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HeiQ, Archroma win ITMF award

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ITMF has awarded HeiQ and Archroma its International Collaboration Award 2026 for their strategic partnership, highlighting cooperation that supports innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness in textiles worldwide.



HeiQ and Archroma win ITMF International Collaboration Award 2026. © Archroma

What mills get in practice

Since forming their co-marketing and global distribution partnership, HeiQ and Archroma have focused on making planet-conscious odour-control and antimicrobial solutions broadly available across the textile value chain. The collaboration provides mills with simplified implementation, global technical support, compliance-ready solutions, and access to technologies that

support durability, freshness, and responsible manufacturing.

Among the technologies referenced is HeiQ Mint, a bio-based, non-biocidal odour-control technology that captures odour molecules and releases them during laundering, helping garments remain fresher for longer while reducing washing frequency. The technology contributes to lower water, energy, and detergent consumption while enhancing wearer comfort and garment longevity.

What the award recognises

HeiQ and Archroma say the ITMF award acknowledges the success of their collaboration in bringing next-generation antimicrobial and odour-control technologies to textile manufacturers, brands, and retailers worldwide through a unique combination of innovation, technical expertise, and global market reach. The partnership combines Archroma's worldwide commercial and technical platform with HeiQ's expertise in creating high-performance and sustainable material technologies. Together, the companies say they have established a model for scaling innovation globally, enabling textile mills and brands to access advanced functional technologies "more efficiently and effectively than ever before".

"Our collaboration demonstrates what can be achieved when two organizations with complementary strengths unite around a shared purpose," said Raquel Vaz Vieira, Executive Vice President, HeiQ Advanced Materials. "This award is not only a recognition of what has been achieved so far, but also an encouragement to continue pushing the boundaries of sustainable textile innovation. We thank ITMF for this honor and our customers, partners, and teams across both organizations whose commitment made this collaboration a success."

Dhirendra Gautam, Vice President, Marketing at Archroma, said: "This recognition from ITMF validates our belief that innovation has greater impact when it is made accessible at scale. Together with HeiQ, we are advancing meaningful transformation for brands and mills worldwide as they adopt more sustainable, high-performance textile technologies."

