

Apparel Trade Scenario in Key Global Markets and India

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Executive Summary

Apparel Imports Update in Key Markets

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- EU apparel imports in Mar 2023 has decreased by 9% compared to Mar 2022 and were US\$ 7.7 Bn in value. On YTD basis, the imports are 1% higher than in 2022.
- In the EU apparel market, Bangladesh's share witnessed an increase of 4% from 2021 and, China's share decreased by 5%.

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- UK apparel imports in Mar 2023 were US\$ 1.8 Bn. which is 18% lower than in Mar 2022. On YTD basis, the imports in 2023 are 14% lower than in 2022.
- In the UK apparel market, share of China have decreased by 5%, since 2021.

Japan

- In Mar 2023, Japan's apparel imports were US\$ 2.3 Bn. which is 10% higher than that in Mar 2022. On YTD basis, the imports are 3% higher than in 2022.
- In Japan's apparel imports, Vietnam's share increased by 2%, whereas that of China declined by 8% compared to 2021.

Retail Sales Update in Key Markets

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- In Q1 2023, US' online sales of clothing and accessories registered a growth of 2% over Q1 2022 and were 32% lower than Q4 2022 sales.
- In Mar 2023, UK's monthly apparel store sales were £ 4.2 Bn. which is 11% higher than in Mar 2022. On YTD basis, the sales were 14% higher than in 2022.
- In Q1 2023, UK's online sales of clothing registered a growth of 13% over Q1 2022.

Indian Apparel Exports Update

- In Apr 2023, India's apparel exports are estimated to fall further down to US\$ 1.2 Bn., which is 25% lower than in Apr 2022 exports. On YTD basis, the exports were 13% lower than in 2022.
- In India's apparel export basket, UAE's share has decreased by 6% whereas France's and UK's share has increased by 1% each, since 2021.



Apparel Imports Update in Key Markets

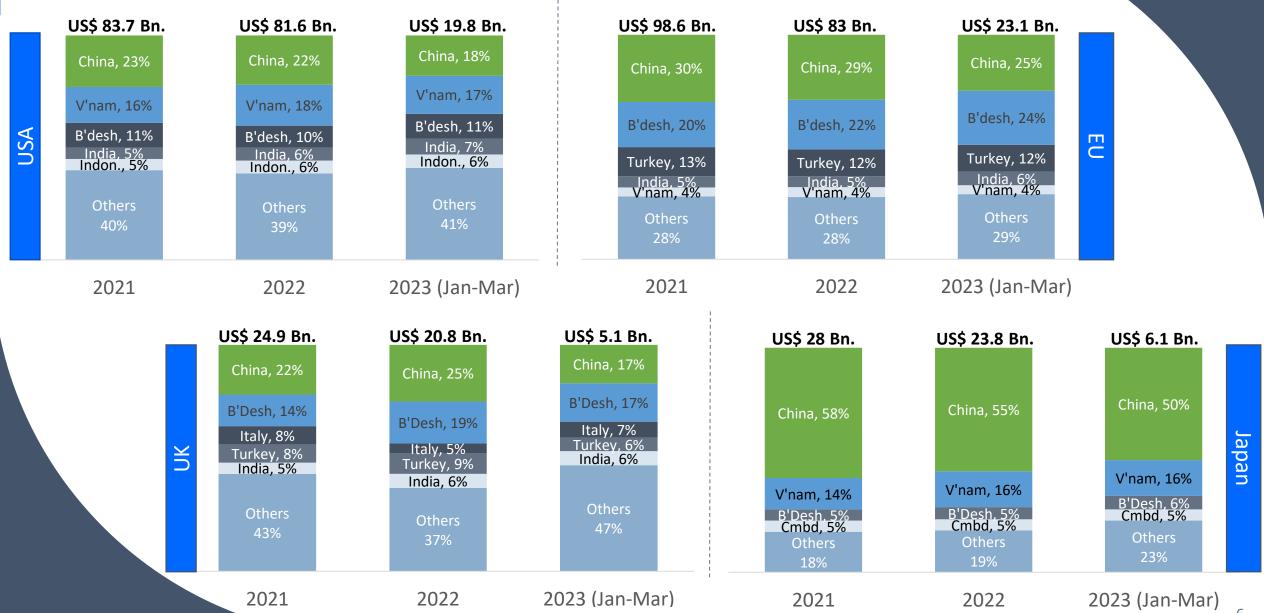
Monthly Apparel Imports of Key Markets



Region	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	CY Total
USA	2022	7.5	7.5	9.3	8.1	8.5	8.6	9.3	10.4	9.6	8.2	6.3	6.5	24.3	99.8
	2023	7.3	6.2	6.3										19.8	
	Change	-3%	-17%	-32%										-19%	
	2022	6.9	7.5	8.5	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.2	10.7	10.6	9	7.2	7.6	22.9	99.1
EU	2023	8.2	7.2	7.7										23.1	
	Change	19%	-4%	-9%										1%	
UK	2022	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.9	2	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.8	5.9	24.2
	2023	1.7	1.6	1.8										5.1	
	Change	-11%	-11%	-18%										-14%	
	2022	2.1	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.1	1.8	5.9	24.8
Japan	2023	2.2	1.6	2.3										6.1	
	Change	5%	-6%	10%										3%	
Total	2022	18.4	18.5	22.1	19.1	20.0	19.8	21.3	25.9	25.1	22.2	17.8	17.7	59.0	247.9
(Key Markets)	2023	19.4	16.6	18.1										54.1	
	Change	5%	-10%	-18%										-8%	

Share of Major Suppliers in Key Markets





Data Source: UN Comtrade & UK's ONS

Key Takeaways



USA

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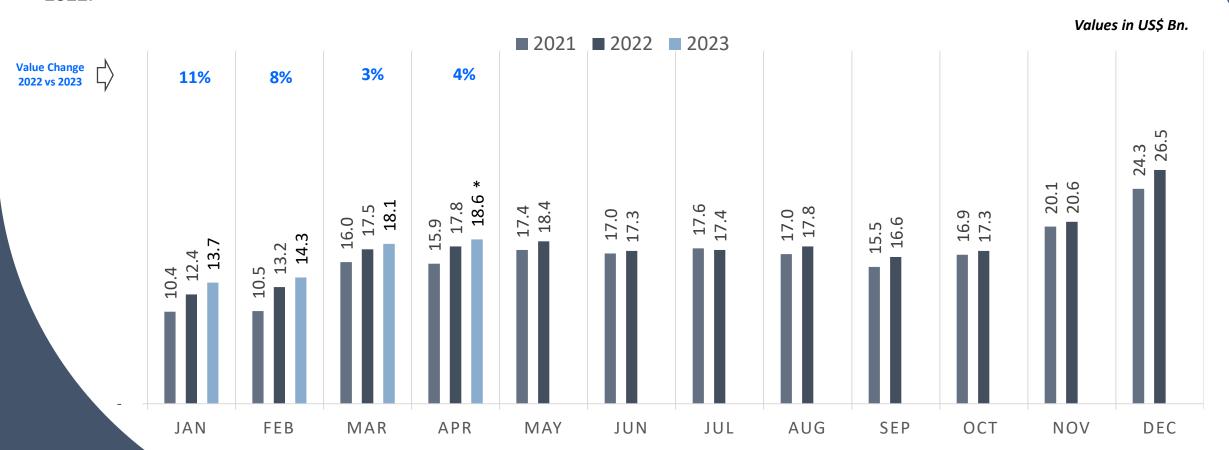
Retail Sales Update in Key Markets



US Apparel Store Sales Trend

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Year	Jan-Apr	Jan-Dec
2021	52.8	198.5
2022	60.9 (+15%)	212.8 (+7%)
2023	45.6* (+6%)	

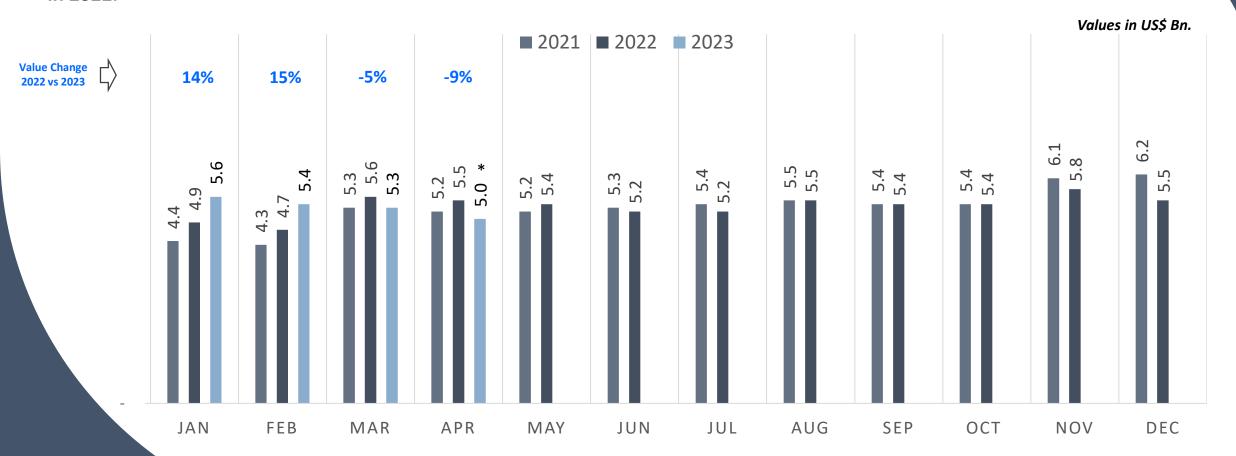




US Home Furnishings Store Sales Trend

In Apr 2023, US monthly home furnishing store sales are estimated to be US\$ 5.0 Bn. which is 9% less than in Apr 2022. On YTD basis, the sales were 3% higher than in 2022.

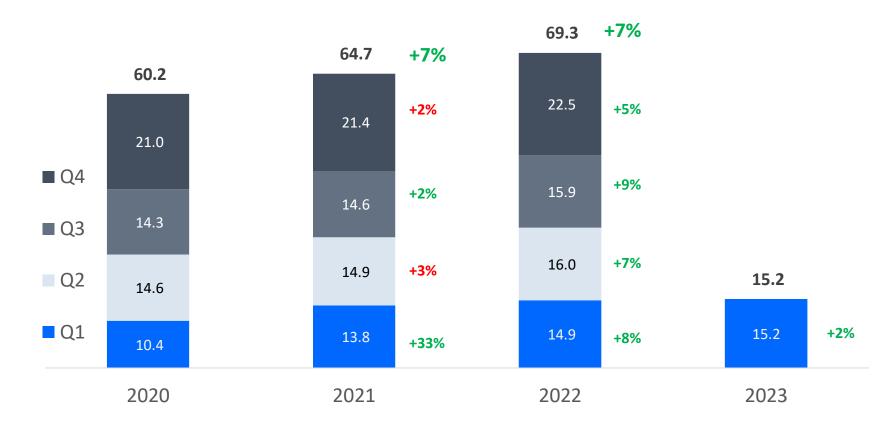
Year	Jan-Apr	Jan-Dec			
2021	19.2	63.7			
2022	20.7 (+8%)	64.1 (+1%)			
2023	21.3 (+3%)				







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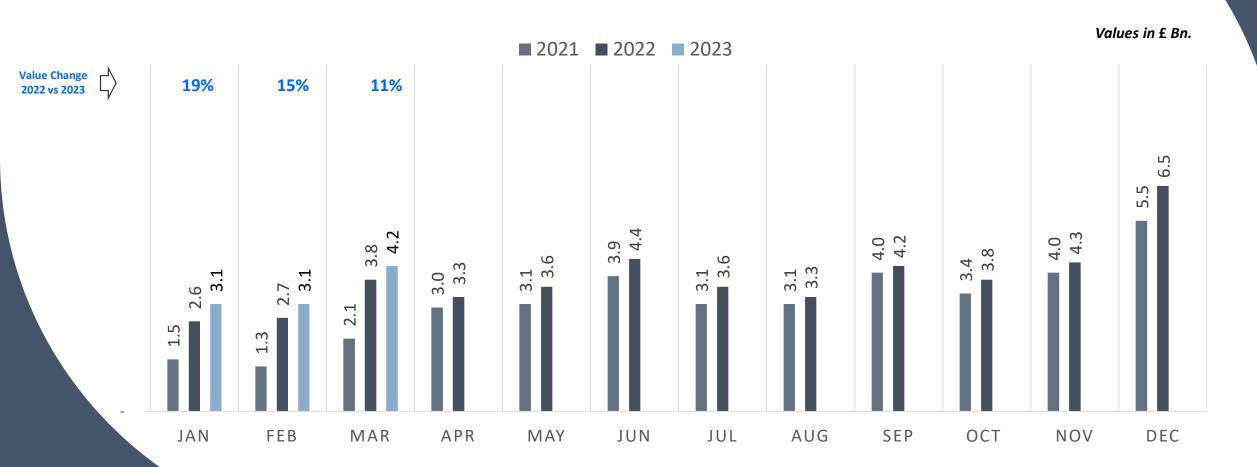
Values in US\$ Bn.



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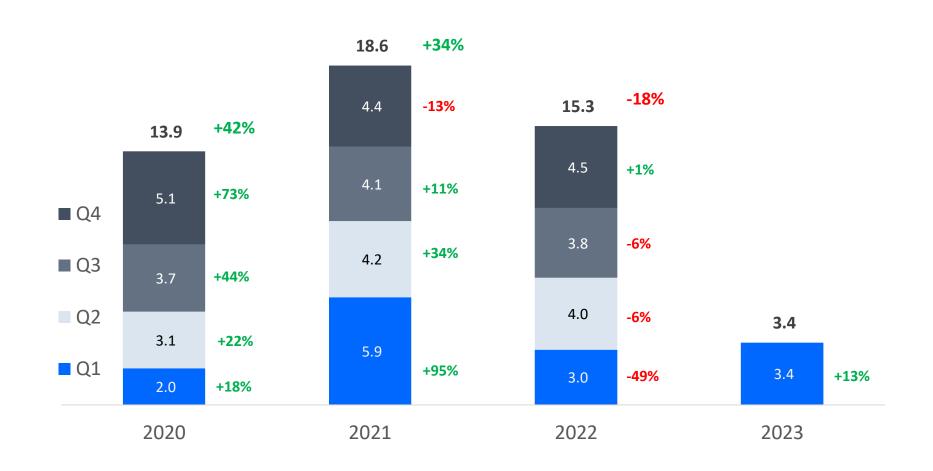
Year	Jan - Mar	Jan - Dec
2021	4.9	38.1
2022	9.1 (+86%)	46.1 (+21%)
2023	10.4 (+14%)	



UK Clothing E-Commerce Sales



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Values in £ Bn.



Indian Apparel Exports Update



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2022	6.4 (+21%)	16.7 (+12%)
2023	5.6 (-13%)	







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