



# The Fiber Year 2019

## World Survey on Textiles & Nonwovens



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#### **About The Fiber Year**

The Fiber Year GmbH was founded end of 2010 with the target to provide international expertise, analyses, strategy consulting and customized solutions to the international textile industry after 18 years in textile machinery manufacturing business at Barmag, Saurer Management and finally Oerlikon as senior manager at Oerlikon Textile International Business.

Numerous presentations at international conferences and several publications prove the company's understanding of the textile market forces. Corresponding views appeared in various print media like for example AVR, Bio-based News, Bloomberg, Chemical Fibers International, China Textile Magazine, China Textile Leader, Der Spiegel, Der Standard, eco Institut, FAZ Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Fibre2Fashion, Forward Textile Technology, Indian Textile Journal, International Fiber Journal, Knitting Trade Journal, Kohan Journal, Melliand, Nonwovens Industry, NZZ Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Schweizerische Umweltstiftung, Sustainable Nonwovens, Technical Textiles, Tecoya Trend, TEXTILplus, TextilWirtschaft, U.S. Congressional Research Service, WirtschaftsWoche, Zeit Online and others.

Reporting has been continuously enriched from solely manmade fiber-related developments to natural fibers and nonwovens thanks to the support of international contacts, organizations and companies. The new format pursues the target to access key information faster and in a more convenient way.

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It seems more important than ever to keep up-to-date given global excess capacity and increasing uncertainty on trade and market access as protectionism is on its way back following latest decision in May from U.S. administration to raise tariffs to 25% from 10% on USD200 billion worth of Chinese imports. Responding to tariff increases imposed by the U.S. on May 10, Chinese government announced to increase tariffs on USD60 billion worth of U.S. goods from June 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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