

ITMF Survey Reveals Textile Sector's Mixed Outlook

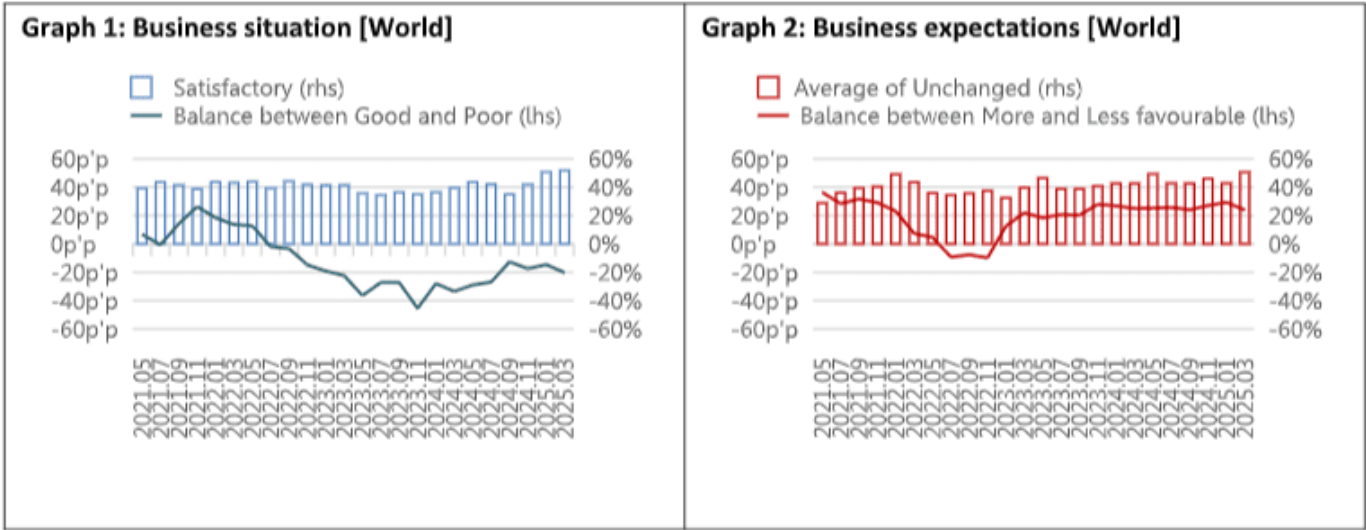
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Global Textile Industry Faces Headwinds with Cautious Optimism – ITMF March 2025 Survey

The **International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF)** has released findings from its **31st Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS)**, conducted in **March 2025**. The survey highlights a slight downturn in the global textile business environment, despite signs of resilience and optimism in certain regions.

Following a gradual recovery since November 2023, the industry’s overall business sentiment softened in March 2025. While **East Asia** and **North & Central America** reported marginal improvements, their performance remained subdued. **Garment producers** emerged as the most stable sector across the textile value chain.



Looking ahead to **Q4 2025**, confidence is rising—especially in **Africa and the Americas**—while **East Asia** maintains a cautious stance. Segments such as **garments, fibers, and finished fabrics** show strong optimism, whereas **technical** and **home textiles** remain more conservative.

Order intake recovery has slowed, notably declining in **East Asia** and **Europe**, though **South-East Asia** held steady. **Garment manufacturers** continue to lead in sustaining order flow. Global order backlogs dipped to an average of **2.2 months**, with **Europe** performing best. **Capacity utilization** stayed steady at **73%**, driven by strong figures in Asia.

Inventory levels rose—especially among **yarn producers**—while **garment makers** maintained low stock levels amid market uncertainties. Key industry concerns include **weak demand** (62%), **geopolitical instability** (41%), and rising unease around **interest rates** and **sustainability regulations**, despite reduced fears around **energy and raw material costs**.

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