Italian Excellence, Global Reach: ACIMIT's Drive Toward Sustainable and Smart Textile Machinery.



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Q1: How does ACIMIT plan to strengthen trade and technological collaboration with major textile-producing countries such as India and Bangladesh?
A: Collaboration with textile companies in key market countries is fundamental to promoting our sector. Activities carried out in cooperation with the Italian Trade Agency, such as technology symposiums and incoming missions, provide an opportunity to learn about the needs and opportunities of different markets. Another activity aimed at strengthening partnerships with textile companies involves the technological training centres, which is a long-term initiative.
The first step is to equip the local training partners with Italian technologies for specific textile processes. Once the centre has been equipped with the standardised technologies, a series of promotional and training activities are then planned to raise awareness among local textile companies about the use of Italian technology.
We currently have centres operating in India, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Vietnam, with more in the pipeline.
Q2: What key strategies are being implemented by ACIMIT to sustain and expand

Italy's leadership in textile machinery exports amid global competition?
A: The leadership of Italian textile machinery manufacturers is increasingly based on offering sustainable, automatised and digitised technologies. In this regard, ACIMIT's activities focus on providing the appropriate tools to enable its member companies to achieve these objectives.
The Sustainable Technologies project focuses on CLIMA (Committed to Low Impact Machinery), a voluntary declaration by Italian textile machinery manufacturers, verified and certified by the international body RINA.
CLIMA aims to make the energy and environmental performance of each machine clear and easy to understand. Currently, around 50 ACIMIT member companies have joined this initiative.

Q3: How important are international partnerships and trade policies in promoting innovation and expanding ACIMIT's global reach?
A: With regards to international partnerships, ACIMIT is committed to establishing strong relationships with similar national associations representing the local textile industry in different countries, as well as with training institutes and universities that can serve as a bridge to textile companies and future entrepreneurs.
Though trade policies are outside its direct control, ACIMIT supports measures that promote fair, open trade and actively pushes for the reduction of tariffs that hold back its member companies' commercial growth.

About Marco Salvadè
Born in Como in 1967, Marco Salvadè is the President of Salvadè Srl, a family-owned company specialising in finishing machinery founded in 1967. Active within ACIMIT for many years, he has been a member of the Association's General Council since 2018 and part of the Italian delegation to CEMATEX (Committee of European Textile Machinery Associations) since 2023.
In July 2024, Salvadè was appointed President of ACIMIT, succeeding Alessandro Zucchi. As president, he aims to strengthen the sense of belonging among member companies and align the Association's strategies with evolving economic and geopolitical dynamics.

About ACIMIT
ACIMIT (Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) is a non-profit organisation that represents and promotes Italy's textile machinery industry worldwide. Comprising around 300 manufacturers and employing approximately 13,000 people, the sector exports about 86% of its production, highlighting its strong international presence.
ACIMIT supports the industry through trade missions, exhibitions, and technical seminars, fostering global collaboration and innovation. Italian textile machinery is celebrated for its creativity, quality, reliability, and commitment to sustainability — reflected in initiatives like the Sustainable Technologies project and the ACIMIT Green Label, which certifies machinery for energy and water efficiency. Covering all stages of

textile production — from spinning and weaving to dyeing, finishing, and printing — ACIMIT embodies the excellence and forward-thinking spirit of Italian manufacturing.