

ITMA Milan 2023: A Triumph for Italian Textile Machinery Sector



The 19th installment of ITMA marked a significant victory for Italian textile machinery manufacturers. ACIMIT President Zucchi observed, “The satisfaction of both visitors and exhibitors was palpable, reflecting the vibrancy of the global textile machinery industry, especially in Italy.”

ITMA 2023, which took place from June 8 to 14 at Fiera Milano – Rho, boasted some remarkable statistics. The week-long event gathered a crowd of over 111,000 attendees from 143 countries, with 1,709 exhibitors presenting their innovations.

Italy led the pack with 422 participating companies, securing the largest national presence. In terms of visitor numbers too, Italy claimed the top spot, accounting for 29% of total attendees. This was followed by Turkey, India, and Germany each with 6%, France with 4%, and Brazil with 3%.

“ITMA continues to be a pivotal event in the industry,

and the numbers for the Milan edition speak volumes about the textile sector's global resilience,” comments Alessandro Zucchi, president of ACIMIT. “Regarding Italy, the sheer number of exhibitors and attendees reflects the vitality of our nation's textile supply chain. The success Italy achieved, in terms of attendees and orders secured during the fair, results from our manufacturers' substantial commitment and economic investment. The indispensable backing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, as well as the Italian Trade Agency, was crucial in executing promotional initiatives for ITMA.”

The theme of sustainability was prevalent amongst exhibitors, with Italian manufacturers taking the lead by offering solutions to conserve water, energy, and raw materials. The focus on sustainability extended to the ACIMIT press conference, where the ACIMIT Green Label Award was presented to two Italian manufacturers, Pafasystem S.r.l and Brazzoli S.r.l.

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These companies have demonstrated a dedicated effort to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from their machinery operation in recent years.

In conclusion, ACIMIT President Zucchi reflects: “This edition will be remembered for the clear message it relayed. Exhibitors unveiled a host of technological innovations centered around improving

sustainability and advancing the digitization of textile production processes. This synergy of sustainability and digitization forms the success formula for the entire textile supply chain. I am confident we will witness further developments in these areas at ITMA's next edition in Hannover (Germany) from September 16 to 22, 2027.”