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1888 Mills LLC is a world leading manufacturer of home and commercial textiles for retail, hospitality, and healthcare. Mr. Jonathan R. Simon is Chief Executive Officer at 1888 Mills LLC and answers our questions.

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The European debt crisis and Britain’s decision to leave the European Union have resulted in ongoing economic uncertainty in Western Europe which is a driving force behind low historic growth for home and garden sales within the region. The consumption of home textile, however, follows different trends around the globe as experienced in Australasia and South Korea.

Declines in purchasing power make private label more attractive  
Private label demand driven by the “middle class retreat”  
Housing affordability issues trigger Generation Rent  
“Self-interior” trend boosts demand for home textiles in South Korea

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Disruptive times are source of uncertainty. In such a context, access to relevant data and information, networking opportunities, and the existence of platforms for discussion that allow launching initiatives on relevant topics to the industry is more meaningful than ever. Technological innovation, ever evolving trade policies, and the challenges linked to sustainability in our industry are major topics that we must face every day.

The textile industry in disruptive times  
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A new trade era  
Sustainability considerations

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The Egyptian government recently hosted Destination Africa to promote the continent as a new frontier for textile manufacturing, with Egypt as a regional focal point. Paul Cochrane was at the event in Cairo.

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