

Curriculum vitae

Robin Anson is a leading worldwide authority on textile and apparel industry strategy and trade issues with a career spanning 45 years in textile manufacturing, textile education and textile business information publishing. He is a graduate in Chemical Engineering from the University of Leeds, UK, and has an MBA in Management Science from the University of Warwick. His career in the textile and apparel industry started when he joined the Courtaulds Group as quality control manager at a towel production facility near Manchester in the UK. Subsequently, he became production controller at Courtaulds' Skelmersdale plant in Lancashire, UK, which was then the largest single-floor weaving factory in Western Europe. After seven years at Courtaulds, Mr Anson left to become director of the BSc course in Textile Economics and Management at UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology) where he taught textile industry economics and management to students from around the world.

In 1985 Robin Anson was invited to join The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in London to establish and develop a textile industry publishing division. In the same year he launched the publication *Textile Outlook International*, which quickly established a presence in over 50 countries. In 1992 he founded Textiles Intelligence as a spin-off from the EIU and became managing director, a position he holds today.

As well as his role in Textiles Intelligence, Robin Anson writes for textile and apparel publications, speaks frequently at textile industry conferences around the world, and is a commentator on textile industry issues in the financial press and on radio and television -- including the BBC World Service. He was recently invited to be a special advisor to the BBC in connection with a new documentary film being made about the UK textile industry.