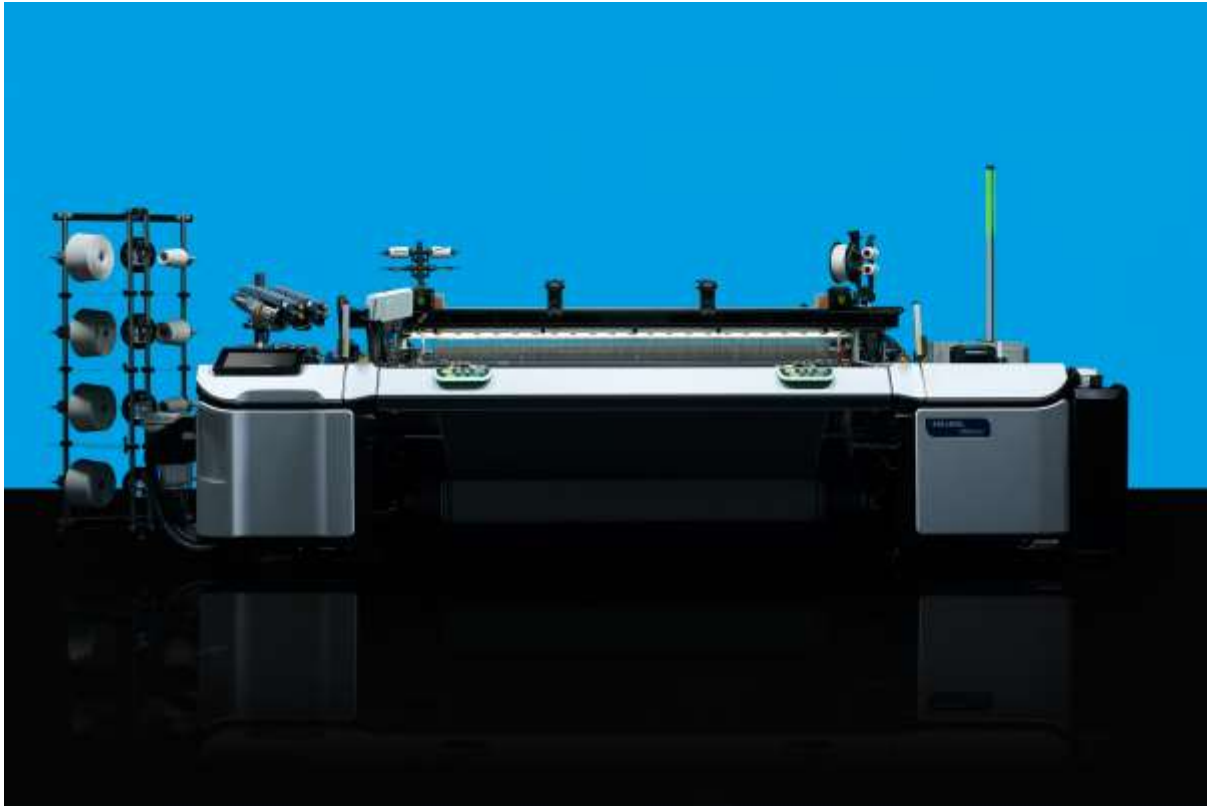


## Picanol to Unveil Revolutionary Rapier Machine at ITMA 2023



Picanol, the leading global manufacturer of weaving machines, will be showcasing its latest products and services at ITMA 2023, the world's most influential textile and garment technology exhibition, in Milan, Italy, from June 8 to 14, 2023. At the event, Picanol will launch an all-new and revolutionary rapier weaving machine, the Ultimax, which will be available in the first quarter of 2024. The company will have 12 machines on display, including six rapier and four airjet weaving machines, each featuring new developments.

According to Johan Verstraete, the Vice President of Weaving Machines, Ultimax rapier machine is designed to offer ultimate performance and high-quality output, readiness for the sustainability requirements of tomorrow, and the greatest ease of use thanks to a maximum level of digitization. The new machine focuses on three main benefits, with the classic Picanol exterior design of the machine radically changed to reflect the revolutionary technology inside.

Picanol has sold over 130,000 rapier machines worldwide since the launch of its first rapier weaving machine. The Ultimax rapier weaving machine builds on the success of the OptiMax-i Connect rapier platform, of which over 60,000 units are running worldwide. Combining 85 years of experience with new ideas and technologies, the Ultimax rapier machine offers unprecedented performance and quality, sustainability, and ease of use.

Picanol will also introduce a speed increase on its airjet platform, the OmniPlus-i Connect, which will be showcased at ITMA 2023. Visitors will also be able to discover all the benefits and latest features of PicConnect, Picanol's new fully digital platform that centralizes its digital tools and services in one place.

Picanol's detailed overview of the machines and highlighted features includes three Ultimex models, namely Ultimex-4-R-220 Denim, Ultimex-8-R-360 Voile, and Ultimex Terry-8-J-260 Terry towel. Each model is designed with features that ensure ultimate performance and ease of use, including BlueBox electronic platform, BlueTouch display, SUMO drive concept, climate monitoring, shed calculation, and PicConnect-enabled. The company will also present new innovations in airjet technology, including a brand-new leno system, the o-Leno, which combines smart performance, user-friendliness, and intuitive control.

In conclusion, Picanol's innovative weaving machines and services, such as the Ultimex rapier machine, OmniPlus-i Connect, and PicConnect, will provide visitors to ITMA 2023 with a unique and unparalleled experience. The company's commitment to offering high-quality products and services that cater to sustainability, performance, and ease of use is evident in the new products and services it will showcase at the event.