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Welcome to a revolutionary ITMA

ITMA 2023 welcomes visitors and exhibitors. ITMA Daily News reports.

ITMA has opened its doors once again, welcoming thousands of visitors and exhibitors to the 2023 edition in Milan, on 14 June.

Owned by CEMATEX and organised by ITMA Services, this year's edition of the quadrennial event is focusing on "Transforming the World of Textiles". Sustainable innovations and digital advancements are key to the transformation of the industry. Challenges since the last edition of ITMA in 2019, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the supply chain crisis, the energy crisis and the Russian invasion of Ukraine have all highlighted the need for a critical transformation. Additionally, the current climate crisis catapults the need for sustainable technology to be at the forefront of the industry, now more than ever.

Over 1,200 exhibitors are exhibiting, from across the textile machinery supply chain, showcasing innovations to help optimise and streamline manufacturing, achieve aspirational goals and become flexible to market dynamics and demands.

Ernesto Maes, CEMATEX president, said: "ITMA 2023 is the first mega textile machinery exhibition of the post-pandemic era. We can expect a ground-breaking showcase of best-in-class solutions driven by extensive R&D, as well as the unveiling of breakthrough technologies in digitalisation, automation, sustainability and circularity. These are forces that will define the future of manufacturing in the textile & garment industry."

"At the same time, visitors will witness history in the making as ITMA 2023 shapes a transformative path towards excellence."

Alvin Zurbrugg, president of ACIMIT, the host association of the edition of ITMA, adds: "ITMA has consistently created high anticipation amongst the stakeholders within the industry, especially after enduring three tumultuous years of unprecedented challenges. From the pandemic to transportation issues, rising raw material costs, the Ukraine-Russia war, the subsequent surge in energy cost, and the prevailing high inflation. Nevertheless, amidst these daunting circumstances, our companies have exhibited remarkable resilience and enthusiasm. We witnessed the participation of 415 Italian companies, accounting for 20% of the total exhibitors, marking a significant 13% increase compared to the previous edition in Barcelona."

The continued "transition and digitalisation will be at the centre of any single exhibitor booth. Human-machine collaboration developed to establish a symbiotic relationship between humans and machines, combining the strength of both. Additionally, social and environmental sustainability will be a focus to reduce waste, energy consumption and environmental impact while ensuring fair and ethical treatment of workers."

Charles Beaudouin, chairman of ITMA Services, said ITMA comes at an ideal time for visitors: "To meet the travel restrictions imposed by the pandemic, conducting business became challenging and many companies experience negative growth. However, it is commendable that many manufacturers and technology developers refused to remain stagnant. Instead, our companies exhibited unwavering determination as they persevered in their pursuit to innovate, create and refine new technologies."

Start-Up Valley
At this year's ITMA, there is a lot more opportunity to show how the world is changing and how the textile industry and its manufacturers are adapting to the demands of sustainability by working with more environmentally friendly processes and products, said Beaudouin. These innovations will be showcased at ITMA's Start-Up Valley. This new initiative by CEMATEX cordially invites companies in their early stages of development

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Open for business

ITMA 2023 in Milan, Italy, has officially opened its doors. "Transforming the world of textiles" is the key theme at the event, incorporating both digitalisation and sustainability values. Over the next week, ITMA is bringing visitors and exhibitors a whole host of technology innovations across the textile manufacturing value chain.

Today the ITMA Daily News brings key opinions from CEMATEX, the BTMA and ACIMIT.

Also, Italian printer and ink manufacturers MS Printing Solutions and JK Group are presenting the new Digistar Pigment 4K ink, and Kyocera officially launches its first-ever digital textile printer. Elsewhere, international technology group Andritz is showcasing its sustainable innovations in nonwovens production and textile recycling.

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