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The recent ITMF Annual Conference has successfully brought forth issues that might transform the dynamics of the global textile industry. This article reviews the major topics presented in Bali to almost 300 professionals and business leaders representing 30 countries under the titles:

Towards a new organisation of the fibre markets
Using digitalisation to anticipate, predict, customise
The path to eco-designed business models

2. The circular economy's troubled relationship with fashion Page 4

There is a modern trend to depart from a linear economy based on make/use/dispose towards a circular economy based on reduce/re-use/recycle. The circular economy has the potential to transform the way in which businesses operate, and resource-intensive industries, including fashion, are at the heart of the debate. This article proposes a closer look on:

The problem with fashion
What are fashion brands doing to tackle the problem?

3. From cotton to retail prices: the impact of cotton price variations Page 6

This article examines the evolution of cotton, yarn, garment, and retail prices since 2010. It analyses the impact of changes in cotton prices on retail prices and reviews the distribution of production costs along the cotton value-chain, from fibre to retail.

4. The glooming and booming apparel retailing markets Page 8

Walmart's value grew between 2006 and 2016 by 2% while Amazon expanded by 1910% over the same period. The knowledge economy has changed the competitive context of apparel retailing. While the last decade was marked by stagnating store-based retailer across the world, internet retailing has been booming. The future of retailing is based on models which bridge the online and in-store gap for consumers.

5. Monthly chart update page 12