





# ETHIOPIAN HOME TEXTILES MANUFACTURER KOMBOLCHA PARTNERS WITH BOTTOM UP! ETHIOPIA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Kombolcha is a vertically integrated Ethiopian home textiles factory, producing bed sheets, pillow cases, towels, poplins and more. The company employs around 1400 people in the town of Kombolcha since 1986. It is working with the Bottom UP! development programme to establish itself in the international garment market.



## **COMPANY HISTORY AND VISION**

Kombolcha Textile company is an integrated textile mill established in 1986 as a public enterprise with a design & attainable capacity of 22 & 18 million square meters of fabric per year respectively. It is owned by Tiret Corporate since September, 2017.

#### PRODUCTS

Bed sheets, pillow cases, twill, terry towels, bed covers, sheeting, poplins and variable count cotton yarns.

## **MARKETS AND STRATEGY**

The company is producing primarily for the local and regional market, but also exporting to wholesalers in Italy, Turkey and China. It is Kombolcha's aim to diversify its product portfolio and to expand further into the international market.

#### CSR

Kombolcha is both <u>OEKO-TEX®</u> 100 and <u>ISO 9001/14001:2015</u> certified. The company is in the process of acquiring the <u>WRAP</u> certification.

## **BOTTOM UP! ETHIOPIA**

Kombolcha is working with the <u>Bottom UP! Ethiopia</u> programme. <u>Solidaridad Ethiopia</u>, <u>DIEH</u> and MVO Nederland run this EU-sponsored development programme aimed at increasing options for European buyers to source ethically from Ethiopia.

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