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The Cotlook Yarn Index has risen since March. In tow with higher cotton prices the Cotlook Yarn Index reached a monthly average of 123.8 in August, the highest level since May 2015. Despite the recent increase, yarn prices remain below the long-term average price level of 134.7.

The fibres indices track the relative movement of prices for major synthetic fibres. The price indices for Asia, Europe and the USA continue to fall on a year-on-year basis – albeit at a slower pace.

The annual decline of global polyester prices measured by the PCI fibres price index has slowed in recent months. In August, prices fell by 4.4% yoy after decreasing by more than 6% in August. The slower pace of decline is partly because oil prices are falling at a more moderate pace annually. Additionally, because of higher cotton prices, textile producers partly substitute cotton for polyester, which can lead to higher polyester prices.