

## Innovation in Textiles

### *Nonwovens/Converting*

#### **Strong presence for ACIMIT and Italy at INDEX 2023**

**Italian nonwovens machinery sales part of an overall growth curve.**

Around 90 Italian exhibitors will be present at INDEX 2023 in Geneva from April 18-21, including over 40 machinery manufacturers.

As in past editions, ITA – the Italian Trade Agency, in cooperation with ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers – has organized an exhibition space reserved for companies manufacturing machinery for the sector. There will be 12 exhibiting companies in the Italian Pavilion in Hall 4 and of these, Bematic, Bombi, Bonino, Dell'Orco & Villani, Ferraro, Loptex, Ommi, Rf Systems, Texera and Zappa Macchine are ACIMIT members, Other ACIMIT member companies will have their own dedicated stands.

The nonwovens sector has grown significantly in recent years, according to EDANA, the owner of the INDEX show, and the production of nonwovens grew by 2% in 2021, exceeding 3 million tons.

“The growth in nonwovens production has also driven the demand for nonwovens machinery,” says Alessandro Zucchi, president of ACIMIT. “The Italian technological supply has consequently expanded. At the 2023 INDEX edition, the presence of a significant number of Italian machinery manufacturers testifies to their desire to play a leading role also in the production of machinery for nonwovens.”

The trend of Italian exports also points to strong increase in production of nonwovens machinery. In 2021 Italian exports reached a value of €102 million – 77% over the previous year – and for the first nine months of 2022 they reached €92 million.