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#### Pigment inks from Aleph

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Italy's Aleph, which at ITMA 2015 presented its new LaForte Textile and LaForte Paper printers, has now announced a series of digital pigment inks for printing on cotton and other natural fibres. Two products have been introduced – PIGMENT PTS-Series 2 for Epson heads, and PIGMENT PTS-K Series 2 for Kyocera.



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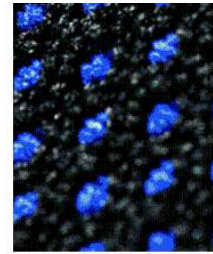
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Alessandro Manes

General director Alessandro Manes says: "The pigment inks are designed to respond primarily to the needs of the promotional and fast-fashion markets and ensure high performance in terms of runnability and colour range to print directly on the fabric without any pre or post treatment."

Among the main advantages claimed for the new inks there are their compatibility with the majority of printers on the market, ease of use and resistance to washing.



Fabrics digitally printed with Aleph's new pigment inks

Aleph plans a series of printers designed specifically to print pigment inks and differentiated by price. Currently available is the Aleph TXB-160, with four Epson DX5 print heads in 2 lines, which can produce 60 sqm/hour in 4-pass mode.

Scheduled for launch in May is the Aleph TXJ-160, with four Panasonic heads in one line. This machine will be capable of printing 80 sqm/hour in two passes.



The Aleph LaForte 2k is scheduled for launch in September

Finally, in September Aleph will launch the Aleph LaForte 2k, with eight Kyocera heads in two lines and a productivity rate of 240 sqm/hour in 2 passes.

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**EU streamlines and harmonises trademark protection**

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Fashion brands and textile machinery builders will find it easier, and cheaper, to protect their intellectual property in the European Union from today, as a new EU-wide trademark enters into force.



**Italian textiles growing in China thanks to expanding middle class**

By Jonathan Dyson  
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Milano Unica China exhibitors have dropped by 25%. However, the Chinese market still offers major growth opportunities for Italian fabric mills. Jonathan Dyson reports from Shanghai.



**Organic standard certification**

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Velvet Jet, the textile-ink division of Bordeaux Digital PrintInk, has gained Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) approval for its digital pigment ink.



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The 17th Yiwutex, a specialised trade show focusing on the knitting and apparel industry in China will be held from June 14-16, 2016 at Yiwu

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FESPA Digital which took place in Amsterdam last week saw 16,309 unique visitors attending the show, up 34 per cent since the last Digital show, which

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