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# Lenzing and Hyosung to Launch Sustainable Collection at ISPO Munich

By Dorothy Crouch Associate Editor

Austrian textile firm **Lenzing** and South Korea's **Hyosung** fabrics are partnering on a new collection that brings greater comfort through more options in activewear and intimate apparel manufactured through a process that reduces the impact on the environment. The new collection combines Lenzing's **Tencel** Modal and Hyosung's **Creora** elastane.

Fabrics from the collection will be promoted for the Spring/Summer 2020 market and unveiled at **ISPO** (the International Trade Fair for Sports Equipment and Fashion) Munich 2019, the German edition of the global trade-show brand that caters to the sportswear business. The show will be held at **Messe München** Feb. 3–6.

"This Lenzing and Hyosung collaboration fits perfectly under the slogan 'Better Together,'" said Andreas Guertler, Lenzing's head of active and outdoor global business development. "The combination of natural softness, comfort and performance from Tencel and the power, fit and recovery of Creora elastane allows us to offer customers new products for sports and leisure clothing with unrivaled sustainable credentials."

The joint venture will not only afford more comfort to activewear consumers but will also ensure clothing made with the new fabrics will provide high-performance qualities through a sustainably produced product.

"We are delighted to partner with Lenzing with this innovative fabric collection to deliver enhanced performance with products that use less energy and water and offer the improved environmental care today's informed consumers demand," said Simon Whitmarsh-Knight, EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa) marketing director for Hyosung's performance-textiles business, in a statement.

Through the collaboration, Lenzing is introducing new versions of three of its products using Creora: Lenzing Ecovero with Creora Eco-soft, Tencel Modal and Creora

PowerFit, and Tencel Modal Black and Creora Black.

The Lenzing Ecovero viscose enhanced with Creora's Eco-soft yields a softer hand to the viscose fibers as the elastane is able to overcome the limitations of low-heat-settable properties that manufacturers encounter with certain synthetic fibers. It also allows apparel manufacturers to reduce carbon emissions through lower heat finishing while providing greater durability by reducing shrinkage, improving shape, retaining color and maintaining the brightness of white fibers.

"Lenzing's Tencel Modal Black fibers with Hyosung's Creora Black elastane and Lenzing's latest fiber technology, Ecovero, with Hyosung's Creora Eco-soft elastane lead to a perfect sustainable combination, together offering natu-



Hyosung Lenzing Spring/Summer 2020

ric that is soft with the cooling and drying properties that are popular with consumers who shop the activewear category. The new offering also brings to market a product with greater color fastness, improved ability for redyeing and chlorine resistance.

By introducing Tencel Modal Black and Creora Black, Lenzing and Hyosung are offering a solution to the "grin-through" problem, which has often plagued the activewear segment of the industry. The new product will afford the comfort of Tencel Modal with a color

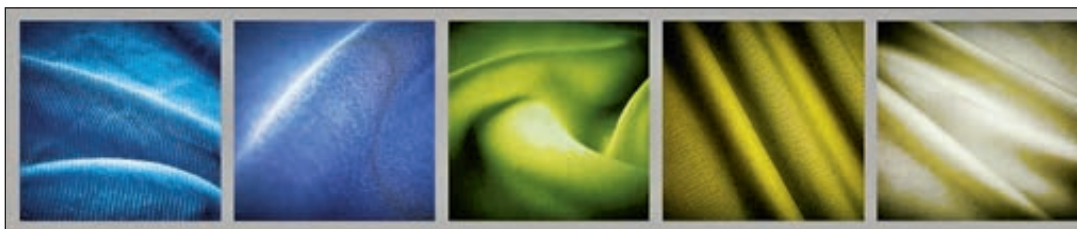
depth that will leave black garments darker longer.

"Tencel Modal Black and Creora Black lead to a deeper black and softer touch while using less energy and water," Guertler explained. "Lenzing Ecovero with Creora Eco-soft offers a softer touch and whiter whites at a lower heat setting for reduced energy consumption. Tencel Modal and Creora PowerFit stand for superior shaping, compression and a natural feel."

Growing interest in ecologically responsible apparel among activewear consumers is a major driving force for major fabric manufacturers to develop new solutions. By working together on these enhanced fabrics, Lenzing and Hyosung are able

to create new sourcing solutions to meet the needs of their clients and expand business to other clothing manufacturers, especially those who make undergarments and active apparel.

"Collaboration is the way forward as the textile industry seeks creative performance solutions throughout the value chain to meet changing market dynamics," Whitmarsh-Knight said. "This is just the start of our cooperation with our friends at Lenzing." ●



Hyosung x Lenzing colors

ral softness, comfort and performance from Tencel and the PowerFit and recovery of Creora elastane," Guertler said.

With the introduction of Tencel Modal and Creora PowerFit, the companies are creating a new option for active-apparel makers that will afford high-performance pieces that are more durable. A Tencel Modal created with Creora PowerFit spandex yields apparel that is more resistant to heat—allowing it to maintain its shape—but creates a fab-



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## Coats Thread Company Acquires ThreadSol and Opens Innovation Hub

By Deborah Belgum *Executive Editor*

Coats, the British industrial-thread manufacturer who has been on an acquisition binge, recently acquired for \$12 million **ThreadSol**, a cloud-based digital-applications provider, which becomes a part of **Coats Global Services**.

ThreadSol's technology focuses on fabric-usage optimization in apparel manufacturing and helps customers reduce fabric waste and cost and establish accurate product costing.

Coats's existing network.

Coats recently made a strategic investment in **Twine**, an Israeli-based technology startup, which has developed a revolutionary digital thread-dyeing system.

Its recent acquisition of Patrick Yarn Mill in North Carolina adds high-performance engineered yarns to its product lineup. It also purchased Gotex, a Spanish company that designs and manufactures high-tech industrial yarns and tapes used in the telecommunications, energy, and oil and gas sectors.

In October, Coats opened the first of three innovation hubs it has planned for around the world. That first innovation hub was formally christened in October at its Sevier manufacturing site in North Carolina.

Sometime in early 2019, Coats will open an innovation hub in Bursa, Turkey, and another in



The Coats Innovation Hub in North Carolina

"ThreadSol is an exciting acquisition that supports a key aspect of our growth strategy: to build an innovative software-solutions business for the apparel and footwear industries," said Rajiv Sharma, group chief executive. "We will be able to draw upon our demonstrable track record of successfully integrating bolt-on companies following the acquisitions of **Patrick Yarn Mill**, **Gotex** and **Fast React Systems**."

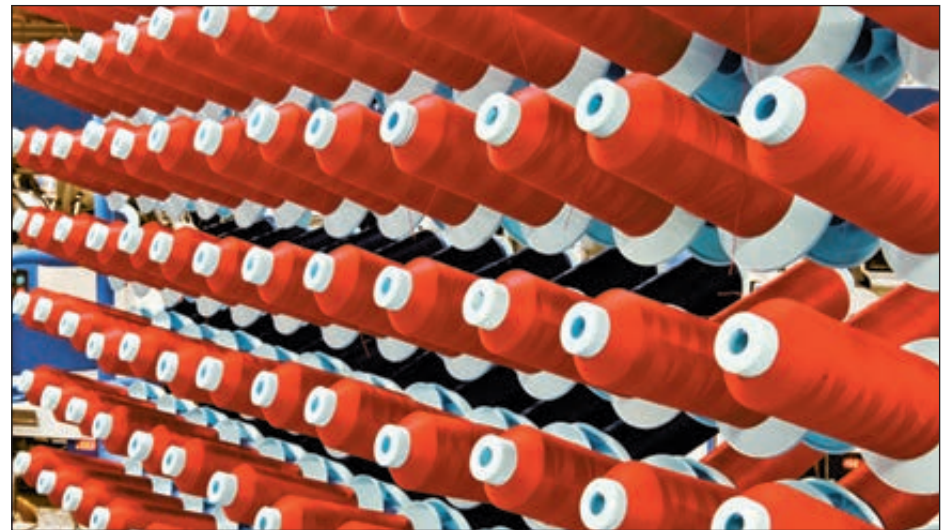
ThreadSol, headquartered in Singapore, was founded in Delhi, India, in 2013 and now has development centers across India

Shenzhen, China.

These innovation hubs will develop pioneering products and processes in apparel, footwear and performance materials, which encompass hi-tech products for end uses in the automobile, oil and gas, protective-wear, and telecom industries.

The hubs comprise three zones.

The innovation gallery features a video wall, display pods of recent product developments and a timeline tracing Coats from its beginning in Paisley, Scotland, to the major corporation it is today.



Coats's industrial threads

as well as offices in Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Its sales in 2018 were expected to be \$2.3 million.

ThreadSol has more than 100 employees, services some 130 businesses in 13 countries and plans more than 1.5 billion garments a year through its platform.

"We are very excited to become part of the Coats family, which is a major step in the growth and development of our business," said ThreadSol co-founder Manasij Ganguli. "We will be able to leverage Coats's unrivaled global footprint and strong corporate brand and have the opportunity to collaborate with and gain additional levels of expertise and insight from a global industry leader."

Coats's growth plan recently has been to collaborate with companies that have unique capabilities that can leverage off

The materials lab is where customers are able to collaborate directly with research-and-development technologists in the ideation and creation processes.

The prototyping area is where ideas and prototypes can be created. It includes a pilot factory with a full range of manufacturing machinery used to fine-tune production processes in a controlled, stand-alone environment.

Coats is a major player in the industrial-thread business with 19,000 employees across six continents and annual revenues in 2017 of \$1.5 billion.

Each year the company makes enough thread to go into 8 billion pairs of blue jeans, and more than 450 million pairs of shoes are made every year using Coats's threads. It is also the official thread supplier to the **Royal Shakespeare Company**. ●



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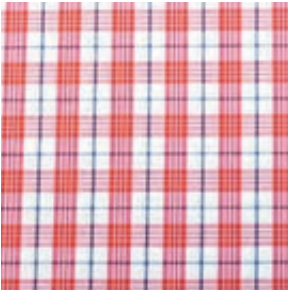
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# Check It Out

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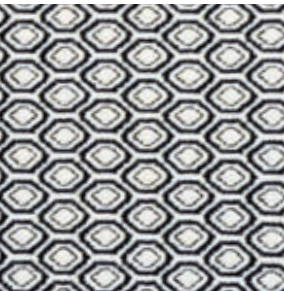
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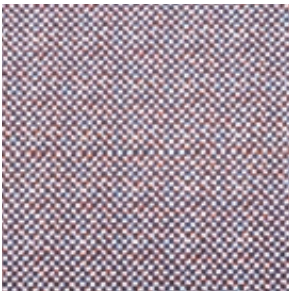
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# Impressions

Cultures across the world have been printing on textiles for centuries. The development of computerized digital printing has eased the process and allowed for more-personalized products. Fashion designers utilize printed textiles in all aspects of fashion.



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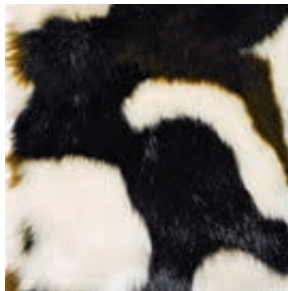
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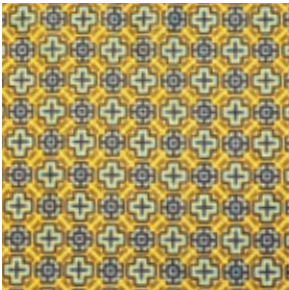
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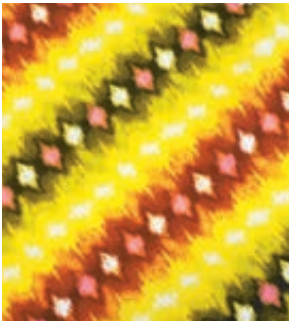
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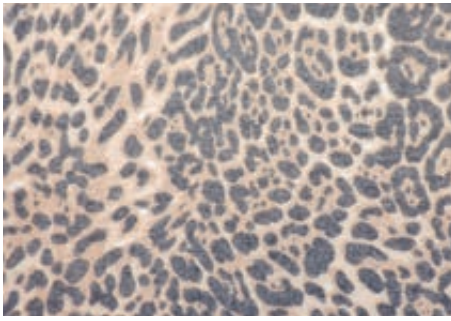
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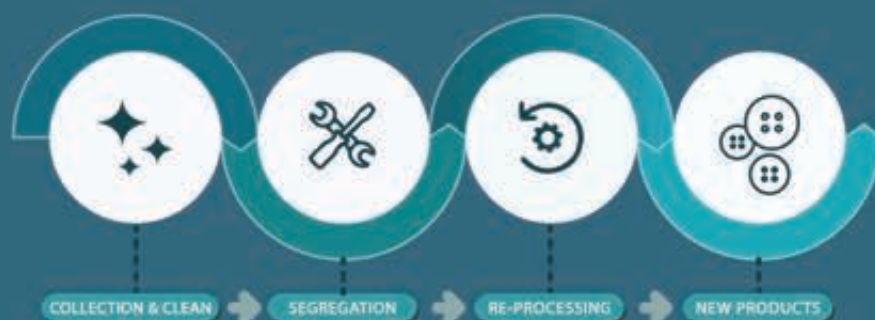
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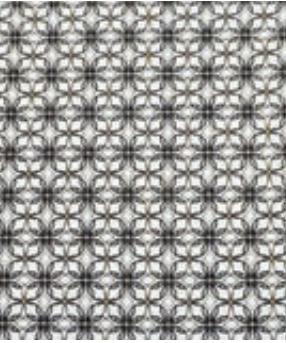
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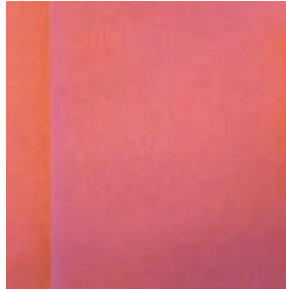
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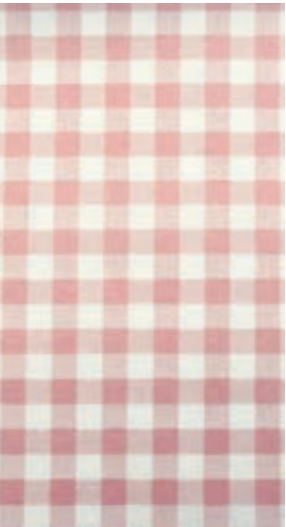
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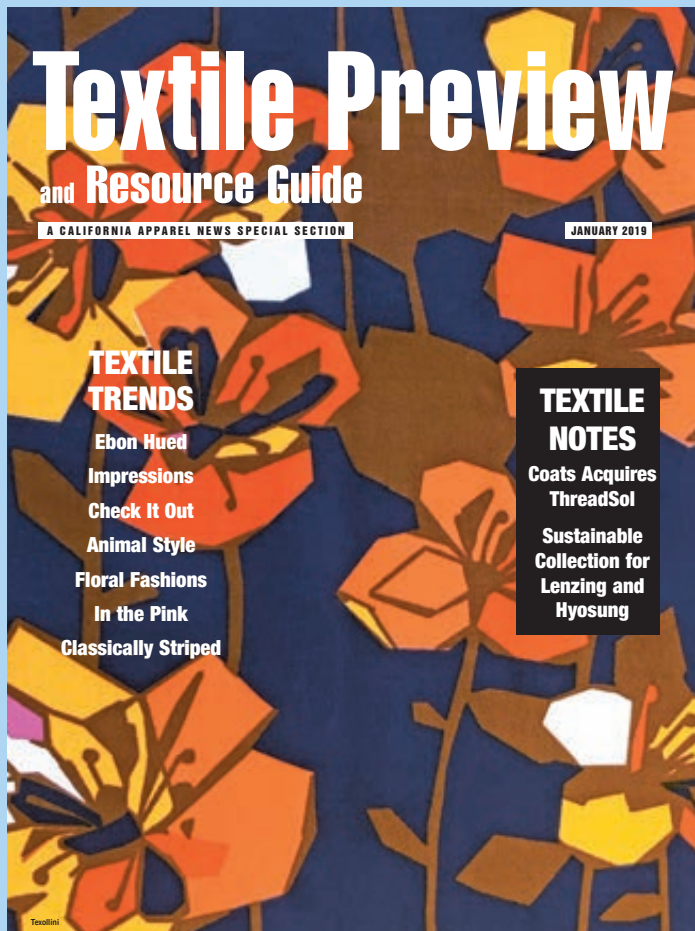
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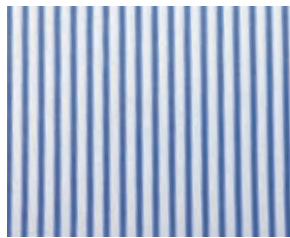
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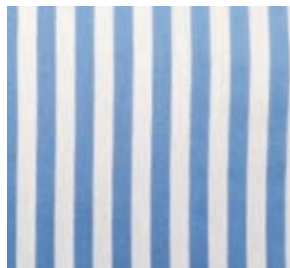
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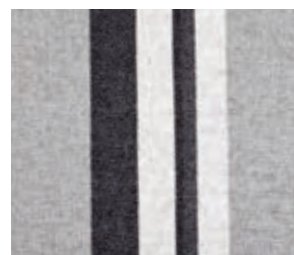
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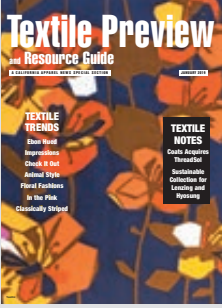
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