



foreign investors that can penetrate the global market. promoting the further modernization of the textile sector with the aim of attracting advantage over other countries and regions. The Ethiopian Government is actively raw materials, low wages and low energy costs. This gives the country a comparative Available within Ethiopia are all essential ingredients for a competitive textile industry: cotton. textile sector, with garment factories relying heavily on domestically produced Blue Nile and Tekeze River basins.

The production of cotton is well integrated into the cotton cultivation in Ethiopia, especially in the Omo-Gibe, Wabi Shebelle, Baro Akobo, is cultivated by small-scale farmers. There still exists huge potential for the expansion of than 50,000 hectares under cultivation. Another 45,000 hectares of high-quality cotton production is carried out under irrigation, mainly in the Awash Valley, which has more potential for the textile industries is the local production of cotton. Large-scale The basis for the full cycle of business opportunities and the enormous growth markets. factories produce shirts, suits, work clothes and uniforms for national and foreign mostly work-wear garments for the domestic market. Numerous privately-owned spinning, weaving and processing.

Ethiopia has five public textile factories producing garment factory was established. The country's current textiles industry encompasses Ethiopia's long history in textiles began in 1939 when, under Italian occupation, the first markets. other natural fibers and Ethiopia's access to domestic, regional and international enormous export potential is made possible by the wide availability of raw cotton and helped by the country's impressive economic growth over the past years. Ethiopia's presence of a cheap, skilled and highly-motivated workforce. This surge has been Ethiopia's textiles and clothing industry is undergoing major development.

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