

## Land of opportunity or land of turbulence?

The recent history and trends that are shaping the South American nonwovens market

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### **Fitesa**









### Our history starts in 1973

Fitesa was founded to produce PP packaging, carpet backing and fibers for textile applications

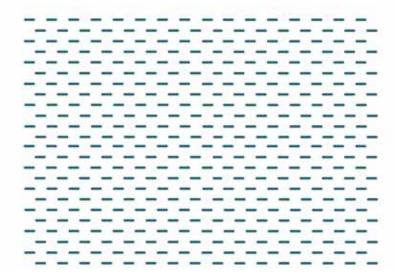
Nonwoven Capacity, all technologies

2023. New Reicofil line with special capabilities for sustainable raw materials in Europe 2021 - 2022. Expansion of the wipes and meltblown capacities New Reicofil lines in Brazil and US **2020**. FitesaCNC expansion Freudenberg Hygiene Brazil Acquisition Fiber Dynamics, Inc Acquisition Tredegar Personal Care Acquisition 2018. FitesaCNC joint-venture 2017. Pantex Acquisition 2012. JV Acquisition and Peru start-up 2009. Joint-Venture for the Americas

1989. Fitesa starts producing spunbond nonwovens in Gravataí, RS (Brazil)

2006. First Reicofil state-of-the art line

### **Markets and Trends**







Hygiene

Baby Care Fem Care Adult Care

#### Developing Market

- Purchasing power
- Political and economic instability

#### Global players

- KC and P&G
- Daio (Santher), Drylock (Capricho), Essity, Ontex (Hypermarcas), Unicharm
- Private label

### Baby Care

- Product "sofistication" process
  - Pant style and elastic components remain "niche"
  - Driven by Market Leaders
  - Interrupted by the pandemic (cost reduction initiatives)

#### Sustainability

• Green Products remain niche



Healthcare

Surgical Protection Respiratory Protection Overall Protection Cleaning and Sanitization

- Developing Market
  - Highly impacted by the pandemic
  - Technical standards
  - Sanitizing wipes
- Local manufacturing
  - Growing imports of finished products from China
- Essentials
  - Cost and Performance
  - Functional (antimicrobial nonwoven for face masks)



Industrial

- "Pulverized" Market
  - High number of companies and applications
- Local manufacturing
- Essentials
  - Cost

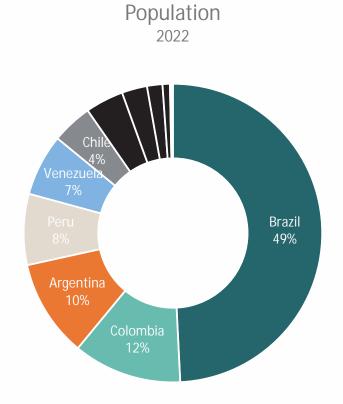
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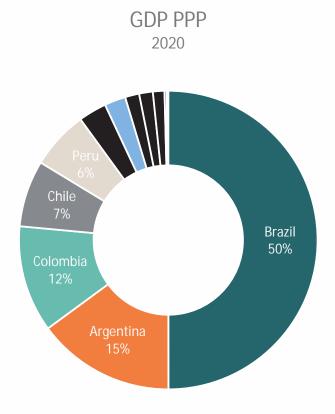


# Economy and Demography Source: The World Bank, IMF

	South America			2030		
Indicator	2010	2022	2030	US	EU	ASEAN
Population 0-4 years (MM people)	33.35	31.87 (-4.5%)	<b>29.95</b> (-6.0%)	20.69	19.77	53.42
Female Population 15-49 years (MM people)	106.12	114.71 (+8.1%)	115.84 (+1.0%)	78.09	87.68	181.42
Population 65+ (MM people)	27.85	44.18 (+58.6%)	<b>59.11</b> (+33.8%)	70.42	109.69	74.83
Urbanization (Urban population/Total population)	82.3%	84.9%	86.5%	84.9%	77.5%	55.7%
GDP PPP (trillions of international dollars)	5.43	6.31 (+16.2%)	8. <b>61</b> (+36.47%)	29.10	27.17	13.07

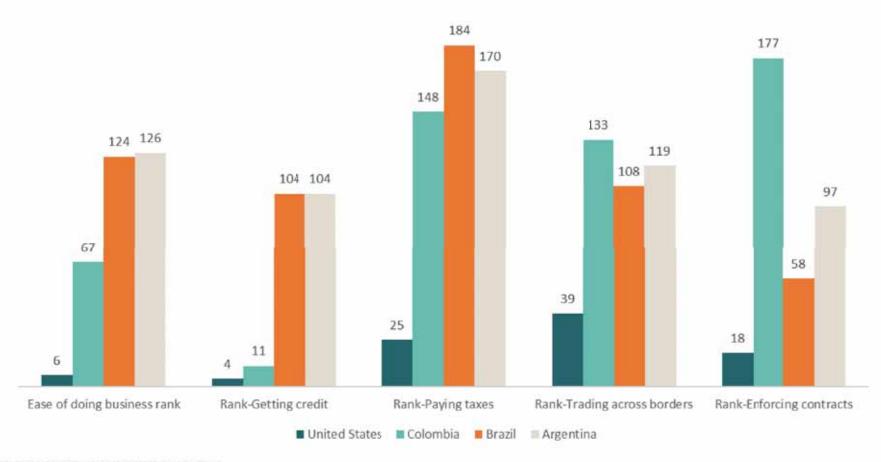
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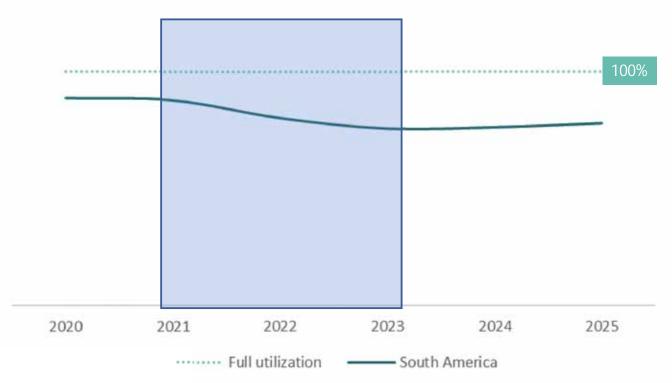
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Spunlaid
Producers

Ease of Doing Business

### **Business Environment**

Source: Fitesa, UN Comtrade





Net importer of nonwovens 2019 imports were 159% higher than exports

### Mix of different countries and cultures

Market Potential

### Instability

- COVID-19 Pandemic/Crisis
- Logistic Challenges
- Land for the strong-hearted... but that was clear in the myth of the El Dorado.

### Conclusion

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