WEAVING

Itema brings textile versatility to ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026

Seven weaving machines across the Itema and partner booths, complemented by OEM spare parts and an international fabric gallery.



Itema Galileo rapier weaving machine.

Colzate, Italy – Itema announces its participation in ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026, taking place November 20–24 at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai. In Hall 3 – Stand D06, the company will showcase two Galileo-RX rapier weaving machines weaving heavy denim and conveyor belt fabrics, demonstrating its ability to address different textile requirements with application-specific configurations.

Five additional Itema machines at partner booths will extend the exhibition lineup to upper shoe fabric, label, Jacquard leno fabrics, and shirting, offering visitors a broader view of Itema rapier and air-jet weaving technologies.

Galileo-RX*denim* for heavy denim applications

The Galileo-RX*denim*, in a nominal weaving width of 230 cm, will produce a heavy cotton denim fabric. The machine will feature a reinforced upper press roller and the SK Ultralight Rapier Weft Transfer.

This configuration has been tailored to give denim manufacturers the opportunity to see the Galileo-RX*denim* processing coarse cotton yarns in a demanding denim heavy fabric application highlighting the Itema capability to achieve superior fabric quality, reduced stop marks, and an enhanced fabric hand, texture, and color.

Galileo-RX for conveyor belt fabrics

A second Galileo-RX, in a nominal weaving width of 300 cm, will weave a conveyor belt fabric, combining performances with textile quality even in one of the most demanding technical applications. Equipped with the FPA free-flight rapier weft transfer for technical applications, the machine features reinforced take-up system and whip roller for combining the excellence in weft insertion with the high-tension requirements of this specific textile application.

Together, the two Galileo-RX machines on show will highlight the Itema platform's versatility and reliability across denim and technical textiles, even when handling complex and heavy fabrics.

Additional Itema machines at partner booths

Visitors will be able to explore five further Itema weaving configurations at three partner stands in Hall 3:

- Huzhou Hyundai (Julibao) – Booth D07 will showcase three Itema rapier weaving machines. A Galileo-RX in 190 cm width will demonstrate the integrated weaving of upper shoe fabric and labels, with full-repeat weaving capability. A second Galileo-RX in 190 cm width, will produce a Jacquard leno fabric. An R9500EVO in 230 cm width, will demonstrate wide-width label production.
- Jinjiang Xinlilai – Booth C18 will exhibit a Galileo-RX in 240 cm width for label weaving. The configuration will demonstrate how a wider weaving width accommodates multiple sets of labels across the fabric.



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- Song & Song – Booth B09 will present a Galileo-AX air-jet weaving machine in 190 cm width. The Itema air-jet Galileo-AX - developed to combine Itema textile excellence with competitive cost and energy efficiency, will be on display weaving a shirting fabric with pneumatic tuckers and name jacquard.

An international fabric gallery

Alongside the live weaving demonstrations, the Itema booth will host a fabric gallery featuring fabrics produced by customers from China, Europe, India, and Türkiye. The gallery will present a curated selection of fabrics woven on Itema machines, offering visitors the opportunity to experience first-hand the versatility, quality, and textile capabilities of the Itema weaving machines, achievable across a wide range of applications and market segments. The fabrics on display come from collections that our customers have presented to international brands, and feature particularly refined textile characteristics, such as complex constructions and the use of delicate, precious, or recycled yarns.

Lamiflex and Itema Original Spare Parts

A dedicated spare parts corner will complete the Itema booth, providing a meeting point for visitors interested in original spare parts and support for their installed machines. Itema specialists will be available to discuss customers' maintenance needs and the solutions available for their weaving equipment.

Lamiflex, part of the Itema Group, will showcase advanced weaving accessories, including rapier tapes and sprocket wheels.

Hall 3 – Stand D06

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From live demonstrations to customer fabrics and spare parts, Itema's presence at ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026 will connect weaving technology with the practical needs of textile manufacturers. Visit Itema in Hall 3 – Booth D06 to discover the exhibition lineup and meet the team.

ABOUT ITEMA

Itema is a leading global provider of advanced weaving solutions, including weaving machines, spare parts, and integrated services. Sixty percent of Itema is owned by the heirs of Gianni Radici, with the remaining 40% held by the Arizzi and Torri families.

Itema Group has expanded its business into industrial and innovation sectors, diversifying into high-growth markets through investments in companies such as Lamiflex®, Schoch®, and Itemalab®—Itema's advanced innovation hub, which offers systems engineering and business process re-engineering services to third parties. In 2023, Itema entered into a joint venture with the Asian biopharmaceutical giant Tofflon, forming Tofflonit, and establishing a new benchmark for biopharmaceutical industrial systems in Europe and Western markets.

With more than 1.000 employees worldwide, and world-class production sites in Italy, China, and India (the latter for Schoch products, ndr), Itema features a global presence with commercial and after-sales services in Italy, Switzerland, China, India, Japan, USA, Hong Kong, and Türkiye.

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