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SEE WHICH COMPANY IS TRENDING AND GROWING IN 2025

As the world shifts and industries transform, the World's Most Innovative Companies aren't just keeping up. They are setting the pace. Fast Company's annual look at the most groundbreaking companies in every industry and across the globe offers a snapshot of innovation today and a playbook for the future.

The companies on this year's Top 50 list are making what once seemed impossible a reality.

Waymo, this year's No. 1 company, has taken robotaxis out of the realm of science fiction and put them to work on city streets. Rocket Lab is sending small payloads into orbit with unprecedented precision and increasing cadence. HistoSonics is using ultrasound waves to obliterate cancerous tumors. Athletic Brewing is popularizing NA beer, while Nuuly is turning a profit on clothing rentals. DeepSeek is engineering new ways to build state-of-the-art AI models—and sharing its approach with others.

This year, companies found meaningful new applications for AI, helping employees (Glean), coders (Anysphere), doctors (Abridge), and others tackle their jobs more efficiently. But in an era defined by automation, some of the smartest companies are turning unpredictability into an asset, from Duolingo and its chaotic owl mascot to Kendrick Lamar's creative agency, pgLang, and heavy-metal water brand Liquid Death.

Other companies have met the moment and redefined it. Watch Duty helped Angelenos navigate their city's devastating fires. Robinhood raised the stakes for day traders pursuing the new American dream. Chainalysis brought needed transparency to the crypto industry. And Bluesky freed social media, at last, from corporate control.

With the pace of change accelerating, businesses have to prepare for both the challenges of today and ones they have yet to identify. It's a daunting task. But the process of selecting these winners—and the 50 others that chronicle forward-looking organizations in sectors from advertising to video—gave us a glimpse into the future.

1. Waymo
For steering robotaxis into the fast lane
2. Nvidia
For powering the AI boom, whatever form it takes
3. Nubank
For tailoring banking products to Latin American families—even kids
4. WNBA
For posting up when it mattered
5. BYD
For engineering EVs that are ultra-affordable, ultrafast, and even amphibious
6. Glean

- For arming employees with the tools to get their jobs done
- 7. Abridge
 - For taking notes for doctors so they can focus on treatment
- 8. EssilorLuxottica
 - For making smart glasses cool
- 9. Rocket Lab
 - For keeping the space race competitive
- 10. Duolingo
 - For finding a common language
- 11. YouTube
 - For ushering internet creators into the living room
- 12. DeepSeek
 - For sharing its AI efficiencies with the world
- 13. Cava
 - For elevating the soul in fast-casual
- 14. Notion
 - For organizing the task of organizing
- 15. pgLang
 - For building a creative empire
- 16. Robinhood
 - For helping Sherwood Forest help itself
- 17. Bluesky
 - For freeing social media from the algorithm
- 18. On
 - For reimagining how shoes are made
- 19. Infinitum
 - For upgrading data centers with more efficient motors
- 20. Iceye
 - For seeing the world, even through clouds
- 21. Intuit Dome
 - For delivering the ultimate in-person fan experience
- 22. FX, a Disney subsidiary
 - For serving up nourishing, original TV in an era of ultra-processed entertainment
- 23. Life Time
 - For becoming the everything place for fitness and wellness
- 24. Unstructured
 - For making raw data accessible to AI
- 25. Budderfly
 - For saving restaurants and stores money by conserving their energy
- 26. Anysphere
 - For offering developers a coding partner that can see the big picture
- 27. SharkNinja
 - For inventing beloved, viral appliances
- 28. Simbe Robotics
 - For equipping retailers—and brands—with robotic eyes
- 29. EA Sports
 - For putting college athletes in the game
- 30. Nuvocargo
 - For clearing up cross-border trade between the U.S. and Mexico
- 31. Huntress

- For securing small businesses
32. Athletic Brewing
For quenching the public's thirst for NA beer
33. Tubi
For simplifying streaming
34. ARS Pharma
For developing a needle-free way to treat life-threatening allergic reactions
35. Figma
For corralling designers and developers onto the same page
36. Chainalysis
For bringing transparency to the crypto industry
37. HistoSonics
For channeling sound to destroy liver tumors
38. Nuuly
For finally unlocking the clothing-rental business
39. Crunchyroll
For turning anime fandom into an ecosystem
40. Homecourt
For adding luxury to sustainable, nontoxic household products
41. Port of Portland
For creating a truly local airport
42. Zero Foodprint
For funding "collective regeneration"
43. Liquid Death
For giving the brand collab new life
44. Alloy Development
For proving that high-rises can go all-electric
45. Wonder
For rethinking how food delivery works, from the bottom up
46. Watch Duty
For tracking wildfires and quickly getting citizens the information they need
47. SimpleClosure
For streamlining the task of shutting down a startup
48. Frida
For breaking taboos about women's bodies
49. Zinc
For boosting moviegoing with custom popcorn buckets
50. Entangled Publishing
For fueling the romantasy frenzy

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