



With the New Lunar Year celebrations behind us, we are excited to share fresh updates on ITMF and our partners in this latest edition of our newsletter.

We are also proud to announce the upcoming release of our 30th Global Textile Industry Survey Report, featuring eight detailed articles that delve into current global trends.

The report provides nuanced insights into the business situation and expectations, revealing emerging recovery signals and sustained optimism for a promising future in 6 months' time despite continuous challenging conditions. The report also reveals rising global order intake and backlog despite declining capacity utilization rates and further concerns over weak demand amid geopolitical uncertainties.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

Global business situation still negative but on the rise



The 30th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey reports a world business balance of -15 pp, continuing an upward trend since November 2024. Regionally, South America leads with a +21 pp, while North and Central America (-40 pp) and East Asia (-43 pp) remain challenged. Among producer types, garment manufacturers broke into positive territory (+3 pp).

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Global business expectations more optimistic



Worldwide, the textile industry maintains positive expectations, with 43% of participants to the GTIS expecting more favorable conditions in 6 months and 14% anticipating a less favorable future (balance of +29 pp). Regionally, South America leads with the highest balance of +46 pp. Among producer types, spinners exhibit the strongest positive balance at +45 pp.

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Global order intake keeps improving



In January 2025, the balance for global textile order intake increased to -6 pp, continuing a 14-month upward trend. Regionally, South Asia and South America led with positive balances of +10 pp and +25 pp, respectively. Among producer types, home textiles was the only segment with a positive balance.

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Global textile order backlog is on the rise



The 30th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey reports a worldwide order backlog of 2.5 months, showing a continuous recovery since the low of March 2024. Regionally, North and Central America lead with the highest backlogs at 2.9 months. Among producer types, textile machinery and home textiles sectors exhibit the highest backlogs, both following an increasing trend.

[> read more \(members only\)](#)

Global capacity utilization rate is on a negative trend



The 30th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey shows a worldwide capacity utilization rate of 72%, declining over the past four months (yet above the low of November 2023). Regionally, South America leads with an 80% rate. Among producer types, spinners top the list at 83%.

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Major concerns are weak demand followed by geopolitics



The 30th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS) conducted in the second half of January 2025 revealed that THE major concern was "Weak demand" (58%). With 37%, "Geopolitics" came in as distant-second followed by "High energy prices" (31%), "High raw material prices" (28%) and "Inflation" (24%).

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Global order cancellations remain low and stable



Worldwide, the textile industry's order cancellations remained low and held steady. Regionally, East and South-East Asia led with a cancellation index at 4%. In the value chain, textile chemical and home textile producers recorded the highest cancellations at 5%.

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Global textile inventory levels remain unchanged



The global textile inventories index increased to -13 in January 2025, up from -18 in November 2024 (higher index means high inventory level). Regionally, East Asia showed a positive inventory index of +2. In the value chain, knitters and weavers held the highest inventories at +17, whereas garment producers recorded the lowest inventory level index at -26.

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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.



Spinnova is a Finnish textile innovation company that has developed a patented technology to produce sustainable textile fibers from wood pulp or waste without the use of harmful chemicals or dissolving processes. Their SPINNOVA® fiber can be blended with other natural fibers to create yarns and fabrics suitable for various applications, including clothing and accessories.

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Best wishes for the New Lunar Year!



As we have just welcomed the New Lunar Year, ITMF extends its warmest wishes to all our members who celebrated this occasion. This festive season is a time of renewal, hope, and new beginnings—a perfect opportunity to reflect on past achievements and set our sights on future opportunities.

Let us to grow and make strides together in our shared endeavors. Happy Chinese New Year and best wishes for a successful and inspiring year ahead!

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Manufacturers Federation

ITMF is inviting all our members and members' members to join our growing community at LinkedIn. By following our [LinkedIn account](#), you'll stay informed about ITMF's activities as well as ITMF participation in industry events. ITMF members will continue receiving **exclusive** reports and publications as well as invitations to events through the ITMF Secretariat. Our LinkedIn page is offering an additional opportunity to discuss industry trends, to share expert opinions, or to follow activities in our industry. The discussion and information shared there helps shaping the discussion among ITMF members and at ITMF events.

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ITMF & ITA webinar series on "AI in the Textile Value Chain" (Part 2)- registration open



Access previous webinars here:
[Virtual Forum](#) / "Webinar Series".

On **February 27, 2025 (12:00-13:15 hrs. CET)**, the 4th webinar in ITMF & ITA webinar series on "AI in the Textile Value Chain" will be held. Like the 3rd webinar, also the 4th webinar will be about examples of AI applications. Therefore, the title of the 4th webinar is "AI Applications in the Textile Industry – Part 2". Two presenters will share their insights:

Mr. Gilberto Loureiro, Smartex, Portugal: "Fabrics Production & Tracking: Road to Zero Delays and Zero Waste with Artificial Intelligence"

Dr. Wolfgang Ernst, Oerlikon Man-made Fibres, Germany: "Creating Company and Customer Value through AI - a Sales Perspective"

Webinar date: **February 27th, 2024, from 12:00 to 13:15hrs (Zurich-time)**

[Register here](#)

Christian Schindler's interview with EcoCert: a Sustainable Path for the Textile Industry



In a recent interview with [EcoCert](#), Christian Schindler (ITMF) outlined how the textile sector can balance economic growth with sustainability. He highlighted that global challenges, particularly climate change, require coordinated international responses. He also stressed the role of regulatory initiatives—especially the EU Green Deal—in creating a fair competitive environment that drives the industry's sustainable transformation. Schindler noted that companies with a long-term vision and collaborative supply chain partnerships are best positioned to invest in sustainable technologies. Looking forward to 2035, he envisions a circular textile economy where advances in recycling technology significantly boost the use of recycled fibers. Despite current challenges such as weak demand, high costs, geopolitical tensions, and a labor shortage, Schindler remains optimistic that regulatory support and industry collaboration will lead to a more resilient and sustainable future.

[> watch video on YouTube](#)

Heimtextil 2025: ITMF engaged with members



ITMF actively participated in Heimtextil 2025, connecting with members and industry leaders. The event showcased over 3,000 exhibitors and attracted 50,000 buyers, highlighting innovations in AI-driven design, sustainable production, and future textile trends.

At Heimtextil 2025, ITMF President, Mr. K.V. Srinivasan, participated in the panel discussion "[Natural Fibers in Focus – Measuring Impacts](#)" organized by the Discover Natural Fibers Initiative (DNFI).

[> read more about Heimtextil 2025](#)

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World Petrochemical Conference 2025

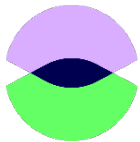


The 2025 World Petrochemical Conference (WPC) is set to bring together leading figures, specialists, and key industry players from across the globe to explore recent advancements and future trends in the petrochemical field. Hosted annually by [S&P Global](#)—an ITMF member—the event is celebrated for its thorough analyses, strategic insights, and valuable networking prospects. Taking place at Houston's Marriott Marquis Hotel in Texas, USA, from March 17-21, 2025, this year's conference will see ITMF participating as an Association Partner. Although the central theme remains the petrochemical industry, the conference will also extend its focus to the downstream fiber sector and retail giants like Walmart. In addition, a speaker representing the "Alliance to End Plastic Waste"—an industry-founded non-governmental organization—will join the lineup. We are particularly proud that ITMF Board Member Mr. Uday Gill is among the confirmed speakers.

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To register go to: <https://wpc.spglobal.com/about/registration.html>
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Fashion Charter: The private sector's role in advancing NDCs



**Fashion
for Climate**
Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

A recent webinar organised by the fashion charter highlighted how the private sector can bolster climate action by supporting Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. The session, featuring Fleur Newman of the United Nations and Juhi Bansal from UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific, examined how businesses can aid countries as they prepare their next round of NDCs in 2025.

The webinar stressed that companies, through net-zero commitments and innovative solutions, are key to accelerating policy implementation and driving investment decisions. The discussion also explored how responsible business engagement can lead to more effective and investable climate strategies, aligning private expertise with public efforts. Overall, the event underscored that collective action across government, business, and civil society is essential for achieving the 1.5°C target and enhancing global climate ambitions.

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Febratextil 2025: Brazil's Textile fair



Febratextil 2025, organised in São Paulo on February 18-20, will gather prominent figures from Brazil's textile industry. The event is set to showcase a range of modern production technologies, sustainable practices, and digital solutions aimed at transforming textile manufacturing. Attendees have the opportunity to participate in workshops, conferences, and live demonstrations that highlight both current trends and future industry directions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

[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

[Cellulose Fibres Conference 2025](#)

March 12-13, 2025
Cologne, Germany

[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

[IGDS World Department Store Summit](#)

June 11-12, 2025
Seoul, Korea, Rep.

[Premier Vision](#)

July 1 -3, 2025
Paris, France

[Milano-UNICA](#)

July 8-10, 2025
Fiera Milano, Italy

[CAITME 2025](#)

September 9-11, 2025
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

[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
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

[ITMA Asia + CITME Singapore 2025](#)

October 28-31, 2025
Singapor