

## ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey shows deteriorating business situation in the global textile industry

The 16th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS, formerly known as ITMF Corona-Survey) shows deteriorating business situation and expectations in the global textile industry in September 2022. The indicators for order intake, order backlog, and capacity utilisation rate also fell, globally.

According to the survey, the business situation was relatively worst in Asia, although improving. While all segments found themselves in negative situations, spinners' situations have plunged to an unprecedented level. A positive sign for the future is that global expectations have stopped falling in September 2022, albeit staying in negative territory and therefore indicating difficult times ahead. Expectations have improved in South Asia, North & Central America, and Africa. Spinners have also better prospects for March 2023, globally, indicating potential relief.

Order intake fell further, in line with the weaker business situation. Companies in North & Central and especially in South America saw order intake increase while the Asian regions continued struggling with an unsatisfactory order situation. Order backlog fell on average across all regions. South America is an exception; both order intake and backlog increased. Only dyers/finishers and knitters/weavers



experienced a small increase in order backlog. In all other segments order backlog fell. While capacity utilization rate dropped globally in September 2022, it increased in South America's. Fibre producers registered a steady decrease in capacity utilization rate and home textile producers seem to have reversed their downward trend. Weakening demand, high raw material prices, high energy prices, and inflation are the four major concerns of the global textile industry for the next 6 months. The concern about transportation costs have fallen significantly. Concerns about geopolitics on the other hand have increased significantly in the past two months ■

## Uzbek Mayer & Cie. representative Textile Technologies & Services LLC receives award



The textile machinery trade fair CAITME was a success for Textile Technologies & Services LLC – in an unexpected way. The long-standing Mayer & Cie. representative under the direction of Anna Tsoy received an award for best stand design at the recent show.

Timo Schramm, Sales Manager of the circular knitting machine manufacturer Mayer & Cie., said he was delighted with the award - after all, an appealing booth is also a magnet for visitors.

Mayer & Cie. says it considered CAITME a rewarding industry event as the company was able to complete a machine order at

the event and prepare more. Timo Schramm, commented: "In Uzbekistan, we see continued demand for our top sellers, especially the Relanit 3.2 HS."

The highly productive circular knitting machine for single jersey fabrics began its success story in Uzbekistan a few years ago. "Our local customers have recognized that investing in a premium machine is worth while. It is popular in the industrial frame for bales of goods up to about 160 kilograms," says Schramm. The advantages of the Relanit 3.2 HS include its productivity and reliability in the processing of elastomer yarns.

In addition to the Relanit 3.2 HS, the MBF 3.2 for three-thread-fleece is one of the knitters' favourites in the Central Asian country. The MBF 3.2 combines three-thread-fleece with single jersey structures. In the double jersey sector, the D4 3.2 and the D4 2.2 are also sought-after models. The D4 3.2 is often in demand in gauge E24 and used to produce interlock and interlock structures. The D4 2.2 in E16 to E18 is mostly used for rib fabrics. "We would like to thank our representative for the excellent organisation of the trade fair in this important circular knitting machine market," concluded Timo Schramm ■