ITMA 2023: A Triumph of Resilience and Innovation in Textile Industry

Following a period of significant challenge due to the pandemic, the global textile industry has bounced back with vigour, as demonstrated at the ITMA 2023 exhibition held in Milan. The event showcased an impressive array of cutting-edge technologies presented by a record 1,709 exhibitors, underlining the industry's resilience and innovative spirit.



ITMA 2023 drew an eclectic crowd of over 111,000, including decision-makers, industry leaders, and trailblazing entrepreneurs from 143 countries, affirming the exhibition's key role in shaping the future of textiles. The majority of attendees were from Italy (29%), followed by Turkey, India, Germany (6% each), France (4%), and Brazil (3%).

Ernesto Maurer, President of CEMATEX, expressed satisfaction over the event's success, noting a greater turnout than the previous edition in 2019. He commended ITMA's pivotal role in propelling the industry's digitalisation and sustainability initiatives. Federico Pellegata, Director of ACIMIT, echoed similar sentiments, highlighting that several Italian exhibitors secured contracts and sold their machines.

High-level delegations from major textile-producing nations, India and Uzbekistan, underscored the event's global importance. Uzbekistan's President, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, stated his commitment to enhancing the country's textile sector, while Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Minister of State (Textiles and Railways) of India, led a delegation of leading Indian textile and apparel CEOs looking to capitalise on digitalisation and sustainability trends.

The exhibition received enthusiastic responses from exhibitors, from start-ups to industry veterans. Participants acknowledged ITMA as an ideal platform for in-depth

discussions and collaborations, with a focus on sustainability and digital process solutions.



Looking ahead, the next ITMA event is scheduled from 16 to 22 September 2027, at the Hannover Exhibition Center. With the launch of ITMAconnect, the world's largest digital directory of textile and garment technology manufacturers, the legacy of ITMA 2023 extends beyond its physical manifestation. The platform is open for all to engage and network with international technology owners and manufacturers.

In conclusion, ITMA 2023 represented a landmark event for the global textile industry, underscoring its resilience and unwavering commitment to innovation. The solutions featured revolved around advanced materials, automation, digital future, innovative technologies, sustainability and circularity. As such, ITMA 2023 has set a high bar for future exhibitions, reflecting the industry's vibrancy and dynamism.