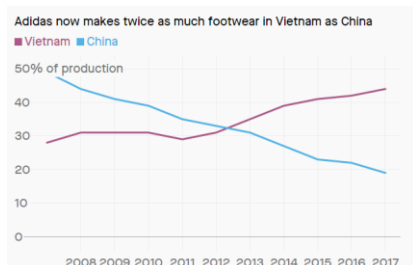


ENERGY NEWS

Faster fashion: How to shorten the apparel calendar

When Burberry and Tom Ford began experimenting with the fashion-industry concept known as “see now, buy now” in 2016, their efforts were met with a little skepticism and a lot of excitement. The thinking was that consumers, especially millennials, have become accustomed to instant gratification and are therefore much less willing to wait several months to own the latest runway styles. [For more details...](#)



To see how Asia's manufacturing map is being redrawn, look at Nike and Adidas

Since 2010, Adidas has cut the share of footwear it makes in China in half. The country that has absorbed most of that business is Vietnam.

A similar situation is playing out at Nike. A decade ago, China was its main footwear producer. Today, Vietnam owns that title. [For more details...](#)

ZDHC releases wastewater public disclosure portal

The ZDHC Roadmap to Zero Programme has released an online tool designed to help brands and facilities identify gaps and drive performance in meeting the requirements of its wastewater guidelines.

The ZDHC Programme aims to drive the global textile, apparel and footwear industries (including leather) towards the use of more sustainable chemistry. Its approach focuses on chemical inputs and the backbone of the Programme is based on the ZDHC Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (ZDHC MRSL); a list of chemical substances banned from intentional use in facilities that process textiles, leather and trim parts in apparel and footwear.

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China's once-booming textile and clothing industry faces tough times



At the bustling Canton Fair in southern China, second-generation textile manufacturer Pan Jing has drastically marked down her prices.

The sign at her booth says it all: "Stock very cheap, factory for sale ...stock clearance."

It wasn't an easy decision for Pan's family to sell the 32-year-old cotton mill started by her father in 1986, a time when China was emerging as the global centre for textile and clothing production. [For more details...](#)

Fashion for Good announces partnership with PVH



Global sustainability initiative Fashion for Good and PVH Corp., (Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein) announced their new partnership today, which aims at accelerating the transition towards a good fashion industry. [For more details...](#)

Mansur Gavriel to expand into menswear and accessories

London - Cult label Mansur Gavriel is set to expand into menswear and accessories, as its founders Rachel Mansur and Floriana Gavriel seek to develop a full lifestyle brand.

The first collection to launch for men's will be a range of accessories, launching for pre-autumn 2018, announced Mansur Gavriel in a statement. Set to feature 11 different styles, including backpacks, briefcases and totes, Mansur Gavriel debut men's line will offer a more manly-twist on some of the brand's most iconic designs. Handmade in Italy in canvas, vegetable tan and calf leather, the new collection will be available in a range of colours.

[For more details...](#)

Inditex says its integrated retail model driving sustained growth

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at its headquarters in Arteixo, Inditex Chairman and CEO Pablo Isla highlighted the company's integrated stores and online model which has enabled "sustained growth over the years".

"All of Inditex's brands benefit from a robust integrated store and online platform. In 2017, online sales already accounted for 12 percent of the total in the 47 markets in which ecommerce platforms are available, representing annual growth of 41 percent," Isla said.

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LATEST NEWS



Ralph Lauren Q1 marks "encouraging start" to year

- Q1 net income reached US\$109m from \$91m last year.
- Sales regained their upward trajectory, with net revenues rising 3% to \$1.4bn on a reported basis.
- Gross margin up 120 basis points to 64.4%.

Ralph Lauren CEO Patrice Louvet remains confident the US apparel giant is on the right track, having hailed an "encouraging start" to the new fiscal year thanks to a rise in both earnings and revenue during the first quarter.

On a reported basis, earnings in the three months ended 30 June reached US\$109m from \$91m a year earlier. On an adjusted basis, excluding restructuring and tax charges, earnings were \$128m.

For more details...



New Balance collaborates with Paul Smith

Sports footwear and apparel brand New Balance has launched a new collaboration featuring trainers and a football boot for men and

women, all of which are part of the brand's 'Made in the UK' initiative.

The New Balance x Paul Smith collection features a men's football boot, a follow on from the brand's first 'Made in the UK' One boot, which has been given a "modern twist" from the British designer, with his signature stripe added on the insole, tongue and back heel.

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Nike, Gap and H&M partner on circular fashion initiative

Burberry, H&M, Nike, Stella McCartney and Gap Inc have been named as the core partners of an initiative driven by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to develop solutions to some of the biggest issues faced by the fashion industry.

Announced today (16 May) at the Copenhagen Fashion Summit, the core partners of the Make Fashion Circular initiative, will work with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to "radically redesign" the fashion industry.

For more details...

Off White x Ikea collection to launch 2019

Last month Virgil Abloh, founder of eponymous streetwear label Off-White,

launched the first images of this collection with Ikea on YouTube.

The video channel livestreamed the event from New York and delivered a sneak peak from the Swedish furniture giant's collaboration with Abloh, which includes furniture and household goods, "designed for millennials."

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Intertek: 2018 Half Year Results Announcement

- Group revenue of £1.348bn: +3.9% at constant rates, -1.8% at actual rates
- Good organic revenue growth of +3.4% at constant rates: Products +5.7%, Trade +0.7%, Resources -0.7%
- Acquisitions in attractive growth and margin sectors expanding our TQA value proposition
- Portfolio strength and cost discipline driving adjusted margin progression: +40bps at constant rates, +50bps at actual rates
- Robust adjusted diluted EPS growth: +6.8% at constant rates, +0.9% at actual rates
- Statutory diluted EPS growth of +7.6% at constant rates, +1.5% at actual rates
- Continuous focus on cash with working capital reduction of 6.5% at actual rates
- Half year dividend payment of 31.9p, up 35.7%, in line with our new dividend policy

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Intertek Adds Whole-shoe Comfort Testing Service

To meet the comfort and health characteristics of footwear desired by consumers and enterprises, Intertek has



introduced the Endofoot (for advanced moisture management testing - AMMT) tester and added the whole- shoe comfort testing service.

This service includes both moisture vapour permeability and thermal insulation testing to help manufacturers seize the immediate market opportunities as well as meet consumers'

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