout the exhibition halls.

Heimtextil 2026 concluded with 148 participating nations, stable exhibitor and visitor numbers at a consistently high year-on-year level, and a growing share of top-level decision-makers. As the world's leading trade fair for home and contract textiles and textile design, Heimtextil once again proved to be a reliable partner for the industry – at a time when the market environment is shaped by geopolitical tensions, recalibrated trade flows and changing consumer sentiment. "Volatile tariff policies and geopolitical uncertainties are reshaping global sourcing and trade structures. At the same time, markets in ASEAN and Europe are gaining in importance. The need for orientation, market transparency, reliable partners and new business opportunities is increasing. Especially in the current climate, a dependable platform such as Heimtextil is indispensable as a central meeting point for the global industry," said **Detlef Braun, Member of the Executive Board of Messe Frankfurt**.

Strong industry confidence: global relevance and high decision-making quality

Heimtextil 2026 brought supply and demand together with even greater precision, highlighting global trends, relevant market segments and alternative business models. With an international share of 96 per cent on the exhibitor side, Heimtextil united key production and sales markets along the entire textile value chain. The top ten exhibitor countries included **China, India, Pakistan, Türkiye, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands**. The visitor profile reached an internationality rate of **86 per cent**, recording growth among others from the United States, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland and Peru. The share of top-level decision-makers rose significantly to **78 per cent**, underlining Heimtextil's relevance for strategic sourcing decisions, market exploration and networking. The strong presence of senior executives from international corporations such as Harrods, IKEA, Marriott Hotels, Sainsbury's and XXXLutz further reflected the high quality of visitors. With repeat visitors increasing to 68 per cent and consistently high satisfaction levels among both exhibitors and visitors, Heimtextil positioned itself as a proven and stable platform for long-term business relationships in a challenging market environment.

Shaping the future of textiles: interior design and hospitality as growth drivers

As a global hotspot for textile and non-textile interior design, Heimtextil offered the retail, industry and contract sectors curated solutions for holistic interior concepts. Under the theme "Craft is a verb", the Heimtextil Trends 26/27 connected AI technologies with traditional craftsmanship, providing strong impulses for design, product development and range planning. Designer and architect Patricia Urquiola made the future of interior design tangible. Her installation "among-all" combined AI, material innovation and sustainability. Within an interactive space, she demonstrated how transformative textiles respond to individual human needs and open up new concepts for design, retail and hospitality. Heimtextil once again strengthened its role as an international creative hub, showcasing both established studios and emerging talents with sustainable, experimental and market-ready textile designs.

Against the backdrop of changing consumer and customer requirements and growing demand for functional contract textiles, Heimtextil placed a strong focus on project-based interior solutions. The Interior.Architecture.Hospitality programme connected industry, design, planning and project development, demonstrating how functional textiles create differentiation and unlock business potential across hospitality, contract business, office and healthcare sectors. From 2027 onwards, a new cooperation with Hospitality Interiors Europe (HINT) will further expand Heimtextil's offering for holistic interior design. The parallel format is specifically aimed at decision-makers responsible for high-end contract design and strengthens Frankfurt's position as a central platform for the global hospitality sector.

Lead the Change: AI as a business enabler for the global textile industry

From market shifts and new consumption patterns to concrete design and application contexts, Heimtextil 2026 translated key industry developments into new business opportunities. Through innovative exhibitor presentations, curated special showcases and an even more targeted content programme, the leading trade fair addressed the industry's growing need for exchange, orientation and strategic insight. As a further market driver, Heimtextil consistently embedded AI into the trade fair experience, demonstrating under the umbrella "Texpertise Focus AI" how AI strengthens competitiveness in practical terms. "Artificial intelligence is already part of economic reality – as a creative partner for design concepts and material visualisations, and as an efficient tool for data migration, day-to-day workflows and personalised customer engagement. Our aim is to make these concrete applications tangible and actionable for the industry," said Olaf Schmidt, Vice President Textiles & Textile Technologies. In doing so, Heimtextil 2026 acted as a strong strategic partner for the industry, opening up new business perspectives and encouraging the global textile sector to jointly advance key future topics.

Heimtextil 2027 will take place from 12 to 15 January 2027.



COMMITTED TO COTTON:

1888 MILLS SETS BENCHMARK IN FIBER CHOICE — RECEIVES CHAMPION OF COTTON AWARD



Cotton Incorporated recently presented the Champion of Cotton Award to Griffin, GA-based 1888 Mills in New York. The award ceremony was attended by Cotton Incorporated executives, 1888 Mills leadership and industry stakeholders.

Cotton Incorporated recognizes 1888 Mills' ongoing dedication to cotton and their innovation in home textiles. The company predominantly showcased the Seal of Cotton trademark on its 100% Cotton Bath and Bedding Collection, launched in 2025.

Recognizing Long-Standing Leadership

"The Champion of Cotton Award recognizes brands leading by example. 1888 Mills demonstrates long-standing leadership in the home market from sourcing and manufacturing to clearly communicating fiber choice through the Seal of Cotton trademark," said William Kimbrell, president and CEO of Cotton Incorporated. "Marketing for their bath and bedding collection highlights cotton's durability, breathability, long-lasting softness and microplastic-free benefits, showing how cotton-forward decisions can be implemented at scale."

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"Cotton has always played an important role in our products because of how it performs and what it brings to everyday essentials like towels and sheets. The Seal of Cotton felt like a natural extension of that commitment. It clearly communicates fiber content and reinforces the value of choosing cotton," said Lexi Schladenhauffen, chief merchandising officer for 1888 Mills. "Our customers have been excited about this approach, especially coming out of market, and we are grateful to Cotton Incorporated for recognizing our team and the work we are doing."

1888 Mills Timi Majek, vice president, marketing and visual merchandising along with Cheryl Leisenring, 1888 Mills senior director of product development; Harry Kartus, senior vice president, retail and consumer goods; and Lexi Schladenhauffen, chief merchandising officer received the award presented by William Kimbrell, president and CEO, Cotton Incorporated.



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2012 Benninger / Kusters
LT-TB-AR
Pre washing installation



2004 Monforts
MONTEX 6000-10F TWIN-AIR
Stenter line



2020 Noseda
AUTOCLAVE CUT SP 4/2L
Horizontal 4-fold tubular fabric dyeing installation



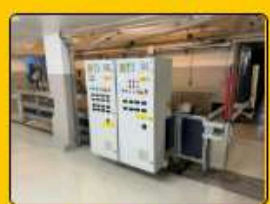
2013 Bianca
J-Box
Rope/string opener - cutting machine



2001 Sperotto Rimar
Nova 240/750
Complete washing line



2013 Benninger/Kusters
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Dyeing padder installation



2020 Tecnorama
4R/200-SHAKE 2/WS216
Full automated dosing, mixing and dyeing laboratory tester



2014 Fong's
ECO-8-D1T
Single I-shape full stainless steel tubular HT fabric dyeing installation

Online auction of modern and well-maintained textile finishing, dyeing and laminating machines and related equipment (e.g. BENNINGER, KUSTERS, MONFORTS, SPEROTTO RIMAR, TECNORAMA, NOSEDA, FONG etc.) due to the complete plant closure of Schoeller Textiles AG in Sevelen (near the border of Liechtenstein) in Switzerland.

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New Standard for Snap Buttons



Low-profiled Lightweight Snap attached to a garment



Thickness comparison:
Low-profiled Lightweight Snap vs. conventional product

Introducing the Low-profiled Lightweight Snap: Achieving Unprecedented Thinness and Lightness Through Advanced Technology

YKK Corporation announced that the launch of a product that sets a new standard for snap buttons: the Low-profiled Lightweight Snap (Item Code: SKL30), is available to the market.

Snap buttons consist of a visible top part (cap) and underparts (socket, stud, post). The newly developed Low-profiled Lightweight Snap features an ultra-slim underpart design and incorporates a plastic spring to ensure optimal functionality. Compared to the conventional Ring-spring Snap (Item Code: SK35), the new snap achieves approximately 16% reduction in thickness and about 14% reduction in weight, offering a flat, minimalistic appearance that enhances garment design and expands customer choices. This new product is ideal for activewear and other applications where thinness and lightness are essential.

Comment from Yuji Kitahara, Senior Vice President, Snap & Button Business Division, YKK Corporation

"At YKK's Snap & Button Business, we offer a wide range of products including jeans buttons, rivet bars, and snap buttons. Our lineup supports various fabric types and applications—from thick materials such as those used in jeans, to thin fabrics found in babywear—providing options tailored to fabric characteristics, intended use, and operational feel. We are committed to supporting product quality even after our components are attached to customers' final products.

The newly released Low-profiled Lightweight Snap is a technological breakthrough that delivers greater slimness and lightness than conventional products, marking the first step in evolving the standard for snap buttons. "Little Parts. Big Difference." — Small components can change the world. With this belief, YKK will continue to pursue manufacturing that enriches everyday life."





Product range for the textile finishing industry

- ▶ Stenters and heat-setting lines for woven and knitted fabrics
- ▶ Multi-layer stenters for sensitive fabrics
- ▶ Weft straighteners
- ▶ Relaxation dryers for high-quality knitted fabrics
- ▶ Sanfor ranges for woven and knitted fabrics
- ▶ Continuous dyeing ranges and infrared dryers
- ▶ Heat-recovery systems
- ▶ Air cleaning and filter systems



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ILO BACKS GHANA'S DRIVE TO REVIVE DOMESTIC GARMENT INDUSTRY

The garment sector in Ghana is currently valued at around US\$400 million, with government plans to expand it beyond US\$2 billion by 2033.

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Ghana's efforts to rebuild its domestic garment industry have received renewed support from the International Labour Organization (ILO), which is backing a new advocacy initiative aimed at increasing local sourcing of uniforms and workwear.

The garment sector in Ghana is currently valued at around US\$400 million, with government plans to expand it beyond US\$2 billion by 2033. The strategy also targets the creation of 150,000 jobs and the expansion of cotton cultivation across more than 50,000 hectares,

strengthening the country's upstream textile supply base.

Despite this potential, Ghana continues to rely heavily on imports, with over 70% of textiles and garments consumed domestically sourced from abroad each year.

Industry stakeholders say this dependence limits local value addition and constrains employment growth.

To address the imbalance, the Association of Ghana Apparel Manufacturers (AGAM) has intensified efforts to influence public procurement policy, focusing on ministries and public institutions that purchase uniforms and workwear. With technical assistance from the ILO, AGAM has established an Advocacy Implementation Committee and developed a position paper outlining sector challenges, policy priorities, and the potential economic and employment benefits of higher local sourcing.

“This support will strengthen AGAM's structures and operations and position us as a credible and influential voice in shaping policies and programmes that affect the garment industry and Ghana's broader economic

development,” said Audrey Nana Pocquah, AGAM's national coordinator.

The ILO's support is part of its global 'Productivity Ecosystems for Decent Work' programme, which aims to improve industrial competitiveness while promoting decent employment. Funded by Switzerland and Norway, the programme is currently active in Ghana, South Africa, and Vietnam, and seeks to align productivity growth with inclusive job creation.

Industry observers say stronger local sourcing policies—particularly in public procurement—could play a critical role in accelerating Ghana's garment industry revival, reducing import dependence, and building a more resilient textile and apparel value chain.



DYSTAR ANNOUNCES FULL OWNERSHIP UNDER ZHEJIANG LONGSHENG GROUP



DyStar, a leading specialty chemical company with a heritage of more than a century in product development and innovation, today formally announced

that DyStar is now under the full ownership of Zhejiang Longsheng Group, following the conclusive resolution of its shareholders' dispute. This milestone marks a new chapter of stability, governance clarity, and long-term growth for the Group.

Of this amount, DyStar contributed USD 426,519,921.56, while Zhejiang Longsheng Group Co., Ltd.'s wholly owned subsidiary, Sende International Capital Limited, contributed USD 262,359,590.13.



The resolution was achieved through a series of agreements: the Share Buy-Back Agreement dated December 12, 2025, the Framework Agreement dated December 12, 2025, and the Amended and Restated Share Purchase Agreement dated December 13, 2025, which amended the original Share Purchase Agreement dated May 29, 2025.

Under the Share Buy-Back Agreement, a total consideration of USD 688,879,511.69 was paid to acquire the 37.5% shareholding previously owned by KIRI Industries.

On December 30, 2025, the transaction was confirmed by the court-appointed receivers, Deloitte & Touche Financial Advisory Services Pte Ltd, with completion and closing effected on the same day.

Following completion, all litigation between the Zhejiang Longsheng and KIRI Industries relating to DyStar's shareholding has been concluded. The two directors appointed by KIRI have resigned from the DyStar Board of Directors, further consolidating governance and control. DyStar is now 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Zhejiang Longsheng Group Co., Ltd.

Mr Ruan Weixiang, Chairman, Board of Directors, DyStar Group said, "We are delighted with the successful conclusion of this transaction as it is consistent with Longsheng's strategic objective of becoming a world class provider of specialty chemical production services. I am confident DyStar's consolidated profits will be further strengthened as we remain united and work together for a better tomorrow."

Mr. Xu Yalin, Managing Director and President of DyStar Group commented, "The complete resolution of the shareholders' dispute marks a pivotal milestone for DyStar. With full ownership and unified governance under the leadership of Zhejiang Longsheng Group, DyStar is well positioned to strengthen its global operations, accelerate innovation, and deliver sustainable value for all stakeholders."

Groz-Beckert Embroidery Machine Needles Optimize Industrial Embroidery Processes



Groz-Beckert, global supplier of industrial machine needles, provides solutions that enhance quality and efficiency in the embroidery process. The needle system DBxK5 impresses with its special technical features and broad variety of versions – and in its latest version, DBxK5 LGR, offers a reliable solution even for complex applications such as 3D embroidery.

Technically refined for demanding embroidery processes

Needle system DBxK5 has been specifically engineered for industrial machine embroidery. It ensures stable stitch formation even at high machine speeds. The large eye facilitates the smooth gliding of embroidery threads, significantly reducing the risk of thread breakage and skipped stitches – even when using thick or effect threads. The standard RG point provides excellent penetration across a wide range of textile materials without damaging them.

Another key feature is the needle's high resistance to deflection, achieved through an optimized geometry. This ensures reliable loop formation and helps to prevent skipped stitches, thereby contributing to high process reliability. Additionally, a specially designed scarf minimizes contact between the needle and the hook – protecting the hook, extending needle life, and ultimately enhancing the quality of the embroidery.

Application-specific variants for maximum flexibility

The various versions of the DBxK5 system enable precise adaptation to specific embroidery applications. For example, the DBxK5 KK variant was developed with a shortened shank for use in machines equipped with raised needle plates or integrated sequin devices. The reduced shank length prevents collisions with these components. When embroidering thick materials, it also ensures that the shank does not penetrate or damage the fabric.

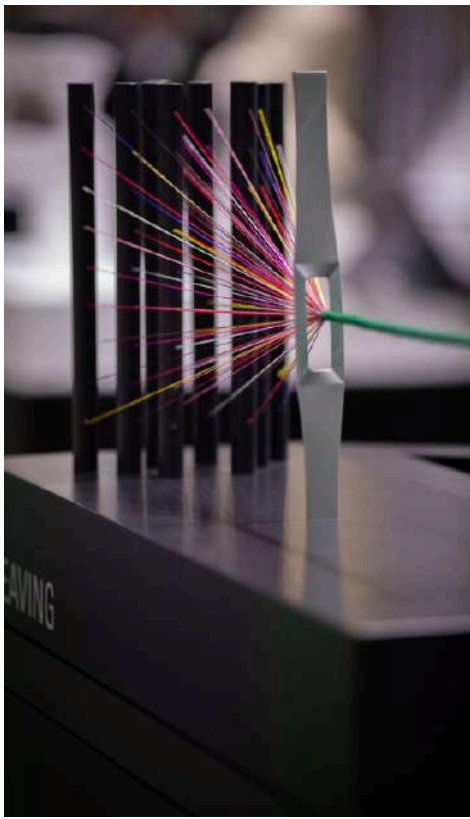
The DBxK5 SS variant is primarily used in sequin embroidery. Featuring an even shorter shank, it prevents sequins or other delicate appliqués from being damaged by the shank's penetration during stitching.

Developed for very fine sequins

When embroidering very small and delicate sequins, there is an increased risk of damaging them during the embroidery process. To address this challenge, the DBxK5 SAN™ 15 version was developed. It features an even shorter shank compared to the KK and SS versions, as well as a cylindrical blade design. This results in a maximized cylindrical working area on the needle—slim enough to apply even the smallest sequins reliably and without damage.

Even when stitching sequins onto thicker embroidery grounds, the particularly slim geometry of the SAN™ 15 needle ensures that the sequins remain intact throughout the process.





Robust and precise – perfect for resilient materials

For particularly demanding applications – such as embroidering caps, felt, or leather – Groz-Beckert offers the special application needle DBxK5 SAN™ 1. Its reinforced blade provides significantly enhanced needle stability, reducing deflection and effectively preventing needle breakage and skipped stitches. This is complemented by an optimized geometry in the area between the scarf and the eye, which improves loop formation, minimizes the risk of skipped stitches, and protects the hook.

An additional advantage of the SAN™ 1 needle is the GEBEDUR™ (titanium nitride) coating, which offers increased wear resistance – especially in the highly stressed eye and point areas. The needle's profile is rounded out by an enlarged eye that not only facilitates easier threading but also enables the processing of thicker embroidery threads.

The new solution for 3D embroidery with thick foam materials

3D embroidery presents a unique challenge: foam elements – commonly known as puffy materials – are used to create raised, three-dimensional effects. During the embroidery process, the needle must penetrate deeply into the foam, placing significant stress on the embroidery thread. With particularly thick foam materials, there is an increased risk of the thread becoming pinched between the needle and the foam – often resulting in thread breakage and skipped stitches.

This is where Groz-Beckert's new DBxK5 LGR needle comes into play. Specifically engineered to meet the demands of 3D embroidery, it features an extended long groove that reaches into the shank area, providing enough space for the embroidery thread, even during deep needle penetration. The thread remains securely positioned within the groove and is protected throughout the entire process. The result: a significantly more reliable embroidery process, even on highly compressible materials, and clean, high-quality embroideries with a distinct three-dimensional effect.



Quality makes the difference

With needle system DBxK5 in its different versions, Groz-Beckert offers a well-thought-out portfolio for both single and multihead embroidery machines. The wide range of point styles, needle sizes, and versions allows for precise adaptation to diverse materials, machine configurations, and embroidery applications. Whether in standard embroidery, sequin work, embroideries on robust materials, or complex 3D embroidery – Groz-Beckert is a reliable partner providing precise solutions that reduce downtime, minimize thread and needle breakage, and improve overall results.

The choice of the right needle is not a minor detail – it is a key factor for efficiency and quality in the embroidery process.

Wide range of point styles and needle sizes

Needle system DBxK5 from Groz-Beckert is not only available in different versions for specific embroidery applications, but also offers a broad selection of point styles and a comprehensive size range – from Nm 60/8 to Nm 110/18. This allows for precise adaptation of the needle to both the material being embroidered and the intended application.

The R and RG point styles are particularly well-suited for woven fabrics and leather, with the RG point also being applicable for knitted fabrics. For fine knits such as T-shirts or polo shirts, the rounded FFG/SES point is ideal, while the FG/SUK point delivers clean results on coarser knitwear. The TR point, in turn, is the preferred choice for open fabric structures such as tulle. Supplementary solutions for special cases

As an alternative to system DBxK5, the standard lockstitch needle DBx1 can also be used in embroidery machines under certain conditions. This is particularly relevant when extremely fine needles below Nm 60/8 or specific point styles not available in the DBxK5 range are required. In such cases, the DBx1 system serves as a functional alternative.

Conversely, when the use of thicker needles starting from Nm 120/19 is necessary – as may be the case in technical embroidery applications – the 1738A needle system is a suitable option.



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INDA Announces Future Dates and Locations for FiltXPO™ and IDEA® Events

INDA, the Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry, announced the future dates and locations for its FiltXPO™ and IDEA® events, reaffirming its long-term commitment to serving the global filtration, nonwovens, and engineered materials communities.

As part of this announcement, INDA confirmed that IDEA®, its flagship conference and exhibition, will return to its traditional three-year cycle following IDEA@27. While IDEA@27 will take place two years after the most recent IDEA® in 2025, this two-year timing is a one-time occurrence. INDA will maintain its long-standing cadence and value for this event moving forward. IDEA@27 will take place March 23-25, 2027 in Kansas City, Missouri.



IDEA® is the largest nonwovens and engineered materials exhibition in the Americas, bringing together global industry leaders, innovators, and decision-makers. In addition to the exhibition, IDEA® features a robust conference program that addresses key industry hot topics, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, market trends, and emerging technologies.

FiltXPO™ is a conference and exhibition focused exclusively on the filtration industry. The technical conference program delivers in-depth insights into filtration science, applications, and advancements, while the exhibition provides a comprehensive showcase of innovations across the full spectrum of air, water, gas, and oil filtration components and technologies. FiltXPO™ 2026 will be held October 28-29, 2026 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Future Dates Announced for IDEA & FiltXPO



FiltXPO
Oct 28-29
2026
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Mar 23-25
2027
Kansas City, MO

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Mar 29-30
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MESSE FRANKFURT INDIA SIGNS MOU WITH TAMIL NADU TO LAUNCH TECHTEXTIL SUMMIT

In a major step towards strengthening Tamil Nadu's leadership in the global technical textiles value chain, Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Textiles and Guidance Tamil Nadu, Government of Tamil Nadu on 25th November 2025 in Coimbatore to launch Techtextil India Summit scheduled from 26 – 27 November 2026 at CODISSIA, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The MoU formalizes the launch of the Tamil Nadu edition of Techtextil India Summit, which will be held in Coimbatore every alternate year beginning 2026.

The shared objective is to create a knowledge hub for exchanging expert and technical knowledge in the segment given its vast growth potential.

Under this long-term partnership, Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India will anchor the next phase of growth for India's technical textiles sector by conceptualizing, curating and delivering five editions of Techtextil India Summit in Tamil Nadu over the coming decades. As the country's foremost B2B exhibition on technical textiles, nonwovens and composites – and part of the globally acclaimed Techtextil brand – the collaboration brings one of the world's most influential platforms closer to India's largest textile and apparel hub.

The MoU was signed on 25th November 2025 with the Department of Textiles and Guidance Tamil Nadu, Government of Tamil Nadu in the august presence of Thiru. M K Stalin, Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and The TN Rising Investment Summit.

Expressing her thoughts at the ceremony, Smt R Lalitha, IAS, Director of Textiles, Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu stated: "Tamil Nadu has a well-established textile base, and this collaboration with Messe Frankfurt India will further enable the State to assume a leading position in the technical textiles sector and broaden industry linkages. With appropriate support and knowledge exchange, entrepreneurs and manufacturers can engage with advanced technical textile innovations, adopt global best practices, and reinforce Tamil Nadu's standing as a hub for high-value, cutting-edge functional textile solutions



Reflecting on the occasion, Mr Winston Pereira, Executive Director, Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd remarked: “We are truly honoured that the Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu, has granted us the opportunity to contribute to the State’s technical textiles growth journey. It is equally encouraging to witness the State’s proactive efforts in building a strong foundation for technical textiles through supportive schemes and infrastructure development. We are confident that, with the right knowledge and global linkages, this dynamic State can evolve from its established strengths in spinning and knitwear into high-value technical textiles, thereby creating a robust pipeline for future investments. Introducing our globally recognised brand, Techtextil, in Coimbatore will position Tamil Nadu as a focal point for global industry dialogue. We are immensely proud of this milestone and look forward to working closely with the Department of Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu, and Guidance Tamil Nadu to further drive industry participation.”

With the state’s policy-level support, the initiative is expected to strengthen industry-academia linkages, attract international stakeholders, unlock new opportunities for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and advance Tamil Nadu’s leadership in high-growth technical textiles segment. The first two editions of the show will be hosted in a high-level confex format in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu setting the foundation for a full-scale, trade fair from the third edition.

The Coimbatore edition of Techtextil India Summit will not only provide a global platform for innovation and collaboration but also receive a strong policy-level support from the Government of Tamil Nadu. The initiative aims to engage key textile stakeholders across the State including MSMEs, research institutions, universities and sectoral agencies such as SIDCO, TIDCO, TANSIDCO, SITRA, PSG Tech, and Anna University.

Techtextil India and Techtextil India Summit are a part of Messe Frankfurt’s Texpertise Network which covers the entire textile value chain, right from research, development, yarns, fabrics, clothing, fashion, contract manufacturing, home and household textiles to technical textiles, processing and cleaning technologies, while simultaneously connecting over 500,000 industry participants worldwide through trade fairs, networks and news formats. With more than 60 international textile trade fairs in 13 countries, Messe Frankfurt is the global market leader for textile trade fairs.





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RHODIA LAUNCHES R\$100 MILLION INVESTMENT DRIVE TO BOOST BRAZIL'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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hodia, a Solvay Group company and the dominant force in Latin America's polyamide market, has announced a major multi-year investment plan aimed at strengthening Brazil's industrial supply chain and enhancing the country's global competitiveness in textiles and advanced materials.

The company will invest R\$100 million in its Santo André (SP) industrial complex between 2025 and 2028, focusing on modernization, energy efficiency, and high-performance innovation.

Government Support and Stronger Trade Protections

The investment program comes at a time when Brazil's trade-defense measures—especially anti-dumping policies—have helped curb unfair imports in the polyamide market. This more predictable and protected environment has sparked renewed confidence among leading manufacturers like Rhodia.

The company says the fresh investment push will scale production capacity and accelerate the development of next-generation technologies such as smart yarns, high-performance polyamides, and sustainable textile solutions—areas considered essential for Brazil's long-term leadership in the global sector.

Strengthening Brazil's Polyamide Chain

A significant portion of the investment will modernize Rhodia's polyamide 6.6 production and upgrade its polyamide 6 spinning operations, ensuring robust national supply and reinforcing the entire domestic value chain—from chemical intermediates to finished apparel.

"These investments reflect our confidence in the Brazilian market and its capacity for innovation," said Daniela Manique, President of Rhodia for Latin America. "We are prepared to offer advanced and sustainable solutions that meet the demands of the dynamic textile sector. We believe that a fair and predictable competitive environment is the main factor for growth, the preservation of skilled jobs, and technological development in Brazil."

Commitment to Long-Term Growth and Sustainability

Rhodia notes that Brazil's improving investment landscape—driven by trade protections and a more stable competitive environment—has reopened the door for strategic long-term expansion. The company's plan emphasizes sustainability, technological development, and industry resilience.

By enhancing production capabilities and driving innovation across the polyamide chain, Rhodia positions itself as a central pillar in Brazil's chemical and textile ecosystems.

With this investment, the company signals not only confidence in Brazil's market potential but also a firm commitment to keeping the country's polyamide sector competitive, resilient, and ready for future global challenges.

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SAURER AT ICFE 2026

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Saurer Technologies Twisting Solutions took part in the International Carpet and Flooring Expo (ICFE 2026), held from January 6-9 at the Istanbul Expo Center, where the company introduced its latest twisting technology for carpet yarn applications at Hall 3, Booth 300.

The new solution, designed to enhance yarn quality consistency, production efficiency, and energy performance, attracted significant attention from carpet manufacturers from Türkiye as well as visitors from the Middle East, Africa, and other international markets. Despite the current challenges facing the global carpet sector, the level of professional interest demonstrated at Saurer's stand highlighted the industry's continued focus on technological upgrading.

INDUSTRY LEADERS HIGHLIGHT INNOVATION AND REGIONAL GROWTH POTENTIAL AT ICFE 2026

In an interview with Behnam Ghasemi Editor in chief at Kohan Textile journal, Gerd Pohlmann, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Saurer Technologies, also highlighted that although the global carpet sector is currently going through a demanding phase, the interest shown at ICFE 2026 confirms that manufacturers are actively seeking reliable, future-oriented technologies. According to him, innovation remains a key driver for resilience and long-term growth in the carpet industry.

Hakan Sabaz, representing Ikiler Tekstil Mümessillik ve Tic. A.Ş., Saurer's official representative in Turkey, noted that ICFE 2026 was held during a period when the carpet industry is not experiencing a strong growth cycle. However, he emphasized that the overall visitor quality and technical discussions exceeded expectations, showing that manufacturers remain committed to investing in innovation and advanced machinery to maintain competitiveness.

From a broader regional perspective, Nayla El Tawil, Owner and President of NobelTex, underlined that Saurer's participation with a newly developed machine clearly reflects the importance of the Middle East and Africa for the company.

She pointed out that the carpet and flooring industry in the region continues to show strong long-term potential, adding that Egypt is emerging as a particularly promising market, supported by new investments and expanding production capacities. (Nobeltext is Saurer's for Twisting official representative in Egypt)

With the conclusion of ICFE 2026, the exhibition once again proved its role as a major international platform for the carpet and flooring sector, bringing together machinery suppliers, producers, and decision-makers. Saurer's presence at the show reinforced its strategic focus on supporting carpet manufacturers worldwide with advanced, efficient, and market-driven twisting solutions.



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FABTEX GEORGIA STRENGTHENS ITS ROLE AS THE CAUCASUS TEXTILE HUB

A Targeted Platform for Textile Industry Growth



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Following the successful conclusion of its previous edition, FABTEX Georgia, the only dedicated international textile exhibition in Georgia, has further strengthened its role as a strategic B2B meeting point for the textile, apparel, and fabric industry across the Caucasus and neighboring regions.

The exhibition brought together textile manufacturers, fabric and yarn suppliers, apparel producers, designers, sourcing professionals, and industry decision-makers from the Caucasus, CIS, Turkey, MENA, and Eastern Europe, creating a focused platform for business development, networking, and regional market access.

The exhibition offered exhibitors and visitors direct entry into emerging and less-saturated market, while leveraging Georgia's growing role as a trade and logistics bridge between Europe and Asia.

FABTEX Georgia distinguished itself through a highly focused industry scope, covering:

- Fabrics and yarns
- Apparel and garment production
- Home textiles
- Textile machinery and accessories
- Sourcing, contract manufacturing, and private-label solutions
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This targeted structure enabled more efficient business interactions, higher-quality meetings, and tangible commercial outcomes for participating companies.

Strong Regional and International Interest

The previous edition attracted strong interest from regional buyers, distributors, and sourcing professionals seeking new suppliers and long-term partnerships. Exhibitors reported valuable business inquiries, new contacts, and promising follow-up discussions, underlining the exhibition's growing relevance within the regional textile ecosystem.

Next Edition Confirmed for October 2026

Building on this momentum, the organizers have officially confirmed that the next edition of FABTEX Georgia will take place from **01–03 October 2026 in Tbilisi, Georgia.**

The upcoming edition aims to further expand international participation, strengthen buyer engagement programs, and reinforce the exhibition's role as a gateway connecting European, Turkish, CIS, and Middle Eastern textile markets.



WHY GEORGIA



- Georgia is a country in the Caucasus region of Eurasia. Georgia has very strategic location, that makes it attractive to any investor. Located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, it is bounded to the west by the Black Sea. The capital and largest city is Tbilisi
- Georgia has a rich history in the apparel and textile sectors, dating back to Soviet times, when the country was one of the most developed regions in textile and apparel manufacturing in comparison to other nations.
- Georgia has FTA (Free Trade Agreement) with Turkey and CIS countries (Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan etc.)
- DCFTA (Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement) with EU was signed on June 27, 2014, GSP agreement with USA, Norway, Switzerland, Canada, Japan
- United Kingdom, Germany and Ukraine are the main importers of Georgian textile and apparel.
- Georgia is producing apparel for international brands including Tommy Hilfiger, Zara, Moncler, Marks & Spencer, Koton, Puma, Mexx, Next, George, Miss Etam, Lotto, Per Una, Autograph, Lebek, Hawes & Curtis, Dainese, Primark etc. These achievements have opened new avenues for the country's textile and with this the Georgian textile and apparel industry has already embarked on a successful itinerary.
- Considering the political stability, sturdy legal framework, comparatively low corporate tax, good geographical position (Georgia has the shortest transport route from Europe to Azerbaijan, Armenia, Iran and Central Asian countries), strong entrepreneurship and availability of low cost skilled labourers, Georgia is the much liked destination for investing in textile.
- Since the costs of fabric and other inputs used in ready-made clothing production are high, these products are mostly imported from abroad.
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Fabtex Georgia Fair serves as a key meeting point for local and international textile manufacturers, distributors, designers, and buyers. Participants showcased the latest textile products, innovative solutions, and advanced technology equipment, creating an opportunity to share industry developments. The event was organized to support the growth potential of Georgia's textile market and to position the country as a significant trade hub in the region. It provided participants with opportunities to build partnerships and gain access to new markets.

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Georgia is a country in the Caucasus region of Eurasia. Georgia has very strategic location, that makes it attractive to any investor. Located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, it is bounded to the west by the Black Sea. The capital and largest city is Tbilisi. Its population is about 3.718 million. Banking services in Georgia are one of the best and fastest in the world. Most of the Banks in Georgia have online banking services and mobile applications, which are very comfortable and usefull for distance services. Georgia is a key country with its Special Trade Agreements (STAs) and strategic geopolitical location, offering access to a market of 900 million people.

EXHIBITOR PROFILE

- **Fabrics**
 - Fiber, Yarn and Raw Material
 - Wool, Silk, Lace, Embroidery
 - Printed Fabrics
 - Color-Woven-Shirting Fabrics
 - Denim Fabrics and Weavers
 - Buttons, Zippers Other Types of Trims
 - Digital Printing
 - Designers and Design Studio
- **Garment & Apparel**
 - Textile Machinery
- **Hometextile**
 - Sectoral Institutions
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VIETNAM'S MARKET POTENTIAL DRIVES STRONG EXHIBITOR INTEREST AT VIATT 2026

Vietnam's growing competitiveness as a global textile hub is reflected in strong exhibitor interest for the third edition of the Vietnam International Trade Fair for Apparel, Textiles and Textile Technologies (VIATT 2026), scheduled to take place from 26 to 28 February 2026 at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC).

The Vietnamese government continues to position textiles as a key export sector, promoting sustainable, high-quality and internationally competitive production.

Textile exports exceeded USD 17.58 billion in the first five months of 2025, marking a 9% year-on-year increase. At the same time, Vietnam remains a major importer of textile machinery and inputs, underlining the importance of international participation in strengthening the country's industrial value chain.

In line with this momentum, VIATT 2026 will expand its exhibition space by 20%, reflecting rising demand from both international suppliers and local manufacturers. The show aims to support development across three core sub-sectors: apparel and fashion fabrics, home and contract textiles, and technical textiles and technologies.

High-profile international exhibitors already confirmed include Thomas Mason by Albini 1876 and Drago SpA from Italy, as well as leading Japanese companies such as Murata Machinery, Yagi & Co, and Tamurakoma & Co. The home and contract segment will feature suppliers such as CoolisT Life Technology and Hangzhou Huafang Fabric, while technical innovations will be showcased by Sarex Chemicals, UltraTech Asia, and AI specialist AiDLab.

Sustainability remains a central theme, aligned with Vietnam's circular economy strategy. VIATT 2026 will once again host the Econogy Hub and Econogy Talks, providing a dedicated platform for eco-focused companies and green technologies.

With strong government backing and increasing international engagement, VIATT 2026 is positioned as a key gateway for global suppliers seeking to access Vietnam's expanding textile market.



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CIRCULOSE AND BIRLA CELLULOSE FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE CIRCULAR TEXTILES

Circulose, a leading producer of recycled textile pulp for the fashion and textile industry, and Birla Cellulose, a global leader in sustainable viscose fiber, have signed a strategic partnership agreement to jointly accelerate textile recycling.

This partnership supports Circulose's renewed strategy, which focuses on deeper brand collaborations and providing end-to-end solutions across the value chain. Under the agreement, Circulose will supply pulp made with 100% recycled textile waste to Birla Cellulose, and Birla will produce viscose staple fiber made with CIRCULOSE® pulp and make it available to Circulose's brand partners.

"Over the past year, we've refined our approach to put brands at the center, with a clear focus on creating offerings that enable mainstream adoption. Achieving this requires closer collaboration with key partners across the value chain. Our partnership with Birla Cellulose is a cornerstone of our strategy, and we're very excited to have them onboard," says **Jonatan Janmark, CEO of Circulose.**

Recognized as a top-tier company in Canopy's Hot Button Report, Birla Cellulose has earned international recognition for its sustainability and circularity achievements. Circulose and Birla Cellulose have collaborated since the founding of Renewcell and today, Birla Cellulose continues to lead in advancing large-scale circularity, setting benchmarks in India and across the global textile industry.

"Our partnership with Circulose marks a significant step forward in advancing sustainable and responsible sourcing. Through this collaboration, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainability-conscious fiber solutions that empower our customers and contribute to a circular future" says **Vadiraj Kulkarni, Business Head, Birla Cellulose.**



This agreement reflects a shared vision to help drive meaningful progress toward a circular textile value chain designed for the long term.

ITEMA ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH IVY DECARB TO ACCELERATE DECARBONIZATION IN WEAVING PROCESS

Itema is pleased to announce the strategic partnership with Ivy Decarb, the digital platform helping textile companies measure and reduce their carbon footprint.

As one of the first textile machinery manufacturers to join Ivy Decarb, Itema is at the forefront of shaping the industry's future toward environmental impact reduction. The textile industry, in fact, is under growing pressure to meet ambitious decarbonization targets. The Ivy Decarb Marketplace brings together stakeholders across the entire value chain to accelerate the transition toward more eco-friendly textile production

in processes. The Ivy Decarb platform, in fact, helps textile manufacturers easily compare the technical features of textile machines, such as energy consumption, emissions, and carbon footprint, making it easier to choose suppliers transparently and with a focus on sustainability, while also facilitating financing through its partnerships with local banks.

Matteo Mutti, Chief Sales & Service Officer of Itema Group, commented "Sustainability has always been a priority for Itema, so we were delighted to join Ivy Decarb. Together with them and with the other project partners, we are defining the evaluation criteria for this now fundamental aspect of all textile machineries. At the same time, we are confident that our weaving machines, always among the most sustainable in the industry, will be increasingly recognized as such by weavers around the world through this marketplace."

The platform has been established to support the sector's sustainable transformation and contribute to the broader goal of achieving net-zero impact. By connecting machinery manufacturers like Itema, textile producers, financial institutions, and global brands, it fosters collaboration and empowers stakeholders to drive meaningful and measurable change.



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ECOVADIS SUSTAINABILITY RATING – GOLD MEDAL FOR THE CHT GROUP

We are happy and proud to share some exciting news: The CHT Group has been awarded the Gold Medal in the latest EcoVadis sustainability rating, recognizing our newly aligned, more focused groupwide ESG performance.

EcoVadis is the Benchmark for sustainability ratings in the chemical industry and one of the world's most trusted providers of business sustainability ratings,

assessing more than 150,000 companies globally each year. Its methodology is aligned with leading international standards and evaluates performance across four key assessment themes:

- Environment
- Labor and Human Rights
- Ethics
- Sustainable Procurement

Compared to previous ratings, CHT's overall score has improved and now stands at 81 out of 100 points, thanks to strong progress across all four assessment themes. This achievement places us among the top 5 % of all companies assessed in 2025 worldwide.

This Gold Medal is far more than an award - it reflects our strong commitment to sustainability and responsible business practices throughout the global CHT Group. It also demonstrates that we can achieve outstanding results when we all give our best.

Moreover, the EcoVadis scoring system promotes transparency and trust, both within our organization and among all CHT Group stakeholders.

Looking ahead, we want to emphasize that maintaining these strong results will require our full focus and commitment to sustainability again next year. CHT is aiming to remain the benchmark for sustainable chemical solutions.



AMEC ORGANISES

REVERSE TRADE MISSION TO BOOST INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA



Amecc, the Spanish association representing industrial and technology companies, has organised a reverse trade mission aimed at strengthening international collaboration in the electricity and industrial technology sectors, with a particular focus on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) markets.

The initiative brought together amec member companies with key decision-makers and prescribing profiles from the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, and Egypt, reflecting growing opportunities for Spanish technology providers in these strategic regions.

Over a three-day programme, the international delegates visited Spanish companies to gain first-hand insight into their technological capabilities and solutions. The mission also included attendance at MATELEC, held at IFEMA Madrid, one of the most important trade fairs for the industrial and energy sectors in Southern Europe.

According to amec, the main objective of the reverse mission was to promote trade and cooperation opportunities, bringing Spanish industrial know-how closer to high-potential international markets and facilitating direct business connections.

The association highlighted that markets in the Middle East and North Africa are currently undergoing rapid infrastructure development and energy transition, creating strong demand for advanced industrial technologies, automation systems, and sustainable solutions—areas where Spanish companies are increasingly competitive.

By hosting international buyers and influencers in Spain, amec aims to support its members' internationalisation strategies, open new commercial channels, and position Spanish industrial technology as a reliable partner in emerging global markets.





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Automation of machines and processes.

The evolution in machinery connectivity leads the Spanish sector to advance towards the goal of **achieving Smart Factories.**

New materials.

The Spanish textile sector is living **an important change due to the use of new materials.** This leads to innovation in technology for the use of recyclable materials and technical textiles and, on the other hand, it boosts the development of Smart Textiles.

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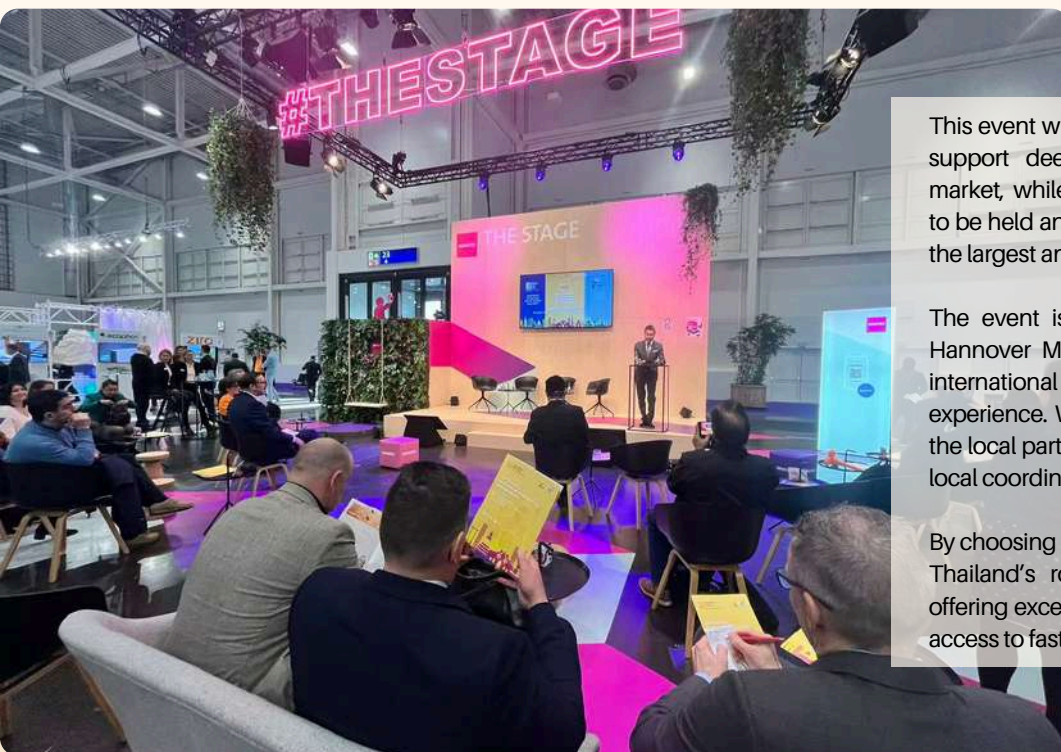


DOMOTEX South East Asia 2026 to Launch in Bangkok, Thailand

11 to 13 November 2026

Southeast Asia is emerging as one of the most dynamic construction markets worldwide. Driven by sustained infrastructure investment and urban development, the region's construction sector reached a market volume of over USD 538 billion in 2024, with steady annual growth. Thailand, the second-largest construction market in ASEAN, plays a central role, supported by long-term development initiatives such as the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC).

Against this backdrop, DOMOTEX, the world's leading brand for flooring and interior finishing solutions, is expanding its international footprint with the launch of DOMOTEX South East Asia. The inaugural edition will take place from 11 to 13 November 2026 at the Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC).



This event will be an addition to the DOMOTEX portfolio to support deeper penetration into the Southeast Asian market, while DOMOTEX asia/CHINAFLOOR will continue to be held annually in Shanghai, maintaining its position as the largest and most important flooring show in Asia.

The event is jointly presented by GLOBUS Events and Hannover Milano Fairs Shanghai Ltd., combining strong international exhibition expertise with in-depth regional experience. Worldex G.E.C. Co., Ltd. supports the event as the local partner, playing a key role in market development, local coordination, and industry engagement in Thailand.

By choosing Bangkok as its host city, DOMOTEX underlines Thailand's role as a strategic hub for Southeast Asia, offering excellent connectivity, efficient logistics, and direct access to fast-growing regional markets.

Arno Reich, Senior Vice President at Deutsche Messe AG, said: "As a globally leading brand in the flooring and interior finishing industry, DOMOTEX is firmly committed to driving industry transformation and fostering cross-border collaboration. This new event is a strategic step in that mission, designed to help companies seize the opportunities of. DOMOTEX South East Asia will establish a high-quality, long-term platform that grows in close partnership with the region's market and supports the sustained success of flooring businesses across Southeast Asia, a rapidly evolving, future-oriented flooring market."

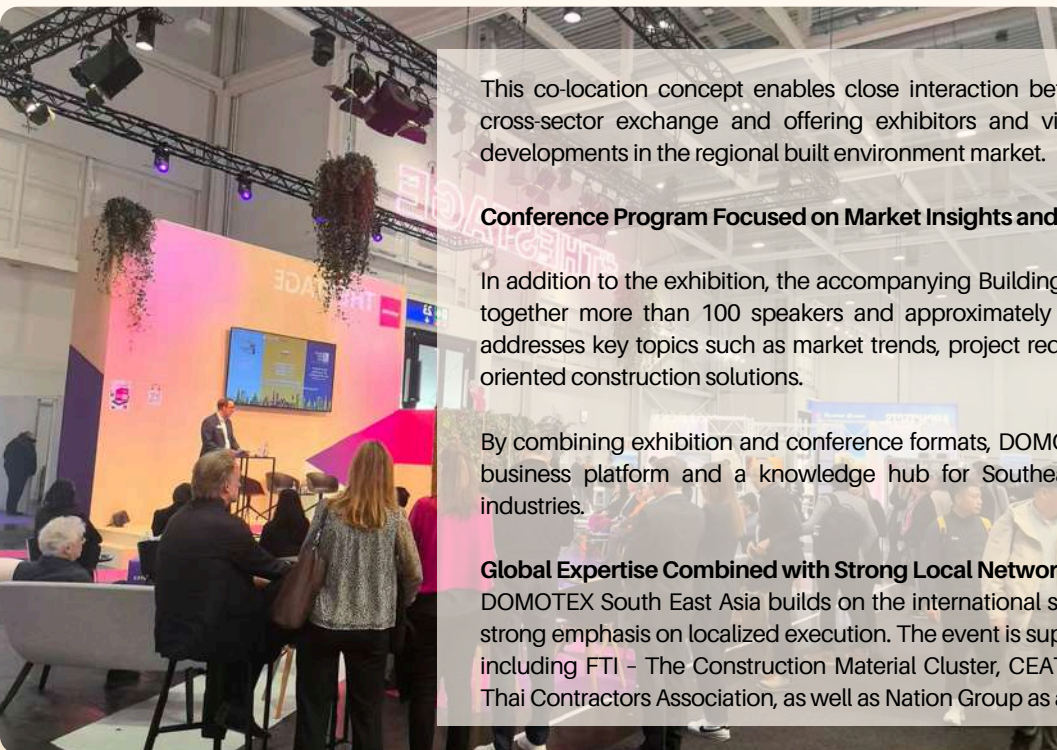
A New Platform for Flooring and Interior Finishing in Southeast Asia

As a key milestone in DOMOTEX's global development strategy, DOMOTEX South East Asia will make its debut with an exhibition area of 14,000 square meters. The event will bring together more than 300 exhibitors from around the world, creating a focused platform for innovation, business exchange, and market access across Southeast Asia and beyond.

The exhibition is set to attract a highly targeted professional audience, including developers, building owners, contractors, architects, designers, distributors, and representatives from public-sector procurement. By convening decision-makers and industry stakeholders across the entire value chain of flooring and interior construction, DOMOTEX South East Asia positions itself as a quality-driven meeting point for meaningful business connections and long-term partnerships.

Co-located Events Strengthen the Built Environment Ecosystem

DOMOTEX South East Asia will be held alongside Future Build Asia and R+T South East Asia, creating a shared platform that connects flooring, building materials, architectural solutions, and construction technologies.



This co-location concept enables close interaction between exhibitions and conferences, fostering cross-sector exchange and offering exhibitors and visitors a comprehensive overview of current developments in the regional built environment market.

Conference Program Focused on Market Insights and Industry Dialogue

In addition to the exhibition, the accompanying Building and Architect Thailand Conference will bring together more than 100 speakers and approximately 4,000 conference participants. The program addresses key topics such as market trends, project requirements, regulatory frameworks, and future-oriented construction solutions.

By combining exhibition and conference formats, DOMOTEX South East Asia positions itself as both a business platform and a knowledge hub for Southeast Asia's construction and interior finishing industries.

Global Expertise Combined with Strong Local Networks

DOMOTEX South East Asia builds on the international strength of the DOMOTEX brand while placing strong emphasis on localized execution. The event is supported by leading Thai industry organizations, including FTI - The Construction Material Cluster, CEAT - The Council of Engineers Thailand, TCA - Thai Contractors Association, as well as Nation Group as a major national media partner.

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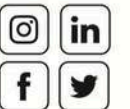
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ITM 2026: THE MEETING POINT OF GREEN TRANSFORMATION AND THE DIGITAL FUTURE IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Shaping the transformation of the textile industry, the ITM 2026 International Textile Machinery Exhibition is set to lead the sector into the future with a strong focus on sustainable production and digital technologies.

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rom environmentally friendly machinery to smart manufacturing systems, from energy-efficient solutions to artificial intelligence-supported applications, ITM 2026 will present a broad vision that defines the roadmap of textile technologies for the industry.

The ITM 2026 Exhibition, which will be organized in collaboration with Tüyap Tüm Fuarçılık Yapım A.Ş. and Teknik Fuarçılık A.Ş. and in partnership with Textile Machinery and Accessories Industrialists Association (TEMSAD), will welcome visitors at the Tüyap Fair and Congress Center from June 9–13, 2026. Bringing together leading manufacturers of textile technologies, ITM 2026 will focus this year on the industry's two most critical agenda items: Green Technologies and Digital Integration.

A Climate-Friendly Future in Textiles Takes Shape at ITM 2026

In line with global climate goals, the textile industry is undergoing a profound transformation. As a pioneer of this change, ITM 2026 will bring visitors a wide range of innovations—from dyeing technologies that minimize water consumption to weaving looms engineered for maximum energy efficiency. The “Green Machines” to be showcased throughout the exhibition will not only reduce carbon footprints but will also breathe new life into the circular economy with their superior performance in processing recycled raw materials.

Sustainable Production at the Center of ITM 2026

At a time when environmental responsibility is gaining increasing importance on a global scale, sustainable production in the textile industry is no longer a choice but a necessity. ITM 2026 will showcase the most tangible examples of this transformation. Durable, high-performance machines that contribute to the conservation of natural resources will form the backbone of the exhibition's green technology vision. Energy-saving systems, solutions enabling closed-loop water usage and environmentally responsible chemical applications will strongly reflect ITM 2026's sustainability approach. The exhibition will offer manufacturers the opportunity to explore technologies that create added value both environmentally and economically.



The Latest Technologies from Artificial Intelligence to Digital Twins

ITM 2026 will highlight the transformative power of digitalization in textile manufacturing. Machines equipped with artificial intelligence, automation, data analytics, and digital twin technologies will stand out with solutions that deliver speed, quality, and flexibility in production. Through digital integration, real-time process monitoring, increased efficiency, and reduced error rates will become achievable. Playing a critical role in the transition to smart factories, these technologies will not only be showcased at ITM 2026 but will also provide an inspiring platform for knowledge and experience sharing among industry professionals.

A Strategic Platform for Global Investors

Bringing together the world's leading textile machinery manufacturers, industry representatives, investors, and professionals in Istanbul, the ITM 2026 Exhibition will serve as a strategic business development platform for global investors. Company owners and industry professionals will have the opportunity to hear directly from experts about the latest technological solutions needed to future-proof their facilities and to experience next-generation R&D developments firsthand. Visitors will be able to closely explore innovations developed around sustainability and digital transformation in the textile industry, enabling them to make informed decisions that shape their investments.

Get Your Online Invitation Before It's Too Late!

We have an online invitation system that allows our visitors who do not want to miss this great meeting to easily enter the ITM 2026 Exhibition. Our visitors can register online by clicking on the e-invitation link at www.itmexhibition.com. After filling out the visitor information form, their e-invitation is sent to them by e-mail. With this e-invitation, they can get their badge at the entrance of the fairground and enter the ITM 2026 Exhibition without waiting in line. Those who register early for the online invitation system can also benefit from our advantageous prices.



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