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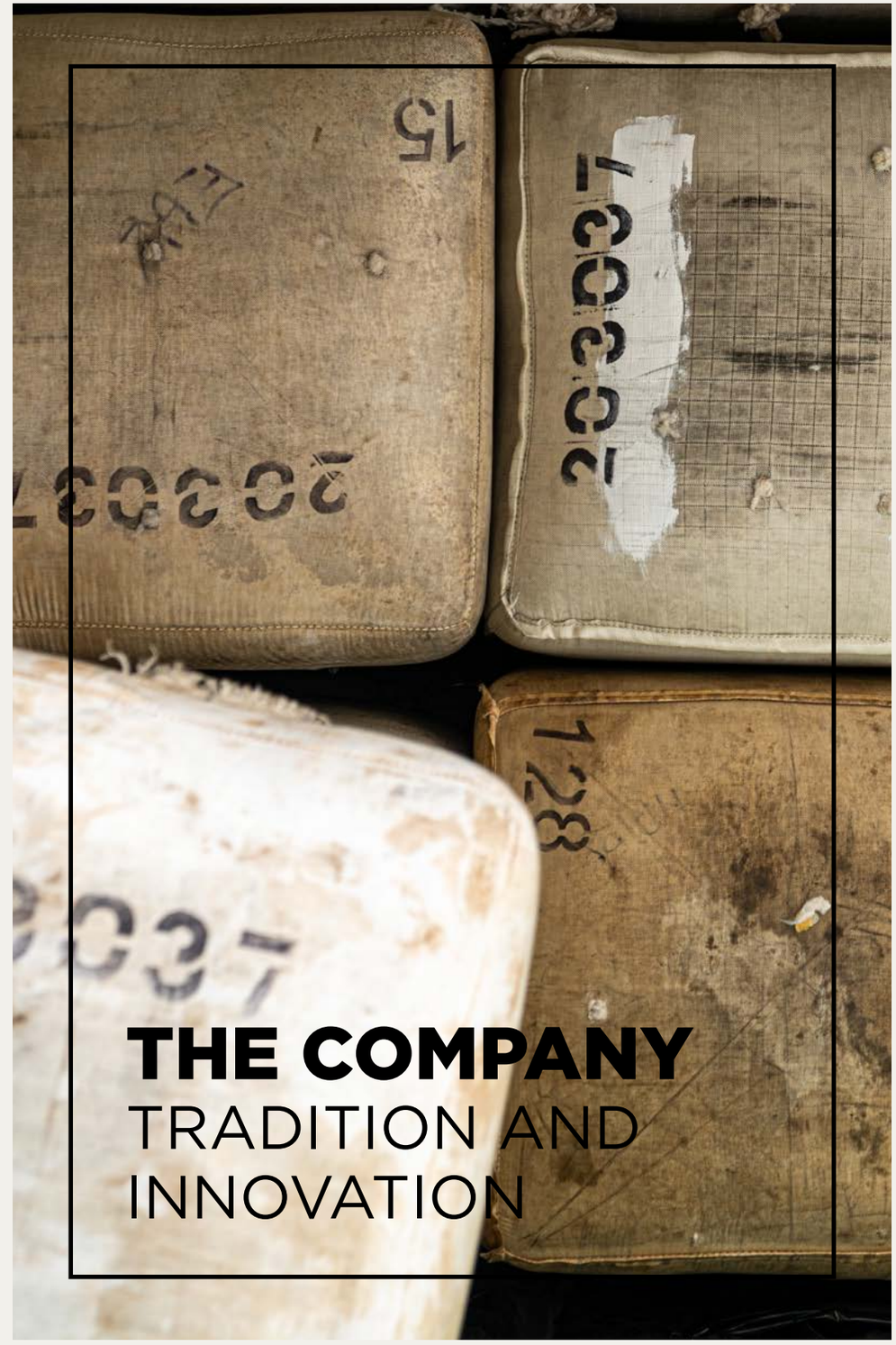


THE COMPANY

TRADITION AND INNOVATION

OUR VISION

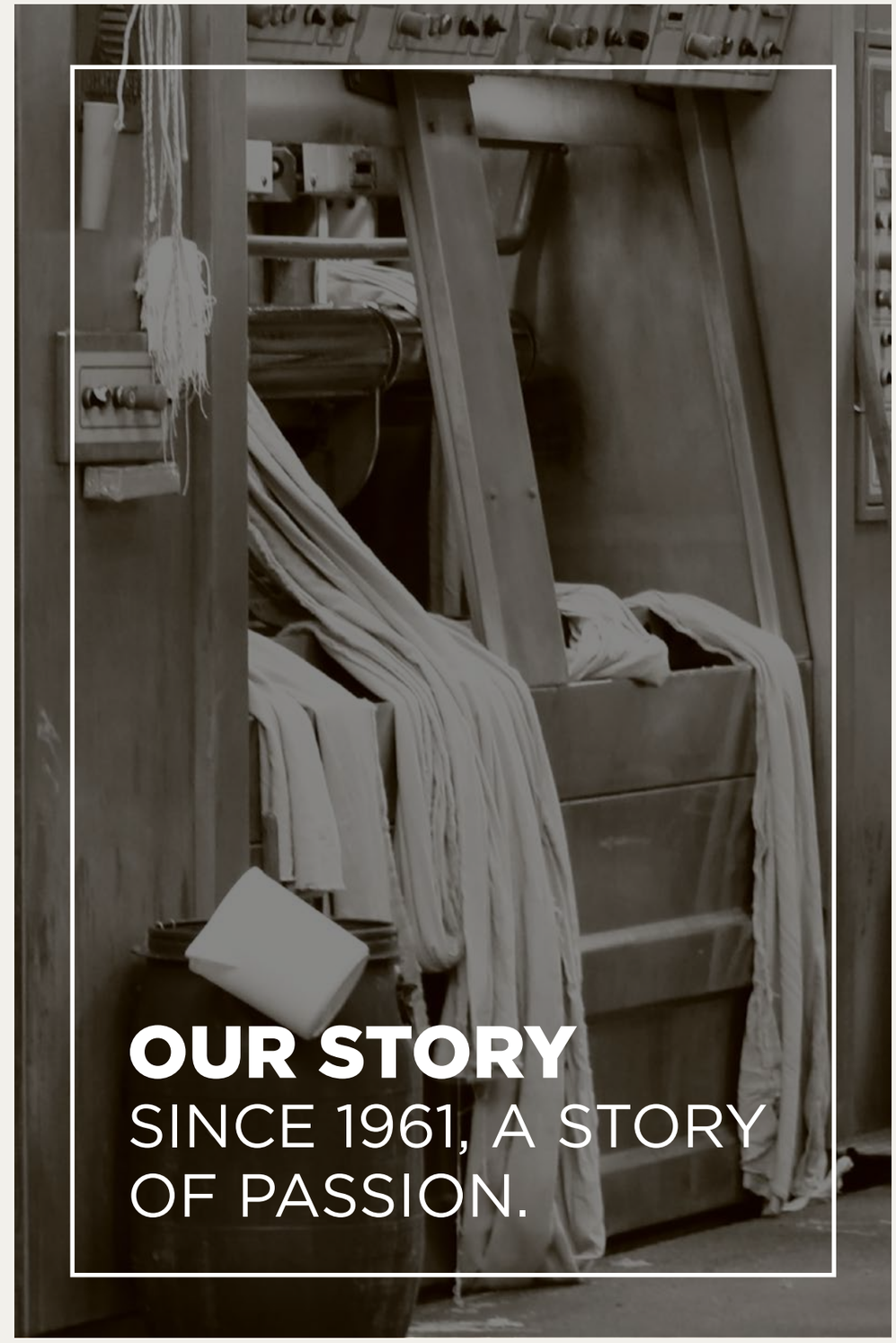
At Menchi, we select the finest raw materials and combine them with regenerated fibers to create excellent ethical products. We promote sustainability, aiming to reduce environmental impact and enhance the cultural identity of “Made in Italy.”

We interweave tradition and craftsmanship with technical innovation to craft timeless fabrics whose value goes far beyond a season or a collection.

These are the core values that guide our daily actions and business strategy.

Our commitment and dedication have made us what we are today: a leading international player that serves some of the most valuable brands worldwide.

The Lanificio Menchi, born from the courage of Mimì Menchi in the Prato district, is today an international textile excellence.



OUR STORY

SINCE 1961, A STORY OF PASSION.

OUR STORY

Lanificio Menchi, located in the heart of the Prato textile district, stems from the dreams and initiative of an out-of-the-ordinary woman, **Mimì Menchi.**

Born in Pistoia, Mimì moved to Prato to work as a mender.

Instantly captivated by the textile universe, ever determined and committed, she quickly turned her passion into a successful company.

1961

Mimì founded Lanificio Menchi, a wool mill specializing in high-quality textiles for outerwear, in 1961. From the beginning, the company stood out for its refined products and creative craftsmanship, soon becoming a key supplier for major Italian, British, and German brands.

1990

In the 1990s, Mimì's son Massimo stepped in to help his mother with the management and handle sales.

He learned on the job and longed to expand and enhance the mill's product range. Soon, Menchi started working with noble fibers such as cashmere and alpaca.

2000

At the turn of the millennium, Menchi expanded its horizons by opening to the U.S., Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean markets.

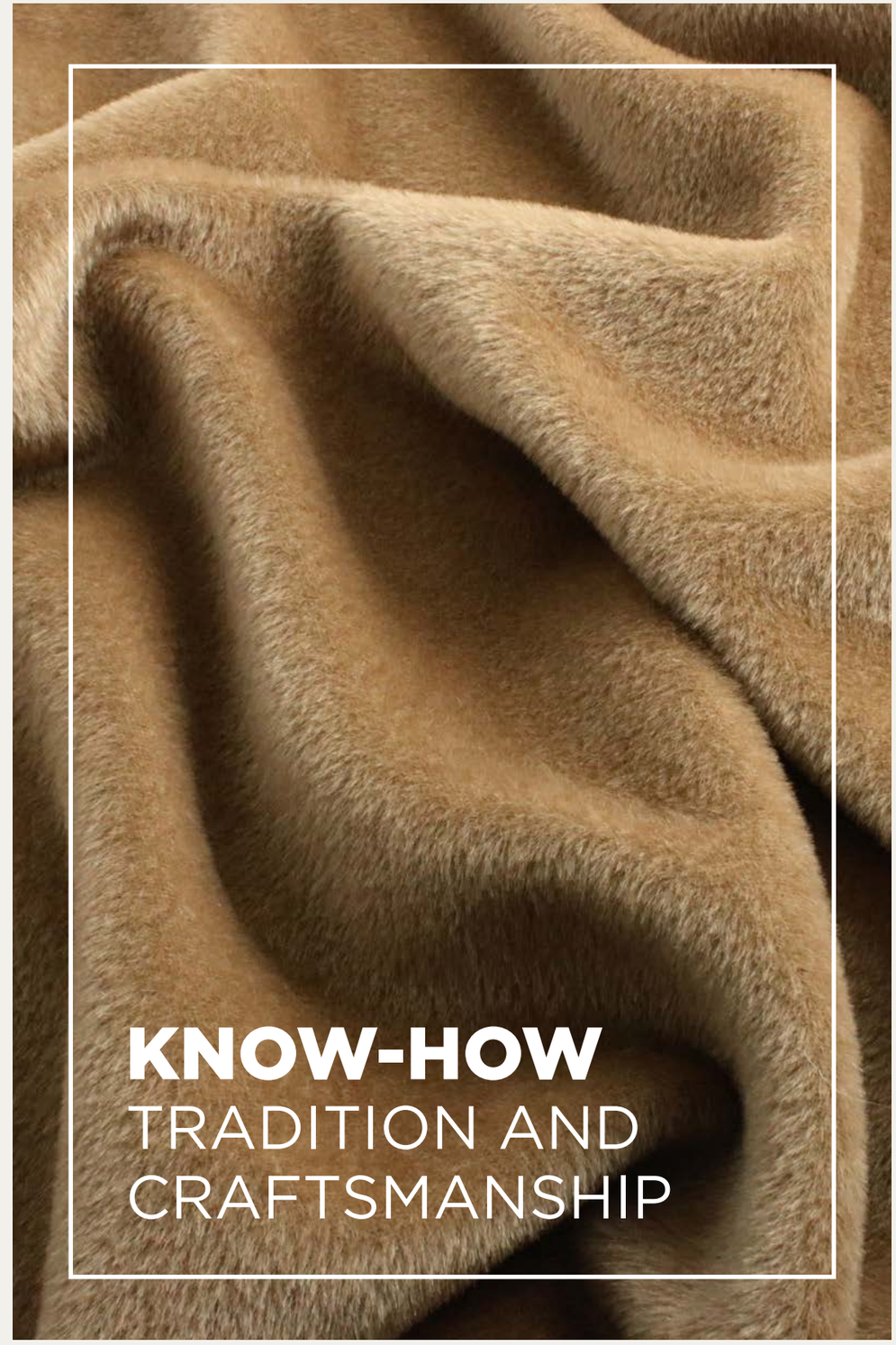
2022

Between 2022 and early 2023, the company took an important step towards strengthening the Menchi brand by acquiring a majority stake in a well-established textile manufacturing business, Manifattura Tessuti Pantex.

Today, Menchi looks to the future, focusing on innovation and sustainability to raise awareness and promote conscious consumption.

Dedication, a keen eye for detail, strict quality standards, and our willingness to face and overcome novel challenges have made us what we are today: **a pioneer company that leads the way in the global market.**

Menchi fabrics are the result of a complex manufacturing process directed by highly qualified experts.



KNOW-HOW

Expertise, polished craftsmanship, proficiency in fabric finishing, and a passion for creativity are our hallmarks. These distinctive traits allow Lanificio Menchi to create timeless products that meet the needs of a discerning clientele.

Our company is a dynamic, vibrant organism with the energy of its team as a driving force. In turn, the crew itself is highly valued, nurtured, and motivated via inclusive, respectful company practices and constant training.

Every Lanificio Menchi fabric shows how important our people are: they are the ones who have been weaving our successes for 60+ years.

Fibers travel a long way to become a Menchi fabric. Their complex journey, led by our team of highly-skilled professionals, begins with the choice of the raw materials and continues with the selection of blends, carefully balanced to create exquisite colors and evocative compositions.

Our talented team of designers has a natural flair for crafting unique, high-quality fabrics. This allows them to successfully interpret each client's distinctive requirements and ideate impeccable tailor-made solutions.

Finishing, carried out by a highly-qualified team of experts, turns our fabrics into veritable works of art.

The Menchi team evolves by the day, proving we have what it takes to tackle ever-changing challenges, including sustainability and creative renewal.

To address the ethical need for lower environmental impact and increasing demand for sustainable fabrics, the company now has a chemical manager in charge of monitoring parameters and complying with the requirements for obtaining environmental certifications.

To pass a universe of knowledge on to future generations and have access to fresh ideas and new perspectives, Menchi trains young talents by pairing them with senior professionals.

This brings on a constant flow of modern variations and future-facing reworkings that meet the desires and needs of a clientele ever more on a quest for novelties.

MENCHI TODAY

We began as a small family-run wool mill. Today, Lanificio Menchi is a well-structured business with over 40 employees, headquarters covering 6,800 square meters in the heart of the Prato textile district, and an extensive clientele that comprises some of the world's leading fashion brands.

We decided to invest in production to consolidate our brand and upgrade key production phases, such as weaving and spinning, via internal sourcing. Over time, this strategy will allow our company more control over the production chain and product quality. It will also help us streamline delivery times and fulfill our client's needs.

The team is the strength and core of our production process: flexible schedules, open communication, support and empowerment of women, and training of young people have helped us create a rich and positive work environment.

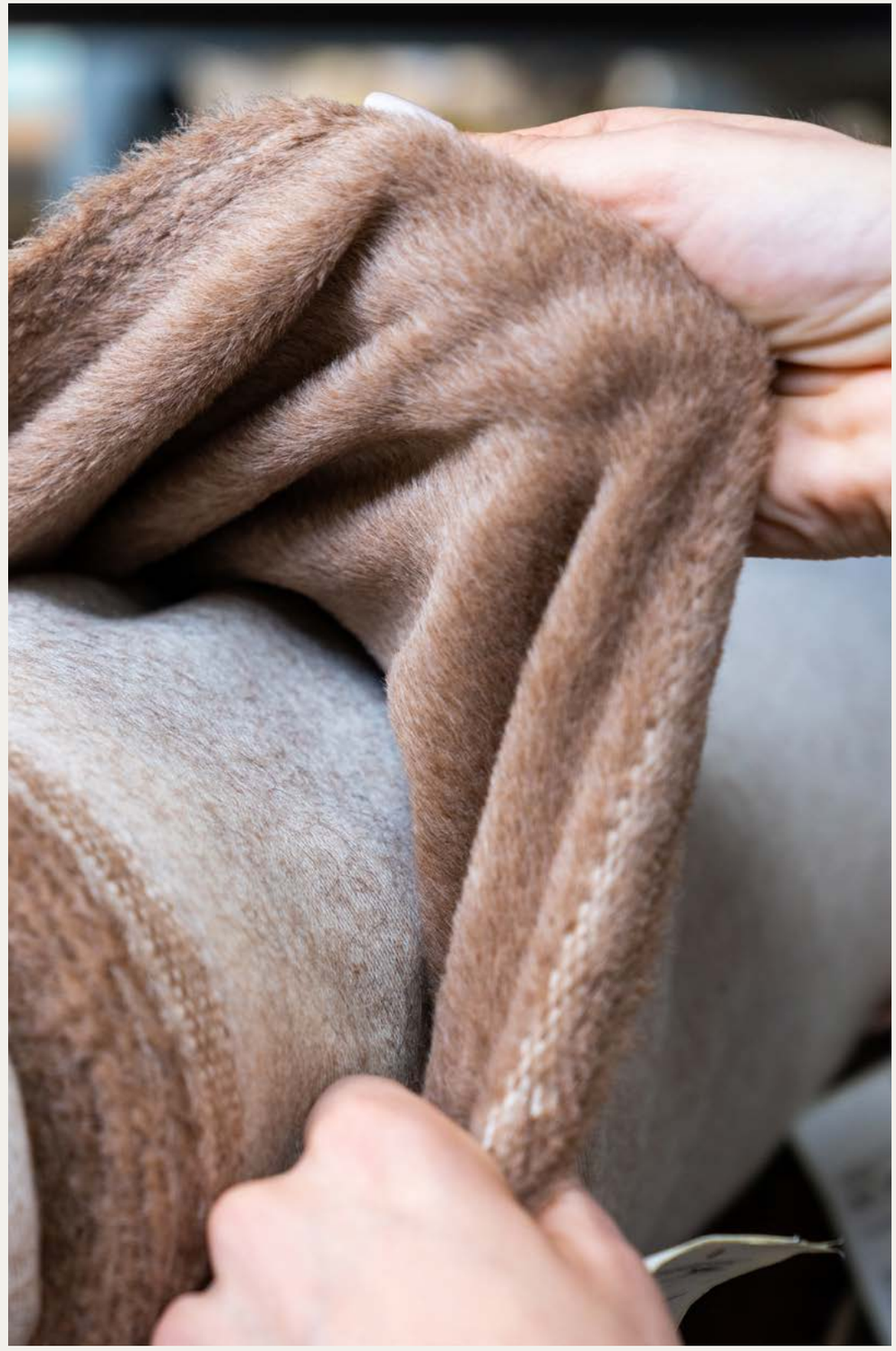
Strategically based in the heart of a time-honored industrial hub that is a cornerstone of “Made in Italy,” Lanificio Menchi crafts exclusive tailor-designed proposals and translates contemporary tastes into collections that sync with today’s trends.

DISCOVER QUALITY HANDS-ON

The Lanificio Menchi Showroom is the showcase of our collections and the mirror that reflects our team's expertise and inventiveness. This is where our customers discover our new creations hands-on and fully appreciate the quality of each fabric by touching it.

We designed the Showroom carefully, to provide our clients with a unique, engaging, and unhurried experience in a comfortable setting where they can see and touch the fabrics at leisure. Our expert staff welcomes each guest upon arrival and remains at disposal throughout the visit to provide technical details and advice if and when needed.

Atmosphere and exclusivity make our Showroom an ideal place to imagine a collection, or a single piece, and find the Menchi fabric that will best enhance it.



DRIVERS OF SUCCESS

Passion, quality, and innovation are what we're all about.

We strive to create timeless products that successfully embody contemporary tastes and interpret the latest trends.

Long-standing traditions, a thirst for renewal, and cutting-edge technical skills allow us to safeguard and enhance our heritage.

Today, our legacy unfolds in the meticulous day-to-day monitoring of the production chain and adherence to environmental standards, as attested by our certifications.

Close supervision of the production cycle, both in the outsourced phases and in-house, enables us to provide a range of appealing options and guarantee excellent value for money.

Thanks to these success drivers, the Menchi team nurtures poetry, the essence of fashion par excellence, by linking it to modern demands: respect for sustainability standards and attention to our client's budgets.

Menchi employs an exclusive production process. Quality, sustainability, and the pursuit of excellence are our primary values.

THE PRODUCTION
A METICULOUS PROCESS

CERTIFICATIONS

Committed to reducing the environmental footprint, Lanificio Menchi plays an active role in building a more ethical and sustainable textile industry.

To do our part in giving future generations a better world and a healthier and cleaner planet, we comply with current regulations and monitor our performance with a view to constant improvement.

Research and technological innovation are the mainstays of a company strategy that aims to reduce the emission of pollutants by complying with increasingly restrictive limits on the presence of hazardous chemicals in our fabrics.

To this end, Menchi has obtained, and strives to maintain, the following certification

Global Recycle Standard:

a certification promoted by the Textile Exchange that encourages the use of recycled materials in the textile industry. Menchi, certified since 2017, uses GRS fibers from in-house scrap recovery as well as pre-purchased GRS material.

Responsible Wool Standard:

certifies every stage of the manufacturing process, from breeding to the finished product and sourcing of wool from responsible farms. Menchi obtained this certification in 2018.

Global Organic Textile Standard:

the most important international standard for the sustainable production of textile products made from organically-grown natural fibers, such as cotton and wool. Every fabric we produce contains at least 70% organic natural fibers. Menchi achieved the GOTS certification in 2021.

Better Cotton Initiative:

the BCI prompts textile manufacturers to buy cotton from farms deemed sustainable from environmental and social perspectives. BCI farmers produce cotton minimizing both water consumption and the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Menchi has been supporting this project since 2020.

THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Quality, sustainability, and the pursuit of excellence are the value pillars that support the Menchi manufacturing process.

The story of every Menchi fabric starts with the choice of raw materials, which are handpicked with the help of select certified suppliers, paying close attention to their origin and sustainability.

Once the raw materials have been chosen, our team of creative highly-skilled designers plan and design the fabric by combining craftsmanship with state-of-the-art technology.

Weaving follows: it's performed by state-of-the-art machinery to ensure the utmost accuracy and quality. Finally, the fabric undergoes rigorous quality control and finishing treatments.

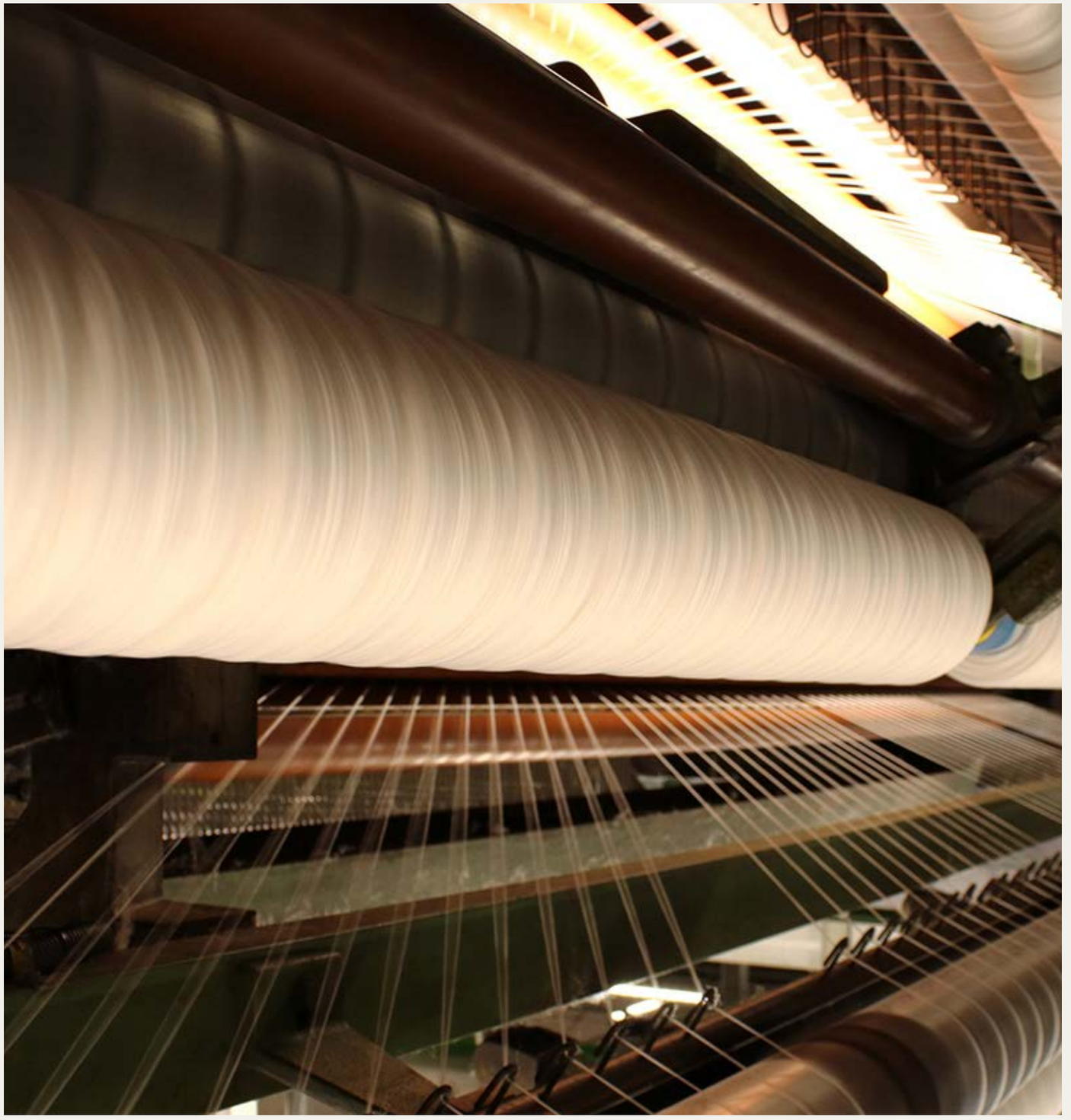
This integrated production process, and our partnership with select certified suppliers, allow Lanificio Menchi to produce top-quality environmentally sustainable fabrics for the Mimì and Menchi collections and tailor-made ones created especially for our most discerning clients.

RAW MATERIALS

Using choice top-class fibers is essential. At Lanificio Menchi, we strive to source raw materials that meet the highest quality standards.

The range of fibers we use the most include the finest: cashmere, alpaca, camel, and wool. To offer a diverse range of fabrics we also combine them with silk, linen, cotton, hemp, and viscose. Our technical experts burn the midnight oil to create new combinations and leading-edge fabrics.

They use regenerated and virgin fibers in blends, for instance, to craft low-impact sustainable fabrics.



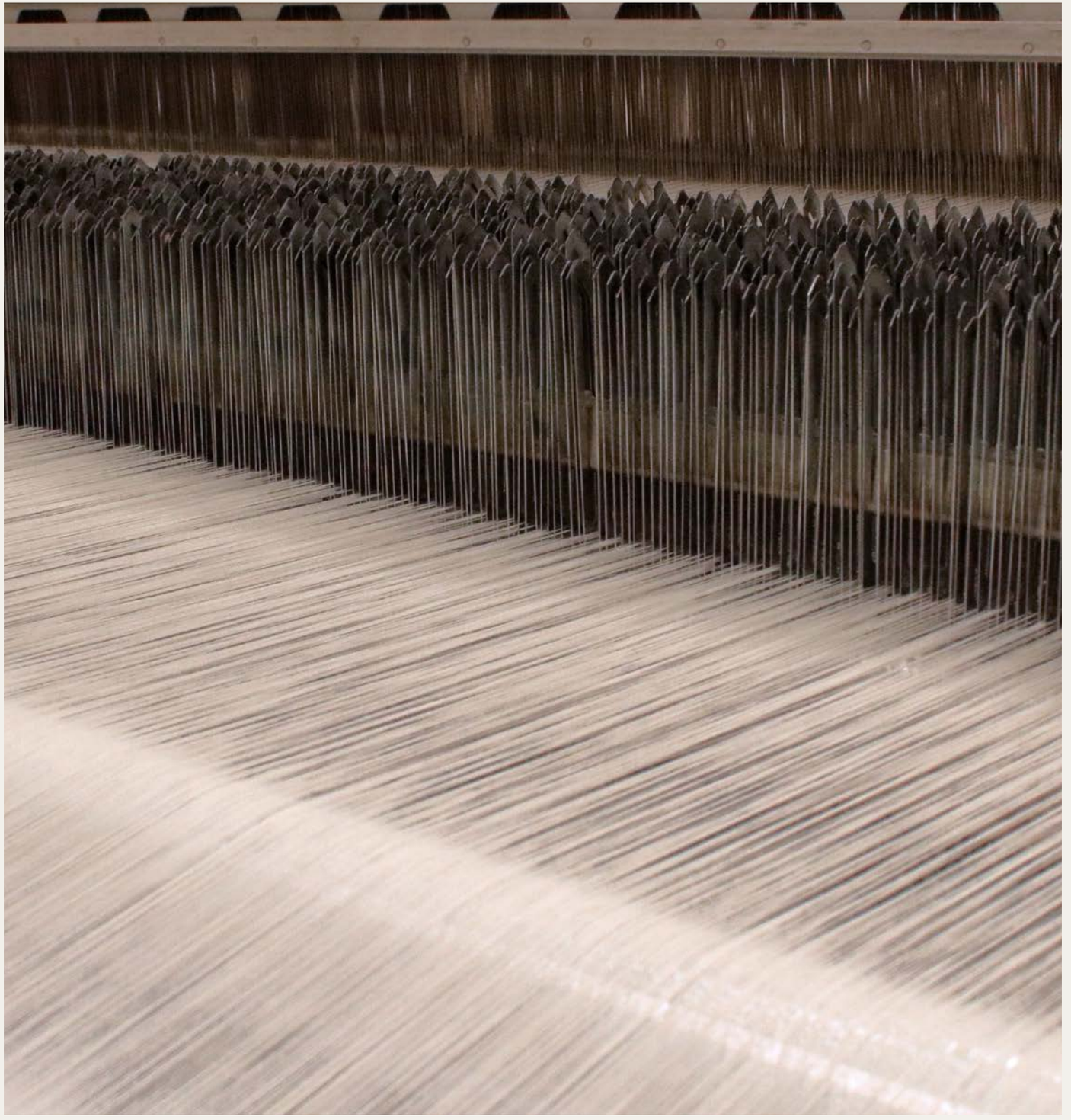
SPINNING

Spinning is the process that transforms natural, that is to say obtained from plants or animal sources, or synthetic fibers into yarn. The fibers are gathered, or harvested, cleaned, processed, and aligned.

Then, using a spinning wheel, they are pulled and stretched to create a single “strip” of yarn. Finally, the yarn is wound onto a spindle or bobbin for further processing.

WARPING

Warping is the process that yields the basic structure (warp) that will be interwoven with the weft threads to form a fabric. The warp threads go through several processes and then are wound onto a warp beam that will feed the machinery during the weaving process.



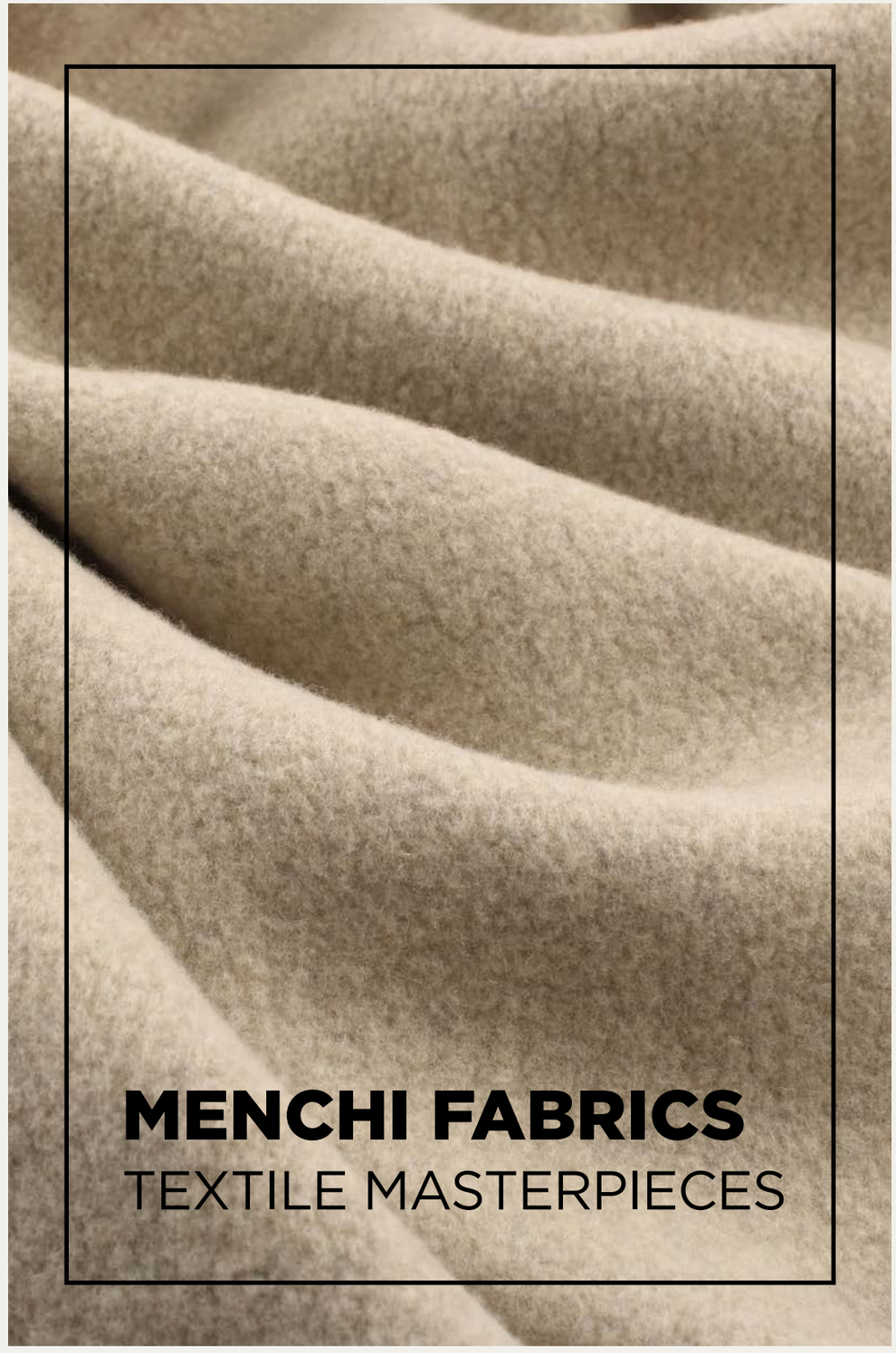
WEAVING

Weaving, a method that dates back to prehistoric times, is a crucial step in the textile manufacturing process. Menchi partners with long-established weaving mills in the Prato district to create high-quality textiles. The weavers and our technical experts perform daily quality checks. Weaving is when a fabric comes to life, ready to be perfected and enhanced.

FINISHING

Finishing, a key stage in the manufacturing process, gives fabrics the desired appearance and physical properties.
This stage includes specific treatments that enhance a fabric's properties and make it suitable for its intended use.
The Menchi team constantly monitors the different stages of the finishing process.
Experience and proficiency allow us to obtain an exquisite, flawless, high-quality final product.

Every Menchi fabric tells a unique story, an ever-changing journey portrayed in every feature.



OUR PRODUCTS

Lanificio Menchi has been manufacturing precious fabrics, beloved by some of the world's leading designer brands, for over 60 years.

Each Menchi fabric tells a story, a fascinating journey of hard work, passion, and attention to detail that leads to excellence.

The techniques we use include:

Double or shaved weaves, to enhance the fine qualities of alpaca and camel.

Quilted or double fabrics, that can be tailored to create sophisticated, valuable garments.

Boiled fabrics, which give a vintage look.

Jacquard, which highlights the quality of our best blends, in keeping with current trends, thanks to its unique patterns.

Special weaves, to enhance the feel of our range of fabrics in varying weights and compositions.

Inimitable creative expressions woven into timeless fabrics, forging unique creations.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Every year, Menchi presents a Fall-Winter collection, which comprises the Mimì and the Menchi line, and a Spring-Summer collection.

The Mimì collection features precious fiber blends enhanced by distinctive workmanship that highlights the elegance and quality of each fabric.

This collection tells our story and celebrates our heritage, presenting a range of fabrics rich in old-world charm with a wonderfully modern soul.

The Menchi collection is rooted in tradition and looks to the future. Its distinctive contemporary style translates present-day trends and moods into fabrics. Over 90% of the Menchi collection fabrics are sustainably produced.

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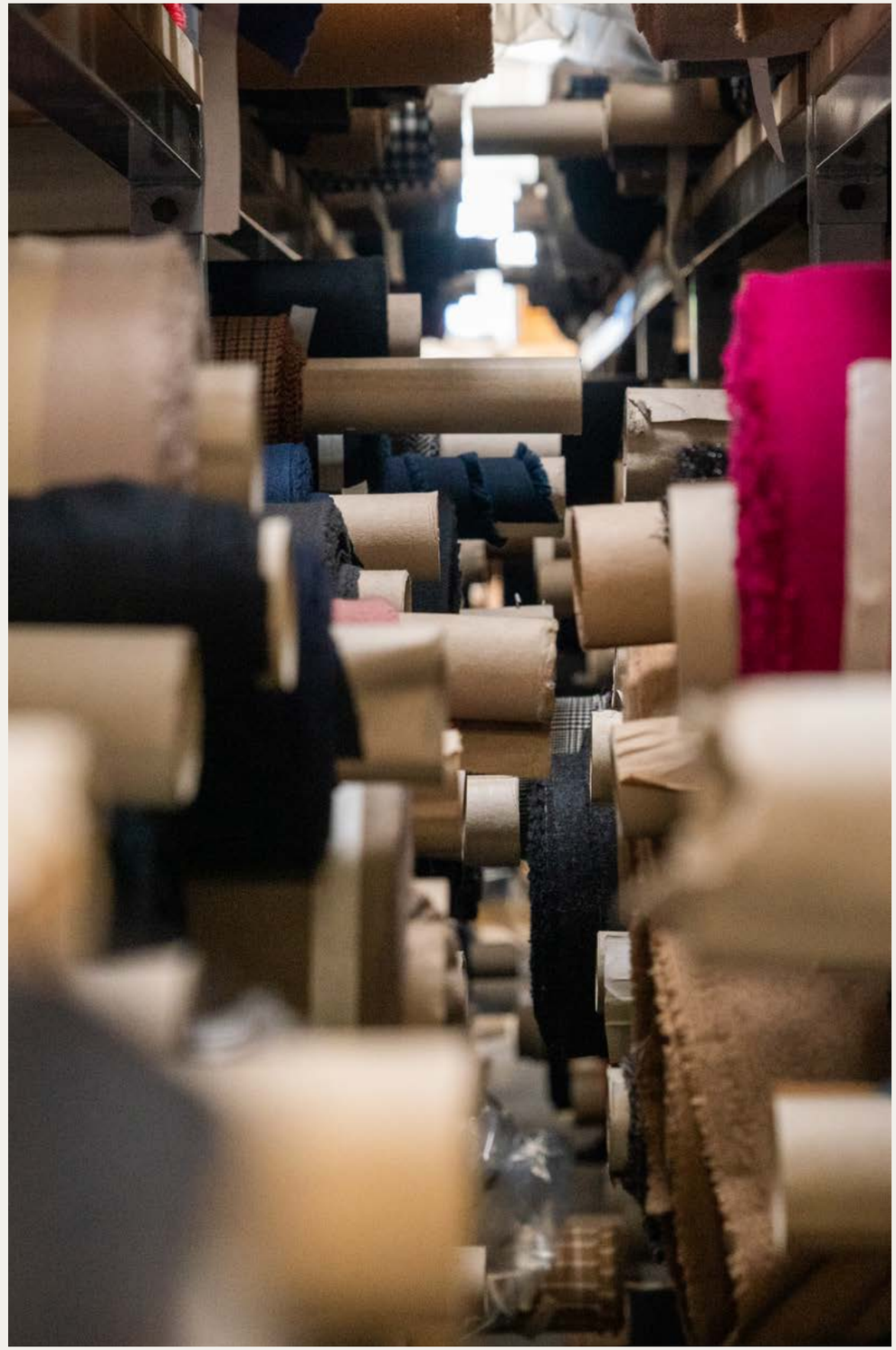
THE MENCHI ARCHIVE

The Menchi historical archive is a treasure chest filled with priceless knowledge and invaluable tales.

The fabrics it shelters tell the story of our wool mill and its homeland, allowing us to retrace our history back to the 1960s and safeguard our rich traditional legacy. Each fabric is unique, born of years of passionate work and research, and all have extraordinary historical and cultural value.

Our archive also provides an unparalleled source of inspiration. Our team can freely browse through these treasures, study them, and rework iconic items to create new fabrics and uniquely evocative collections. Historical fabrics are a testament to the craftsmanship, creativity, and ingenuity of the weavers of yesteryear, and can be used to create new garments or modern fabrics.

By not forgetting the past while facing the future, we keep the memory of the textile tradition alive and foster the culture of “Made in Italy”.



Each piece results from a long journey toward excellence and quality.

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