



Textiles - Luxury - Fashion

“ The French Touch ”



Key figures

374 companies

8,041 jobs

70 % of “French”-made jumpers are from Roanne

60 % of France’s potential in Loire Sud



Fields of excellence

- Clothing manufacture/Knitwear
- Finishing/Gauze/Furnishings
- Technical textiles (ribbons, belts, elastics)
- Sports textiles (protection)
- Medical textiles (bandages, orthopaedics)
- Fashion luxury

Cutting-edge technologies

- Finishing
- Medical
- Digital: IFTH (French institute for Textiles and Clothing),

BUSINESSES INVOLVED

Bel Maille
 Carré Blanc Distribution
 Descamps-Jalla
 Devernois
 Faure Roux
 Francital
 Ganzoni France (Sigvaris)
 Sigvaris
 Gibaud
 Houllès Industrie
 Jabouley & Cie
 Julien Faure
 Lewinger S.A.
 Linder
 Mado Marcel
 Neyret Frères
 Pauporté (Janine)
 TMB Soieries (Yves Delorme)
 Thuasne
 Tissages de Montagny (groupe Deveaux)
 Tournaire
 Tricots Rodam (Carole Grey)

Julien FAURE

President of Julien Faure

“Textiles in the Saint-Etienne region are a legacy, a historical heritage. Creativity, responsiveness, product and service quality for the customer, genuine and original savoir-faire have been and continue to be at the heart of the booming textile industry here. The region’s traditional textile industry results from the combination of the knowledge of passionate craftsmen (manufacturers of furniture trimmings)

and creators (“manufacturers”), who have given rise to a genuinely artistic industry. Today, this is still what our customers from the world of luxury goods and from the major international brand names come to us for: products which stand out from the others, allowing differentiation of their own products. Employees in the Loire region have an attachment to their region and to the company’s products

and projects. They are proud to be a part of it, and go in with an open mind with regard to creation and innovation: this is a vital asset for working in the world of luxury goods and fashion. They are also always keen to learn and clearly wish to pass on their knowledge. This is a significant factor for internal training, and only possible in some of our areas of specialisation”.



Training and research

• Itech Roanne

Diplôme ingénieur, spécialité Textile (*engineering degree, specialising in Textiles*), Master spécialisé matériaux et revêtements (*masters degree specialising in materials and coverings*) (*technical and functional textiles option*), Licence Pro textiles techniques et fonctionnels (*technical and functional textiles professional licence*) (*with Université Claude Bernard and ISTIL Roanne*)

• Istil Roanne

Licence gestion production industrielle (management and industrial production licence), industrial techniques, quality applied to textiles, Ingénieur systèmes industriels (industrial systems engineer), Licence Pro mode textile-habillement (*textiles and clothing fashion professional licence*) (*industrial systems and quality option*)

• Créatech Saint-Etienne

BTS industries des matériaux souples (*postgraduate certificate in soft material industries*), Licence Pro habillement mode et textile (*textiles and clothing fashion professional licence*)

Laboratories

- **École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Saint-Etienne** "Health science and engineering" research centre
- **Université Jean Monnet** LASPI - machine diagnosis and production organisation
- **ITECH – Roanne** Chemistry of formulations, leather, textiles, colours
- **ISTIL – Roanne** Laboratoire Matériaux polymères naturels et bioartificiels (*natural and bioartificial polymers materials laboratory*)
- **TELECOM Saint-Etienne** Laboratoire Hubert Curien/LIGIV/DIOM - image and internet use for textile production tool

Network

- **MUTEX** comprises a network of professionals developing a strategy for growth and training. A number of Roanne's textiles/clothing companies have got together and are now working on joint projects. Medical textiles are organised within the Medical Technologies centre.
- **Union des Industries Textiles de Roanne et Région** (*union of textile industries of Roanne and the region*) (*knitting, weaving, finishing*)
- **GEM** Saint-Etienne companies working in ribbon-making and narrow weaving
- **Pôle des Technologies Médicales** (*medical technologies centre*) (*technical textiles*)
- **SYNEXTILE** group of French companies (*projects for international development, training courses*)
- **UNITEX** national federation for weaving, gauze, technical textiles (*200 companies*)
- **Rhône-Alpes clothing** (*accounts for 15% of French clothing*)
- **SETLR** textile finishing union of Lyons and the region

Useful links

- www.mutex.asso.fr
- www.techtera.com
- www.sporaltec.fr
- www.pole-medical.com
- www.expansion42.com

MAJOR ACTIONS

- Textile biennial (since 1984), 350 visitors (professionals and members of the public) and Show-Mode



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Patrick LINDER

Chairman and Chief Executive of LINDER SA, VIOLAY

"LINDER is one of Europe's main weaving manufacturers for furnishings and gauze, with a quarter share of the French market for window decoration and achieving over 20% of its turnover from exports. Based in VIOLAY, both its long-term head office and production site, and in several surrounding communes, we focus on having a high-quality,

dedicated and loyal workforce. Staff are well-established and very keen to undergo training. While we are located in a rural environment, the proximity of major thoroughfares and of the urban area of Lyons, a major European city, as well as a cultural and university centre, comprises a major asset."

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