



The month of June 2023 was marked by the highly expected ITMA Milan. The event welcomed over 1'600 exhibitors and more than 100'000 visitors from all over the world. Word on the ground was that attendance and order intake met or even surpassed expectations.

This positive sentiment was welcomed after statistics painted a rather gruesome picture of the current business situation in almost all segments in the textile industry. It is known that investment is often postponed in the month leading to ITMA to allow buyers to benefit from the latest technology, but the effect in 2023 seems to have been stronger than usual.

The next summer months will be crucial in understanding where the industry is heading in the medium term. Stay tuned for more information coming from ITMF's GTIS and webinar series on Sustainable Textile Economy later in July, as well as our ramping up leading to the ITMF annual conference next November.



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director, ITMF

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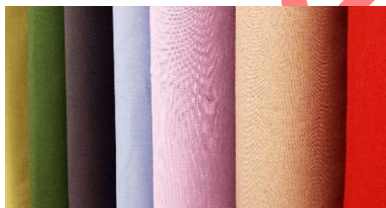
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### [Cotton Inc. on the effects of cotton prices downstream in the supply chains](#)



Cotton Incorporated publishes regular information on cotton prices and the downstream effect of their variation. Over the past month, the cotton market has experienced fluctuations, with prices swinging back and forth. The prices for fiber, yarn, and cotton-dominant apparel imports have all declined. However, retail apparel prices followed the opposite trajectory.

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

## ITMF NEWS

# ITMF welcomes new members

ITMF has welcomed 2 new Corporate Members in the last few weeks. This illustrates how important our unique platform is for companies from different regions in the world from all segments of the textile value chain.



The BTMA is an organisation with over 80 years' experience in promoting trade and representing the needs, interests, and aspirations of the UK textile machinery sector, particularly SMEs. BTMA promotes the UK as the centre of choice for best industry practice and high standards in international customer relations and service delivery. It's CEO Jason Kent "[...] view[s] joining ITMF as essential to building on their success internationally going forward". He adds: "We also look forward to participating in the ITMF's 2023 Annual Conference in Keqiao, China in November this year."

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Global Textile is one of the leading textile companies in Uzbekistan, producing yarn, raw and dyed knitted fabric. The Tashkent factory called Global Textile Solutions LLC started the production of high-quality compact yarn in January 2018. Mr. Muzaffar Razakov, Chairman of Global Textile notes that "[i]t is vital for a company like Global Textile, Uzbekistan's textile ambassador to the world, to be an active part of a global community and expand its network, and ITMF is offering this in a unique way."

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## ITMF has published the latest shipment statistics



ITMF has published the 45th annual International Textile Machinery Shipment Statistics (ITMSS). The report presents the number of machines shipped per machine category and country of destination in the segments of spinning, draw-texturing, weaving, large circular knitting, flat knitting, and finishing.

In 2022, global shipments of new short-staple spindles, open-end rotors, and long-staple spindles rose by +27%, +85%, and +195%, respectively (year-on-year). Deliveries of draw-texturing spindles decreased by -13% and the number of shipped shuttle-less looms dropped by -23%. Shipments of large circular knitting machines declined by -27% and shipped flat knitting machines registered a 24%-reduction. The sum of all deliveries in the finishing segment decreased by -28%.

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## ITMF held a successful Textile Machinery Workshop during ITMA



ITMF organises a Textile Machinery Workshop each year to release the textile machinery shipment statistics. At this occasion, ITMF also gives an opportunity to representatives for each segment of the textile machinery industry from spinning to printing to express their views on the current business situation and outlook for the next 6 months.

The workshop took place during the last ITMA in Milan and featured a presentation of the renowned shipment statistics by **Christian Schindler**, general director at ITMF and short overviews by Mr. Uwe Ronde from **Saurer Group** for spinning, Mr. André Wissenberg from **Oerlikon** for Texturing, Mr. Matteo Mutti from **Itama** for weaving, Mr. Benjamin Mayer from **Mayer & Cie** for knitting, Mr. Yongchuan Jin from **China High-Tech Corporation** (CHTC) for finishing, and Ms. Micol Gamba from **Efi Reggiani** for printing.

## The ITMF annual conference 2023 will focus on megatrends shaping the textile industry



The ITMF annual conference 2023 will be held in Keqiao, China, on November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. During this 3-day event, distinguished speakers and panellists from the entire value chain and all over the world will explore the present and future of the textile industry under the title "**Digitalization & Circularity – Megatrends Shaping the Textile Industry**".

The conference is designed to convey important information about the ongoing developments in the textile industry but also give delegates the best opportunities to meet friends and colleagues or create new connections. Many side events are offered with this in mind, such as our famous welcome and gala dinners or our awards ceremonies for start-ups and exceptional achievements in "Sustainability & Innovation" and "International Cooperation".

Particular to the 2023 edition of the ITMF annual conference is the plethora of textile related events organised by the city of Keqiao around our event: the **Belt and Road Textile Conference 2023** on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the **World Textile Merchandising Conference 2023** on November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, and the **Asian Dialogues Conference 2023** on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

More information will be communicated shortly.

[> read more about the ITMF annual conference 2023](#)

## The 6<sup>th</sup> ITMF Webinar on "Circular Textile Economy" is postponed to September 12<sup>th</sup>



ITMF will hold the 6<sup>th</sup> webinar in its series "Circular Textile Industry" on Tuesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2023, from 11:00-12:15 CET. It will be the last event before the presentation of the series' findings at the ITMF Annual Conference 2023 in Keqiao, Shaoxing, China on November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The discussion will focus on emerging **business models** (such as rental systems, refunding, etc.) and their impact on sustainability. We will also look at the important trend of **Design 4 recycling** as well as **learnings from the EU regulations on waste collection** and major **industry-oriented innovation policies**.

[> read more on our virtual forum](#) (select Webinar Series + Circular Textile Economy)

Tuesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2023, from 11:00-12:15 CET | Register [here](#)

## PARTNER NEWS

### International Cotton Conference Bremen 2024 makes a call for papers



The 37<sup>th</sup> International Cotton Conference Bremen will take place from **20-22 March 2024** in Bremen, Germany. The event will be surrounded by several additional cotton and textile related meetings and workshops during the Bremen Cotton Week. The conference will be held on site in Bremen, Germany, and will include online presentations as well as an online audience. People are invited to submit proposals for topics and speakers through a Call for Papers.

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### Singapore Fashion Council's Be the Change Summit 2023 is soon to take place



Singapore Fashion Council (SFC) serves as the catalyst to drive the country's continuous growth in the fashion industry.

**Be the Change Summit 2023** will take place on **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, at Singapore Chinese Cultural Center. Organised by SFC, the event aims to provide insights into trends, developments, and topics important to the region in the areas of innovation, technology, and sustainability. The summit will also discuss how this culturally rich region is leveraging its craft to balance the insatiable demand for fast fashion and this are impacting jobs and careers in this thriving industry.

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### Exploring the journey to zero carbon at WTIN's event with a special discount for ITMF members



Reducing carbon emissions and achieving 'net zero' is one effective way the textile & apparel sector can rise to the climate emergency. Not only this, it is also a way in which the supply chain can reduce costs, increase confidence and streamline their operations. As a result, WTIN has launched **Innovate: Zero Carbon** a one-day conference organised on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, co-located with COP28 and the World Climate Summit, in Dubai, UAE.

ITMF is supporting this innovation driven and action-oriented conference which will enable knowledge sharing around technology, materials and operational strategy that can deliver tangible reductions in the carbon footprint of companies in the textile and apparel value chain.

ITMF members can buy conference tickets at a discounted price (£550 instead of £700) by using code **IZC23ITMF**.

[> find out more about the conference](#)



# The Fibre Year 2023 offers a discount to ITMF members



The Fibre Year 2023 has been published with main findings: “World supply got into the red in 2022 with the entire fiber segment increasing, filaments declining and spunlaid unsurprisingly softening”.

The company The Fibre Year GmbH has a unique understanding of the dynamics in the fibre markets by bridging knowledge on fiber and filament manufacturing with subsequent processing activities in knitting, weaving and nonwovens fabric production.

ITMF members can purchase the latest edition of the Fibre Year publication with a **12,5% discount** for the company license. Please contact [secretariat@itmf.org](mailto:secretariat@itmf.org) to claim this offer.

[> read more about the Fibre Year 2023](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

### [Première Vision Paris](#)

July 4-6, 2023

Parc des Expositions, Paris Nord  
Villepinte, France

### [Ready To Show](#)

July 11-13, 2023

Milan, Italy

### [Be the Change Summit 2023](#)

August 1st, 2023

Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre,  
Singapore

### [12th Intex South Asia – Sri Lanka](#)

August 9-11, 2023

BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka

### [Webinar Series «Circular Textile Economy» - Strategies for Transforming to a Circular Economy](#)

September 12, 2023

Zoom, 11:00-12:15 CET

### [New York Home Fashions](#)

#### [Market Week](#)

September 11-14, 2023

New York, USA

### [Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress 2023](#)

September 13-15, 2023

Dornbirn, Austria

### [ICA Trade Event 2023](#)

October 11-12, 2023

Singapore

### [Intertext Tunisia 2023](#)

October 19-21, 2023

Sousse, Tunisia

### [IAF World Fashion Convention](#)

October 22-25, 2023

Philadelphia, USA

### [Belt and Road Textile Conference 2023](#)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Keqiao, Shaoxing, China

### [ITMF Annual Conference 2023](#)

November 4-6, 2023

Keqiao, Shaoxing, China

### [World Textile Merchandising Conference 2023](#)

November 4-6, 2023

Keqiao, Shaoxing, China

### [Asian Dialogue Conference 2023](#)

November 4-6, 2023

Keqiao, Shaoxing, China

### [ITMA Asia + CITME 2023](#)

November 19-23, 2023

Shanghai, China

### [Sustainability Talks Istanbul](#)

November 28, 2023

Istanbul, Türkiye

### [Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference 2023](#)

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2023

Dresden, Germany

### [ITME Africa](#)

November 30-Dec 2, 2023

Nairobi, Kenya

### [13th Intex South Asia – India](#)

December 7, 2023

IECC, New Delhi, India