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3 CT companies named to list of 'world's 50 most innovative.' What they do.



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Three [startup businesses](#) in Connecticut have been named to a “[World’s 50 Most Innovative Companies](#)” list for 2025.

The three companies each was partially funded by [Connecticut Innovations](#), the state’s strategic “venture capital arm.”

CI says it offers “equity and debt investments, strategic guidance and introductions” to partners, to help businesses.

The [three companies](#) were named among the “World’s 50 Most Innovative Companies” list for 2025 by [Fast Company](#). The site looks at latest trends and topics in business, innovation, technology, work life and design, it notes.

Fast Company said that, In addition to its top 50 list, it reviewed 609 organizations across 58 sectors and regions.

The three CT companies to make the top 50 list include:

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[Athletic Brewing](#) (Milford), a [non-alcoholic beverage company](#) “revolutionizing the craft beer industry, cliche spot number 32 in the overall list and took the [#1 spot in the food category.](#)”



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[P2 Science](#) (Woodbridge), a green chemistry company “that’s creating high performance, clean ingredient solutions, scored a #2 ranking in the manufacturing sector.”



“This is some rarefied air, as these dynamic companies join other tech stalwarts on the list such as Nvidia, YouTube and Duolingo,” said CI CEO Matt McCooe, in a statement.

See the entire list [here](#).

“Connecticut founders’ appetite for risk and gritty approach to building their businesses are now putting us where we belong, alongside the best of the best. This is exactly what Governor Lamont campaigned on when he talked about “CT getting back our mojo.”



The CI company noted, that in Oct. 2022, Gov. Ned Lamont tweeted, “When it comes to Connecticut, I think we’re getting our mojo back. We’ve had a record number of new businesses start up in recent years, and businesses are moving to or expanding in our towns and cities. Positives build on positives.”)

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