

ROICA™ Powers Innovation:

Italian Textile Leaders Showcase Premium Stretch at Milano Unica

ROICATM, premium stretch fiber by Asahi Kasei knows that value creation is the foundation of contemporary business. That's why ROICATM strategy – for all its broad applications- is based on three key elements:

- A brand with sincere regards for society: Aiming to contribute to sustainability
 with dedication to "Life" and "Living" by promoting a clean environment and energy
 as well as a healthy, comfortable, and secure longevity society.
- Innovation through co-creation: Leveraging our technological expertise to develop products that align with the new market standards in light of the rapid evolution of social issues and values. By collaborating, we aim to drive growth and advance the fiber and textile industry.
- Importance of communication: Prioritize active communication with partners and
 the brands to foster trust and address issues. By collaborating and listening to diverse perspectives, we aim to deliver quality products and earn the trust and respect
 of society.

At the upcoming 41st edition of Milano Unica, held from July 8–10 in Milan and dedicated to the Fall-Winter 2026/27 season, ROICA $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ —the premium stretch fiber by Asahi Kasei — takes stage as the hidden ingredient behind a new wave of high-performance textiles. Meticulously crafted with precision and care, ROICA $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ offers a refined balance of advanced functionality and distinctiveness that sets it apart in the textile world.

Engineered to deliver more than just elasticity, $ROICA^{TM}$ offers a versatile platform of performance features — from degradability to recycled content and enhanced comfort — allowing textile manufacturers to create fabrics that go beyond expectations.

ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$'s role goes far beyond being a component — it's a creative enabler. Through

close collaboration with its partner mills, ROICA[™] provides tailored technical support, co-development opportunities, and access to proprietary innovations that help elevate each fabric's performance and appeal. Whether it's enhancing stretch recovery, or <u>environmentally conscious features</u>, ROICA[™] works behind the scenes to strive to make sure every textile meets high standards of quality and innovation.

At Milano Unica, ten Italian textile partners —each with a distinct vision and expertise—will unveil collections that reflect the transformative power of ROICA™. From lightweight warp knits designed for activewear to thermal brushed fabrics ideal for winter performance, these textiles embody the fusion of craftsmanship and technology. ROICA™ is the common thread that ties them together, enabling each partner to deliver fabrics that are not only functional but also refined, expressive, and future-ready.

This showcase is more than a presentation of new materials — it's a celebration of partnership, precision, and progress. $ROICA^{TM}$ continues to inspire the textile industry with its commitment to excellence, offering a stretch fiber that is as thoughtful in its design as it is powerful in its performance.

Now let's introduce ROICA™ Partners;

■ Brugnoli

Hall 1 – Booth A10-14

MARE di MODA Hall 4 - Booth MdM 13



Brugnoli, presents Explosive Technology dedicated to natural fibers with the brand new fabric *Naturally Explosive*, delivering a real second skin effect, with muscle support and outstanding freedom of movement. Such a performance represents a breakthrough in the natural fabric, making it the ideal fabric for both sportswear and ready-to-wear apparel.

The fabrics feature TENCEL™ Modal with Micro technology by Lenzing AG, a traceable fiber sourced from certified and responsibly managed forests,

and ROICA Colour Perfect™ family by Asahi Kasei, a dye-

able stretch fiber that delivers vivid color, and less grin-through. Explosive Technology by Brugnoli is also available in high tech version and second skin sensation, also with polyamide with enhanced biodegradability and degradable elastane ROICA TM V550 by Asahi Kasei in *EXPLOSIVE AMNI V550 BY BRUGNOLI*®. Visit the website.



■ Iluna Group

Hall 1 – Booth E27

MARE di MODA Hall 4 - Booth MdM 02



Iluna Group, a pioneer in premium stretch lace, introduces a visionary collection that blends refined aesthetics with responsible innovation. Tailored for prêt-à-porter and beachwear, it redefines lace through performance, creativity, and material responsibility.

At the center is ROICA™ EF, a recycled stretch fiber made with pre-consumer materials, offering exceptional comfort and elasticity. Combined with Q-NOVA® and RENCYCLE® recycled polyamides, the collection delivers on both style and quality.

Featuring printable jacquards, GRS-certified LUREX® nets, and expressive

elastic lace, these fabrics are made to inspire. With over 75% recycled content, Iluna sets a new benchmark—where high-performance textiles meet modern design values.

Visit the website.

■ Innova Fabrics

Hall 4 Innovation Area – Booth INo1

Innova Fabrics redefines sustainability and performance with its outstanding Residual Free (RF) line and high-performance fabrics crafted together with ROICATM V550. The Residual Free (RF) line, fabrics developed using Sensil® Biocare and ROICATM V550 with the aim to reduce environmental impact while offering a "good" performance, elasticity, and comfort. Key fabrics featuring ROICATM V550 including I LOVE RF, LYON RF and PARIS SPECIAL.

Visit the website.



■ Inter Jersey Milano

Hall 1 – Booth C30

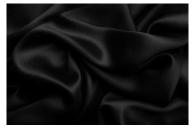


Inter Jersey Milano debuts at Milano Unica with a fabric selection that reflects its values: sartorial care, technical innovation and attention to environmental impact. At the core of the collection are three key fabrics developed with ROICA™ V550, selected for its reliable performance and more responsible material profile.

Venere blends microfiber softness with a so-

phisticated aesthetic, ideal for bodysuits, tops, and fitted garments. It ensures a flawless fit and modern silhouette. With ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$ V550, it offers excellent elasticity and comfort, improving both appearance and performance of the fabric.





Bio Nature is a lightweight, skin-friendly

fabric ideal for underwear and linings, offering softness, breathability, and comfort. Made with ROICA™ V550 and AMNI® SOUL ECO® (biodegradable up to 94% in about five years in controlled landfill conditions), providing a practical solution to reduce end-of-life impact.

A best seller in the responsible beachwear collection, *Bio Context* is a fabric designed for swimwear that blends durability, elasticity, and UV protection with a more mindful production process. Featuring ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$ V550, it maintains elasticity over time, helping preserve fit and function. Combined with AMNI® SOUL ECO®, it also offers accelerated biodegradability, supporting lower-impact beachwear solutions.



Visit the website.

■ Maglificio Maggia

Hall 2 - Booth Ho5

Maglificio Maggia, known for circular knitted fabrics, presents two innovative textiles featuring TENCEL™ Modal and ROICA™ V550, combining performance with environmental responsibility.



The first fabric (*51150*), Simple Jersey with ROICA[™] V550, is a luxurious blend of cashmere and TENCEL[™] Modal, offering a soft premium feel, ideal for winter T-shirts and lightweight garments. ROICA[™] V550 adds high-performance stretch for comfort and natural movement.

The second fabric (55698), Milano Rib with ROICATM

V550, features a structured, compact knit that offers rich texture and shape retention. Designed for jackets and overshirts, it combines cashmere warmth with the smoothness of TENCEL™ Modal, creating a fabric that feels fluid and fresh while maintaining comfort and breathability for winter wear.



Visit the website.

■ Maglificio Ripa

Hall 3 – Booth B12

MARE di MODA Hall 4 - Booth MdM 03



Maglificio Ripa is a renowned Italian textile manufacturer with over 70 years of expertise in circular knitted fabrics. Known for blending artisanal craftsmanship with innovation, the company delivers premium materials that unite tradition and

performance. Its collections often feature advanced fibers like ROICA™, the premium stretch fiber that enhances comfort and fit across applications. They specialize in four-way stretch circular fabrics, available in both double- and single-front

constructions, with customizable jacquard designs to meet diverse



client needs.

Designed for sportswear, fashion, swimwear, and intimates, these fabrics offer excellent elasticity, durability, and comfort, reflecting their commitment to quality and precision in every detail.



ROICA™, a premium stretch fiber, adds a distinctive dimension to this craftsmanship—like a finely chosen spice, subtle yet indispensable. It enriches the fabric's texture, functionality, and overall sensibility, fully expressing Maglificio Ripa's design philosophy and elevating the final product to a new level of sophistication. Visit the website.

■ Penn Solutions

Hall 4 Innovation Area - Booth IN 15-17





Art.13346 is a technical fabric (Polyamide 77%, ROICA™ 23%) also available with recycled yarns, designed for high-performance sports suits. It features customizable 3D structures to reduce air resistance and support specific biomechanical needs. Localized breathability zones and perforations enhance ventilation and thermal regulation. A versatile, engineered base to support athletic performance.

For this part of the collection, Penn Solutions introduces highly engineered fabrics using recycled RECO Nylon® and degradable ROICA™ V550—specifically *Art.* 13817 (RECO Nylon® 78%, ROICA™ V550 22%) and *Art.* 13819 (RECO Nylon® 75%, ROICA™ V550 25%). These fabrics feature customizable all-over patterns with alternating 3D zones for grip and fit, and lighter areas for breathability. Advanced







machinery en-

ables localized structures—like support or ventilation zones—directly within the fabric, reducing seams while maintaining a soft, skin-friendly feel even during intense activity.

Visit the website.

■ Reda

Hall 2 – Booth C11

Reda's new 2865 fabric which will be presented at Milano Unica to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the Reda wool mill. This fabric is part of Reda 1865 line, which is one of the three lines of the wool mill and it is

proposed in the new shades of Aubergine, Cobblestone and Copper.



The heart remains unchanged: a single fabric, capable of adapting and transforming with elegance. But this season brings a new perspective, in which the fabric is expressed in three different outfits, expression of three ways of being and three life paths, which will be presented exclusively on the first day of Milano Unica. Going beyond the classic jacket-trousers logic, the fabric opens up to multiple contexts of use, telling the story of the contemporary man, his multiple identities, his relationship with time, with gesture, with thought. With a rounded and fluid hand, crease-proof and deeply chromatic thanks to the top-dye craftsmanship, the fabric also stands out for its technical performance, enhanced by degradable stretch fiber ROICA™ V550, which also contributes to environmental consciousness.

Visit the website.

■ Sitip Group

Hall 1 – Booth D12-D14

Sitip Group presents its latest fabric innovations featuring $ROICA^{TM}$ at Milano Unica. With a strong focus on responsible production, the company integrates quality, energy efficiency, and material innovation into its development process.



NEW MONICA is a technical fabric (Polyester 80% / ROICA™ V550 20%) that combines durable stretch with ROICA™ V550. It offers excellent elasticity, shape retention, and UPF 50+ protection—even in white—thanks to ECLIPSE Sun Protection. Ideal for bib shirts and tights.

FORCE PLX LIGHT is a lightweight tricot warp knit (Polyester 71% / ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$

V550 29%) engineered with ECLIPSE technology for UPF 50+ UV protection. It de-



livers a superior fit and breathability for all-day comfort. Lighter and more breathable than the 2024 FORCE PLX uniform, it enhances skin comfort and performance. Ideal for tops, base layers, tights, and leggings.



BLIZZARD PLX STONE is a thermal fabric (Polyester 84% / ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$ EF 16%) featuring ROICA $^{\text{TM}}$ EF, made with pre-consumer materials. Its brushed interior and bi-elastic structure deliver warmth, breathability, and durability — making it ideal for outerwear and winter tights.

Visit the website.

■ Tessitura Colombo Antonio

Hall 1 - Booth E29

Tessitura Colombo Antonio, established in 1960 near Milan, is a family-owned company celebrated for its enduring tradition and passion for fine textiles. With a specialization in lace and textiles for lingerie and women's fashion, the company seamlessly merges artisanal craftsmanship with cutting-edge innovation.



Equipped with state-of-the-art machinery and a strong commitment to sustainability, Tessitura Colombo continues to set benchmarks in quality and style.



At Milano Unica, the company unveils a refined selection of lace featuring ROICA™ premium stretch fiber—a versatile material suitable for intimate apparel, outerwear, knitwear, and socks. This collection exemplifies the brand's dedication to elegance, comfort, and responsible innovation.

Visit the website.

About ROICA™

ROICA™ "Advanced fit for living" is a premium stretch fiber with an innovative range of smart features to fit the modern wardrobe.

ROICA™ combines comfort, performance, and exceptional fit, elevating the quality and value of everyday attire for sports, activewear, underwear, fashion, and business.

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For more details about the sustainability of ROICATM, please visit https://www.asahikasei.co.jp/fibers/en/roica/sustainability/index.html.

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