

Innovation in Textiles

Technology/Machinery

Strong Italian presence at ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore

Directly connecting with the rapidly expanding markets of Southeast Asia.

One hundred Italian companies are preparing to take centre stage at ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore 2025 from October 28-31.

Covering a total area of around 4,000 square metres, Italy once again ranks among the top exhibiting countries, confirming its leading role as in previous editions. Fifty-three of these exhibitors will showcase their latest innovations within the National Sector Groups, organised by ACIMIT (the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) and the Italian Trade Agency.

ITMA ASIA + CITME remains the most important showcase for textile machinery manufacturers in Asia, a region that accounts for half of global exports with a market worth €8.8 billion in 2024.

China and India are the world's two largest textile machinery markets, together importing machines valued at €4.3 billion. For Italian manufacturers too, Asia is the top export destination. In 2024, Italy's textile machinery exports to Asia reached €664 million and in the first half of 2025 sales continued to grow, rising by 1% year on year to €317 million. China, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh remain the key Asian markets for Made in Italy technology.

"This exhibition offers Italian textile machinery manufacturers another valuable opportunity to present their latest technological developments," said ACIMIT president Marco Salvadè. "The choice of Singapore as a location allows Italian exhibitors to connect directly with the rapidly expanding markets of Southeast Asia, which are becoming increasingly important manufacturing hubs.

"Despite geopolitical uncertainties, the strong Italian presence in Singapore underlines the dynamism of our textile machinery industry. Italian manufacturers will be presenting a comprehensive range of advanced solutions that cover the entire textile value chain. Visitors can expect to discover cutting-edge digitalisation tools that boost efficiency and connectivity, automation systems for smarter production and innovations designed to reduce environmental impact. Sustainability will be a central theme, with machinery engineered to optimise energy and water consumption while ensuring consistently high-quality results. Italian companies continue to blend deep-rooted textile expertise with forward-looking innovation."

"With 86% of its €2.1 billion production exported, Italy's textile machinery industry has a distinctly international outlook, with Asia as its leading market," adds Giorgio Calveri, director of ITA Singapore. "ITMA ASIA + CITME 2025 in Singapore represents a strategic opportunity to strengthen Italy's position in this crucial region. With 100 exhibitors coordinated by ACIMIT and supported by ITA, Italy is once again demonstrating its role as a trusted partner for advanced, sustainable and competitive technologies."

ACIMIT represents an industrial sector comprising around 300 manufacturers and employing approximately 12,500 people. With a turnover of roughly €2.1 billion, 86% of which is generated through exports, Italian textile machinery is renowned worldwide for its creativity, sustainable technology, reliability and quality.

ITA – the Italian Trade Agency – is the governmental body supporting the international growth of Italian companies and promoting inward investment. Through a dynamic and modern structure and a widespread network of overseas offices, ITA provides information, assistance, consultancy, promotion and training to Italian businesses, particularly SMEs. Using the latest multi-channel communication tools, it champions the excellence of Made in Italy around the globe.