

Press release (English Translation)

IEG: LEADING HOSIERY COMPANIES MEET AT FIMAST 2021

From the most advanced textile machinery technologies to sustainable yarns, from customized automations to 3D inlay footwear: the Italian Exhibition Group international event brings to the exhibition center in Brescia, from 19 to 22 October 2021, services and products of the main players in the hosiery supply chain, including Lonati Group, Cesare Colosio, Autotex Italia and Sina Filati Fashion Yarn

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Brescia (Italy), October 12th 2021 – Yarns, production technologies, machinery, services and accessories. The **entire hosiery supply chain** will meet at the **Brixia Forum in Brescia (Italy)** for **FIMAST 2021**, the **Italian Exhibition Group's B2B trade show** scheduled for **October 19-22**, featuring new products, innovative services and advanced technological solutions.

Among the confirmed exhibitors, there will be numerous leading companies in the textile machinery sector, a Made in Italy industry strongly characterized by innovation which in 2020 reached a **turnover of 1.8 billion euros** and which counts **12,900 employees** and about **300 companies**, mostly concentrated in the Brescia district (data from ACIMIT - Association of Italian Manufacturers of Machinery for the Textile Industry).

Among these, **Lonati Group**, world leader in the textile machinery sector, whose machines cover almost all of the world production of women's socks, 60% of men's and children's socks, 90% of sportswear and seamless 60% traditional knitwear. The Brescia group will be at the fair with two companies: **Lonati**, a technological and market leader in the manufacture of hosiery machines that boasts the largest range of systems for the sector on the market, and **Santoni**, a global leader in electronic circular machines for garments. seamless clothing, which satisfies 95% of the world demand for underwear, sportswear, beachwear, outerwear, medicalwear and external knitwear and which will present at FIMAST new technologies for the production of socks with knitted and terry structures, even three-dimensional and with the possibility of inlay closed toe, seamless.

Cesare Colosio, a Brescia-based company in the world of socks machinery for 60 years, will be at the fair with an innovative and unique machine in the world for the production of 3D inlay footwear. A revolutionary technology that allows you to create, in a single step and without wasting raw material, an upper with holes, eyelets and laces, without seams, versatile and declinable to infinite combinations of types of yarn and color. The shoes produced, technical and performing, are suitable for the most diverse sports disciplines, from running to football, from climbing to free time. The company has obtained seven different patents on mechanical systems and textile processes to produce the upper, in order to protect its know-how in Italy and abroad, where it allocates 95% of its production.

Also present at the IEG exhibition is **Autotex Italia**, leader on the international market in the production of ironing machines and industrial packaging for the hosiery sector. The Borgosatollo company, in the Italian province of Brescia, designs and manufactures a wide range of packaging machines for textile items, as well as components related to the biomedical, cosmetic and automotive sectors. The company, which exports mainly to China and the United States, offers flexible and customized automation solutions based on customer needs.

The yarn segment, connected to the Mantua district, will also bring leading companies in the sector to the trade show, such as **Sina Filati Fashion Yarn**, which markets quality yarns for the hosiery, knitwear, underwear and seamless sectors. At FIMAST, the Mantuan company will present all its production, from spool yarns of any fabric and color thanks to the color development laboratory with proprietary dyeing, up to the finished products of

knitwear, hosiery and sneaker uppers, including Eco-friendly nylon or polyester yarns from pre-consumer (related to the production process) and post-consumer (obtained from the product at the end of its life) recycling process.

FIMAST will take place in maximum safety, thanks to the application of the **#SAFE BUSINESS by IEG** protocol and **GBAC STAR™** accreditation by IEG, the global program for international standards of cleaning, sanitation, and prevention of infectious risks for staff in exhibition environments. Furthermore, with **"SAFE TRAVEL"**, IEG will provide timely and constant information assistance on rules and obligations that international visitors and exhibitors must comply with when entering Italy.

ABOUT FIMAST

FIMAST, the **international tradeshow dedicated to the entire hosiery industry** is a **biennial B2B** event now in its **fifth edition**. It will be held in the Brixia Forum Expo Center in Brescia (Italy). **Opening hours:** from Tuesday October 19th, 2021 to Thursday October 21st, 2021 from 9am to 6pm; Friday October 22^d, 2021 from 9am to 2 pm. Unique in Italy for the sector, it offers the latest world news on textile machines for socks. Thanks to the presence of large hosiery factories, it opens scenarios for the major yarn producers in the key districts of this sector in Italy: in Brescia, the headquarters of the main machinery district for this type of article, and in Mantua for the finished product. www.fimast.eu

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