

*ITMF survey reveals*

## Global textile value chain: Between stagnation and uneven recovery

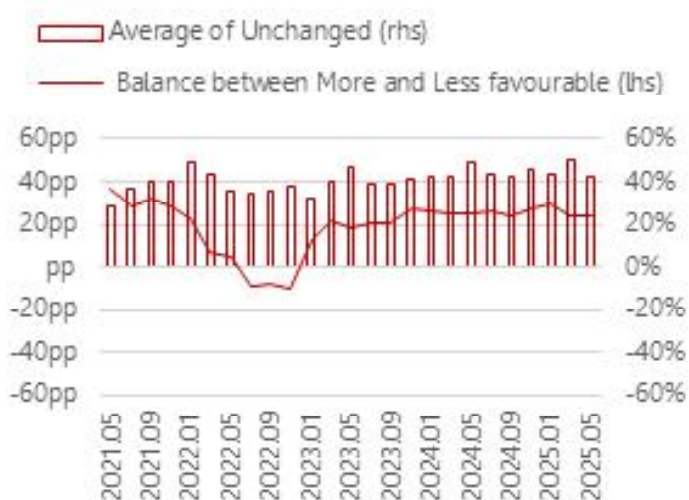
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The International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) released findings from its 32nd Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS), conducted May 12-22, 2025, revealing sharp regional variations across the global textile industry.

### Regional Performance Varies Dramatically

The survey shows a challenging global business situation with a -20 percentage point balance, but regional performance differs significantly. Africa emerges as the standout performer with a positive +23 pp balance, followed by South America at +6 pp. In contrast, East Asia faces significant challenges with a -48 pp balance. Looking ahead, the industry shows cautious optimism (+24 pp), with North America leading confidence at +65 pp and Africa at +54 pp, while East Asia remains negative at -18 pp.



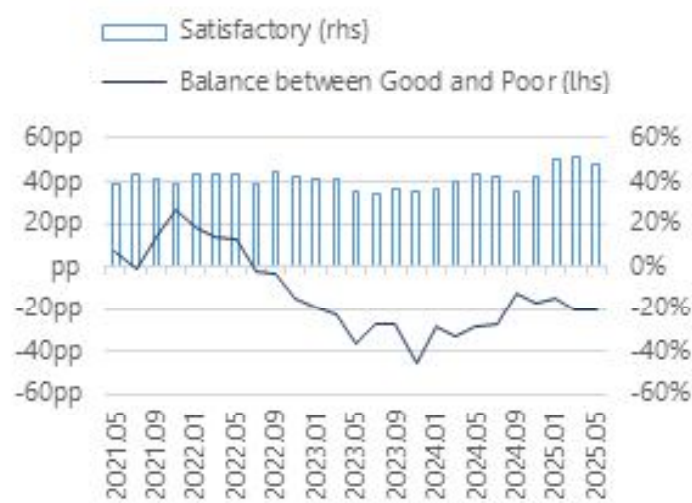
Graph 2: Business expectations [World]

### Orders and Capacity Show Mixed Signals

Global order intake declined for four consecutive months since January, reaching -21 pp in May. Africa again leads with positive intake (+18 pp), while Europe (-45 pp) and East Asia (-41 pp) struggle most. Despite order challenges, global backlogs show modest recovery at 2.3 months. Textile capacity utilization reached 72% in May 2025. Asian markets continue to lead utilization rates, while upstream segments like spinning significantly outperform downstream operations.

### Demand Concerns Dominate

Weak demand remains the primary concern for 61% of global participants over the next six months, with trade tensions and operational costs as secondary issues. Order cancellation rates remain stable and low across all regions.



Graph 1: Business situation [World]  
Source: 8th-32nd ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey (32nd: 12-22.05.2025) – last data point = May 2025

## New moisture management method released by AATCC

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The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) has launched a new test method, TM217-2025, Liquid Moisture Management: Vertical and Horizontal Wicking -- Image Analysis.

The method was developed to support improved understanding of liquid wicking and moisture transport in textile fabrics, aligning with advancements in imaging-based instrumentation. It was created in consultation with textile test instrument designer and manufacturer, James Heal.

The test method employs imaging technology and data analysis to measure, evaluate, and classify moisture movement in textiles both vertically and horizontally. This approach provides a dualistic assessment of performance under wear conditions.

Meanwhile, AATCC is also playing a leading role in the development of internationally recognized textile testing standards. Through a collaborative, consensus-based process, AATCC brings together global experts from industry, academia, and government to create rigorous, science-based test methods. These standards ensure consistency, reliability, and innovation in textile quality and performance across international markets.

Building on this foundation, AATCC offers a comprehensive suite of products and services that bring these standards to life. From On-site Test Method Training and Textile Testing Fundamentals to the Global Trainers Program and Proficiency Testing among others.

## Himachal: Hamirpur traffic police personnel get cotton hats to cope with searing heat

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Amid the searing heat, traffic police personnel in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur were on Saturday provided lightweight and breathable cotton hats designed to ensure greater comfort during extended duty hours under the scorching sun.

This comes days after the Bilaspur police conducted a successful trial of battery-operated AC helmets for its personnel to help them stay cool amid rising temperatures.

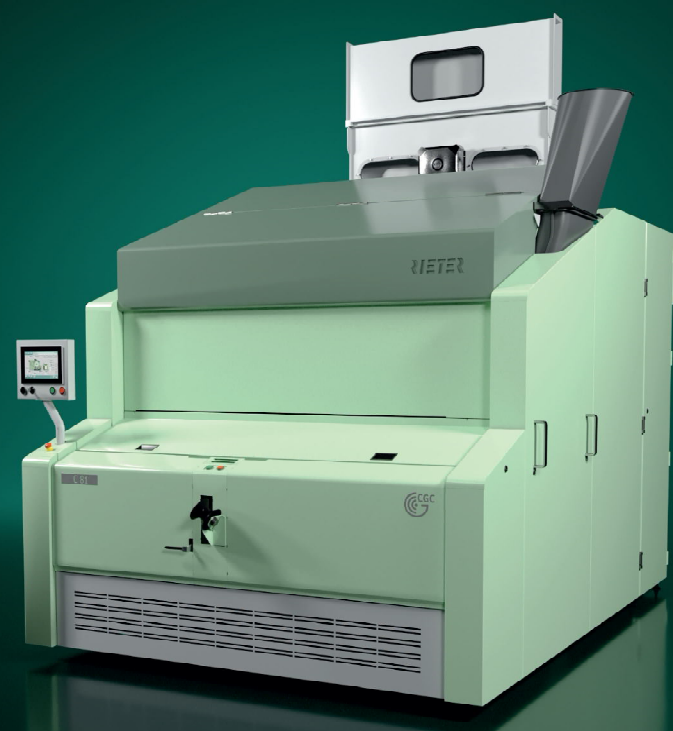
"New cotton hats have been provided to all the police personnel deployed on traffic duty. The aim is to provide relief from the heat to the personnel and make the traffic system more efficient and effective," Superintendent of police (SP), Hamirpur Bhagat Singh Thakur told reporters here.

The hats are specially designed to provide protection from intense sunlight and are made from sweat-absorbing fabric to improve comfort in high temperatures, he said.

Several districts of Himachal Pradesh, especially those in the lower hills, are currently reeling under a heat wave. The weather has remained dry, and minimum temperatures have stayed four to seven degrees above normal in most parts of the state.

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