



As 2024 concludes, ITMF shares insights from the latest Global Textile Industry Survey, revealing a mixed outlook. While the business situation has slightly weakened, long-term improvements remain evident. Global order intake, driven by South America and the garment sector, shows improvement, even as order backlogs and capacity utilization decline slightly. However, weak demand remains the industry's key challenge, as it has been for the last 2 years.

Against this backdrop, ITMF continues to drive collaboration across the global textile industry. Explore "ITMF News" for updates, including revised dates for the 2025 ITMF & IAF Conference and exclusive member webinars for ITMF members. Learn also how the secretariat's participation in key international events underscores the federation's commitment to informing and connecting the global textile value chain.



Mr. Olivier Zieschank
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Business situation deteriorated slightly, but slow long-term improvements persist



The 29th GTIS shows a global decline in business sentiment over the past two months. Longer-term improvements are nevertheless evident since the low of November 2023. South America recorded the best regional performance, and East Asia the weakest. Garment producers showed the least negative outlook, while woven and knitted fabrics producers faced the steepest challenges.

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Global textile industry remains optimistic about future business prospects



The 29th GTIS reveals steady optimism in the textile industry driven by South American and African respondents. Amongst segments yarn producers exhibit the highest confidence while chemical producers are most cautious. Long-term optimism is seen but caution remains essential.

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Order intake improved globally with South America and garment sector leading



The 29th GTIS shows global improvements in order intake despite ongoing challenges. The balance between positive and negative responses increased, marking a year of consistent recovery. South America and garment producers showed the strongest performance, Europe and textile machinery producers the weakest.

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Order backlog fell slightly



The 29th GTIS reveals a global average order backlog of 2.1 months in November 2024, showing a slight decline since September. Regional performance varied, with Europe recording the highest backlog and South America the lowest. Textile machinery producers saw the longest order backlog and fabrics producers the shortest.

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Global textile industry capacity utilization declined slightly



The 29th GTIS highlights a global capacity utilisation rate of 73%, marking a decline since September but an improvement from its low of 68% in November 2023. South America led regional performance at 81%. Among segments, garment, yarns, and home textiles shared the highest utilisation.

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Weak demand remains THE key concerns



The 29th GTIS highlights shifting industry priorities. Global demand remains the foremost concern but shows a gradual decline, while geopolitical tensions, high energy prices, and inflation are gaining attention. Regional and segment-specific variations emphasize the complexity of challenges facing the textile sector.

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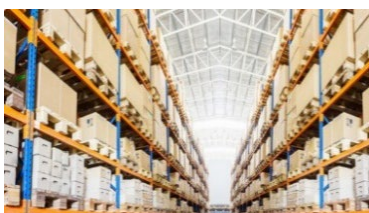
Global textile order cancellations remain low



The 29th ITMF GTIS reveals a sustained decrease in global order cancellations, continuing a 14-month trend. South America recorded the highest regional cancellation rates, while yarn producers topped the segment list.

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Inventory levels keep falling



The 29th GTIS reveals a consistent global decrease in inventory levels, despite variations across regions and segments. Africa recorded the highest inventory level, while South America reported the lowest. Among textile segments, woven and knitted fabrics producers show higher inventories, while garment producers keep the lowest.

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ITMF NEWS

ITMF's newest member

ITMF has welcome one new corporate member in the last few months. This illustrates how important our unique platform is for companies and organisations in different regions and segments of the global textile value chain.

Reju.

Reju is a French company owned by Technip Energies, a world-leading engineering and technology company for the energy transition. Reju's objective is to unlock the possibilities of textile waste. The company focuses on material regeneration and brings together a network of partners to build a new textile system, where textiles don't go to waste but can be circulated infinitely. Reju has a diverse team of engineers, scientists, and textile experts based in Europe and North America. Their pilot Regeneration Hub is located in Frankfurt, Germany.

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ITMF & IAF Conference 2025 - Dates slightly adjusted



Photo: Prambanan Temple in the background

From November 16-18, 2024, the ITMF Director General, Mr. Christian Schindler, visited **Yogyakarta, Indonesia** together with Mr. Cem Altan, President of IAF, and Mr. Matthijs Crietee, Executive Director of IAF. They met with Mr. Jemmy Sastraatmadja, President of API, the Indonesia Textile Industry Association, and Ms. Anne Sutanto of Pan Brothers, a Corporate Member of ITMF and IAF, to continue the preparation of the joint **ITMF Annual Conference 2025** and **IAF Fashion Convention 2025**.

The dates for this event have been slightly to **October 24-25, 2025**. This half a day shift will leave sufficient time for delegates celebrating Diwali (Oct 21st, 2025) to travel to Indonesia and attend the conference. These dates will also allow both textile machinery exhibitors and exhibition visitors to travel to **ITMA Asia+CITME 2025 Singapore** which will be held from **October 28-31, 2025**.

Preliminary agenda of the conference



October 2025

Oct. 22

Factory visits are offered

Oct. 23

Board, Committee, and other Meetings

Oct. 24

Conference Day 1

Oct. 25

Conference Day 2

Oct. 26

Excursion to Borobudur Temple is offered

Oct. 27

Factory visits are offered

Find out more about the [joint ITMF Annual Conference 2025 and IAF Fashion Convention 2025](#).

ITMF at Destination Africa 2024, Cairo, Egypt



Destination Africa is an annual international pan-African B2B sourcing event for the textile industries in Egypt. It brings the African textile, apparel and home textiles manufactures together with international buyers to strengthen trade activities at a global level.

The event consists of a regional exhibition with African countries pavilions and host seminars. Dr Olivier Zieschank, director at ITMF, was invited to give a presentation on the latest trends in the global textile industry. The 2024 edition of Destination Africa attracted close to 1000 visitors from 25 countries.

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Exclusive S&P Webinar on consumer market trends for ITMF Members



In 2021 and 2022, retailers and wholesalers increased their inventories in anticipation of continued pent-up demand following the pandemic. Once pent-up demand subsided and then vanished as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, demand for textiles and apparel dropped significantly, as highlighted by ITMF's Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS). In 2023 and 2024, demand remained low, even though business expectations were positive, as recorded by ITMF. Gaining insight into the short- and long-term factors shaping consumer trends is essential for the textile value chain to adapt effectively.

Against this backdrop, it is most welcome that S&P will hold a webinar on "**Consumer Market Trends**" on December 5th. During this webinar, **Mr. Yinbin Li**, Economics Associate Director at S&P Market Intelligence, will present data and analysis about general consumer market trends, consumer profiles in the current economical context, retail sales dynamics, as well as apparel & footwear consumption.

Webinar date: **December 5th, 2024, from 12:00 to 13:00hrs (Zurich-time)**

[Register here](#)

ITMF at the 21st Maroc In Mode Show, Casablanca



ITMF participated in the 21st Morocco In Mode (MIM) Show 2024 in Casablanca from November 7-9. The event aimed at facilitating business interactions between Moroccan Textile and Apparel manufacturers and sourcing buyers, providing a great opportunity to discover the latest Moroccan developments in textile technologies, apparel trends, fashion, sustainable practices, eco-friendly materials.

The exhibition was complemented by a conference at which Dr Olivier Zieschank, director of ITMF, was invited to give a presentation titled "Global Textile Value Chain: Economic Situation and Outlook." With its success, the event reinforced Morocco's position as a textile sourcing hub in Africa. The [Moroccan Association of Textile and Clothing Industries \(AMITH\)](#) already encourages industry stakeholders to join the 22nd MIM Show 2025.

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ITMF at the 26th Textile Industry Forum in Famalicão, Portugal



Christian Schindler, director general, ITMF

On November 26, 2024, the Portuguese Textile Industry Association (ATP) hosted the 26th Textile Industry Forum in the city of Famalicão, near Porto. This forum is one of the most important events for the Portuguese textile and clothing industry. Since its inception, it has served as a platform for strategic discussion and reflection on the textile, clothing, and fashion industries, aiming to understand future business trends and to provide guidance to companies. The theme of the 2024 edition was "*Strategy for an effective partnership between brands and industry*". The ITMF Director General was invited to make a presentation about the current state of global textile industry and structural trends shaping the industry.

ITMF at Asia-Pacific TEXPO 2024 Singapore



From left to right: Mr. Jonas Wand, CEO, Foursource, Mr. Yingxin Xu, Chairman CCPIT, Ms. Sharon Lim, President, Singapore Fashion Council, Mr. Ruizhe Sun, Chairman CNTAC and ITMF Past President, Mr. Albert Tan, Chairman AFTEX, Mr. Poh Chi Chuan, Executive Director, Singapore Tourism Board

From November 13-15, 2024, the inaugural Asia-Pacific Textile & Apparel Supply Chain Expo & Summit (APTEXPO 2024) took place in Singapore under the general theme "*Re-engineering towards a resilient, adaptive and sustainable supply chain*". The event was sponsored by the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) and the China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC), and co-organised by MP Singapore Pte Ltd and The Sub-Council of Textile Industry, CCPIT (CCPIT TEX). The Singapore Fashion Council (SFC) also supported the event as the host association in Singapore.

For 3 days the exhibition featured textile, apparel, and technology companies from the ASEAN-region as well as China. The summit hosted speakers from around the world who covered topics that were ranging from "*The Role of the EU in Shaping a Global Sustainable Textiles Industry*" (Mr. Dirk Vanthyghem, Director General, EURATEX), via "*How AI will Shape the Future of Apparel and Textile Value Chains*" (Mr. Jonas Wand, CEO and Founder, FOURSOURCE) or "*Intelligent Manufacturing: Digital Supply Chain Solutions for Textile & Garment Enterprises*" (Mr. Sunny Huang, MD, New Wide Group). Mr. Christian Schindler, Director General of ITMF was invited to deliver a speech about the "*Current Situation, Challenges, and Development Trend of the Global Textile and Garment Industry*".

ITMF visits Asia-Pacific Rayon (APR) in Sumatra



From left to right: Mr. Christian Schindler, Director General, ITMF, and Mr. Basrie Kamba, Director, Asia Pacific Rayon (APR)

On the occasion of his trip to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Mr. Christian Schindler, Director General of ITMF, was invited by Mr. Basrie Kamba, Director of APR, to visit the production site of Asia Pacific Rayon (APR) in Pangkalan Kerinci, in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia.

Mr. Kamba and Mr. Djarot Handoko, Head of Corporate Communication at APR, organised a comprehensive tour of the entire complex. APR is the first fully integrated viscose rayon producer in Asia. The APR mill in Pangkalan can produce 300'000 tons of viscose staple fibre every year. The raw material

(acacia and eucalyptus trees) comes from APRIL Group's plantations in the nearby region. Of the 1 million hectares allocated to the APRIL Group for forestry under government concession approx. 450,000 hectares are set aside for sustainable plantation. The remaining area of the concessions (more than 50%) is set aside for mandatory protection, community use, infrastructure as well as areas voluntarily set aside for conservation and eco-restoration. The APRIL Group harvests between 80,000 to 90,000 hectares of plantation forest per year. These areas are rapidly replanted with over 200 million seedlings per year that are produced in the Group's nursery. For more information go to [APR](#) and the [APRIL Group](#).

ITMF & ITA webinar series on "AI in the Textile Value Chain" – 3rd Webinar



To access the presentations and recordings of the previous two webinars, please go to "[Virtual Forum](#)" on the ITMF-website and click at "Webinar Series".

On **November 19th, 2024**, the third webinar in ITMF & ITA webinar series on "*AI in the Textile Value Chain*" was held successfully. More than 100 people registered for this event with the heading "*AI Applications in the Textile Industry – Part 1*", signalling AI's high priority in the textile value chain. Two presenters shared their companies experience implementing AI solutions and underlined the technologies' opportunities and challenges: **Mr. Marco Huber-Rochau**, Product Manager Fabric Inspection, Uster Technologies, Switzerland ("*Increased user experience through AI tools – chances and challenges in practice*") and **Mr. Wayne Fan**, Co-Founder & CEO, Frontier.cool Inc., Chinese Taipei ("*Unlocking business opportunities with AI agents: Data-driven strategies for textile supply chains*").

PARTNER NEWS

Heimtextil 2025 to take place in Frankfurt in January



Heimtextil, the world's largest trade fair for home textiles, will take place in Frankfurt in January 2025. Organised by [Messe Frankfurt Exhibition GmbH](#), an ITMF member, the event will bring together industry professionals from around the globe to showcase the latest trends, innovations, and products in the textile sector.

Heimtextil 2025 aims to provide a dynamic platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and business opportunities for manufacturers, retailers, designers, and architects. The fair will include trend forums, sustainability showcases, and a series of seminars and workshops addressing the future of the textile industry.

Registration for Heimtextil 2025 is now open. Participants are encouraged to secure their spots at this premier industry event to stay ahead in the competitive textile market.

World Petrochemical Conference 2025 to be held in Houston, USA



The World Petrochemical Conference (WPC) 2025 will gather industry leaders, experts, and stakeholders from around the world to discuss the latest developments and future directions in the petrochemical sector. Organized annually by [S&P Global](#), an ITMF member, the conference is renowned for its in-depth analysis, strategic insights, and networking opportunities.

Organised in the Marriott Marquis hotel in Houston, Texas, on March 17-21, 2024, the conference will feature a comprehensive agenda. Attendees can look forward to keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops addressing critical topics such as market dynamics, sustainability initiatives, technological innovations, and regulatory changes impacting the industry.

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ITMF members can benefit from a **10%-discount**. For more information contact ITMF-Secretariat

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024/2025

[S&P Webinar on consumer market trends for ITMF Members](#)

December 5, 2025, 12-13:00 (Zurich)
Online

[Heimtextil Frankfurt](#)

January 14-17, 2025
Frankfurt, Germany

[Premier Vision](#)

January 11-13, 2025
Paris, France

[Milano-UNICA](#)

February 4-6, 2025
Fiera Milano, Italy

[Texworld and Apparel Sourcing](#)

February 10-12, 2025
Paris, France

[VIATT](#)

February 26-28, 2025
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

[Market Week](#)

March 17-20, 2025
New-York, USA

[World Petrochemical Conference](#)

March 17-21, 2025
Houston, USA

[Proposte](#)

May 6-8, 2025
Cernobbio (Como), Italy

[TextileExpo Uzbekistan 2025](#)

May 14-16, 2025
Uzexpocentre NEC, Uzbekistan

[Premier Vision](#)

July 1 -3, 2025
Paris, France

[Texworld and Apparel Sourcing](#)

September 15-17, 2025
Paris, France

[Market Week](#)

September 15-18, 2025
New-York, USA

[ICA Trade Events and Dinner](#)

October 8-9, 2025
Dubai, UAE

[ITMF-IAF Annual Conference 2025](#)

October 24-25, 2025
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