# THE APPAREL & TEXTILE SECTOR IN GREECE





The Apparel & Textile industry is one of the most important industrial sectors in Greece



# The Apparel & Textile Sector in Greece Key figures 2012

Number of companies (manufacturing)	2.000
Number of employees (manufacturing)	35.000
Number of employees (trade)	30.000
Value of exports	1,3 billion €
% in the manufacturing exports	18%
Turnover	2.8 billion €
Retail Sales	4,0 billion €



#### MAJOR CHANGES

- ▶ The Greek Apparel & Textile sector has undergone significant changes over the past decade
- ▶ These have been caused by systemic changes on the international stage, through globalization, the liberalization of textiles trade and the resulting increase in competition
- ▶ The Greek Apparel sector today:
- focuses on products with higher added value
- offers design services in addition to quality manufacturing and
- has delocalized production activities to neighboring
   South-East countries



### Cooperation of Greek Apparel companies in South-East Europe

Number of companies	300
Number of employees	25.000
Greek production in SEE	75%
Type of cooperation	
Greek ownership	<u>55%</u>
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### TYPES OF GREEK APPAREL COMPANIES

A. PRIVATE LABEL MANUFACTURERS

B. GREEK BRANDS



### ADVANTAGES OF GREEK PRIVATE LABEL MANUFACTURERS

- ► Excellent quality design price matrix
- Very flexible
- Quick response & fast delivery
- ▶ Ability to respond in small and medium size orders

#### Plus

- ▶ Greece is the leading cotton producer in EU
- Highest quality of cotton
- Fully integrated textile chain
- ▶ Long experience in exports

For the above reasons the top European brands & retailers prefer Greece for their added value products



## ADVANTAGES OF GREEK BRANDS

- Good design & creativity
- Very good quality price ratio
- ▶ Flexibility
- ▶ Ability to respond both in small and medium orders
- ▶ Development of big trade chains in Greek market
- Continuing increase of branded Greek exports



#### HELLENIC FASHION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (SEPEE)

- ► Hellenic Fashion Industry Association (SEPEE) represents the apparel & textile industry in Greece
- ▶ 300 members, the major companies in the sector
- ► Headquartered in Thessaloniki, with a branch office in Athens
- ► SEPEE organizes every year many promotional events abroad



#### Greek Fashion Exhibitions in Israel

- ► The last two years SEPEE organized 2 Fashion Exhibitions in Tel Aviv
  - December 2011, for Greek brands
  - March 2012, for private label manufacturers

Next Greek Fashion Exhibition in Israel

November 12th, 2013 at Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv