

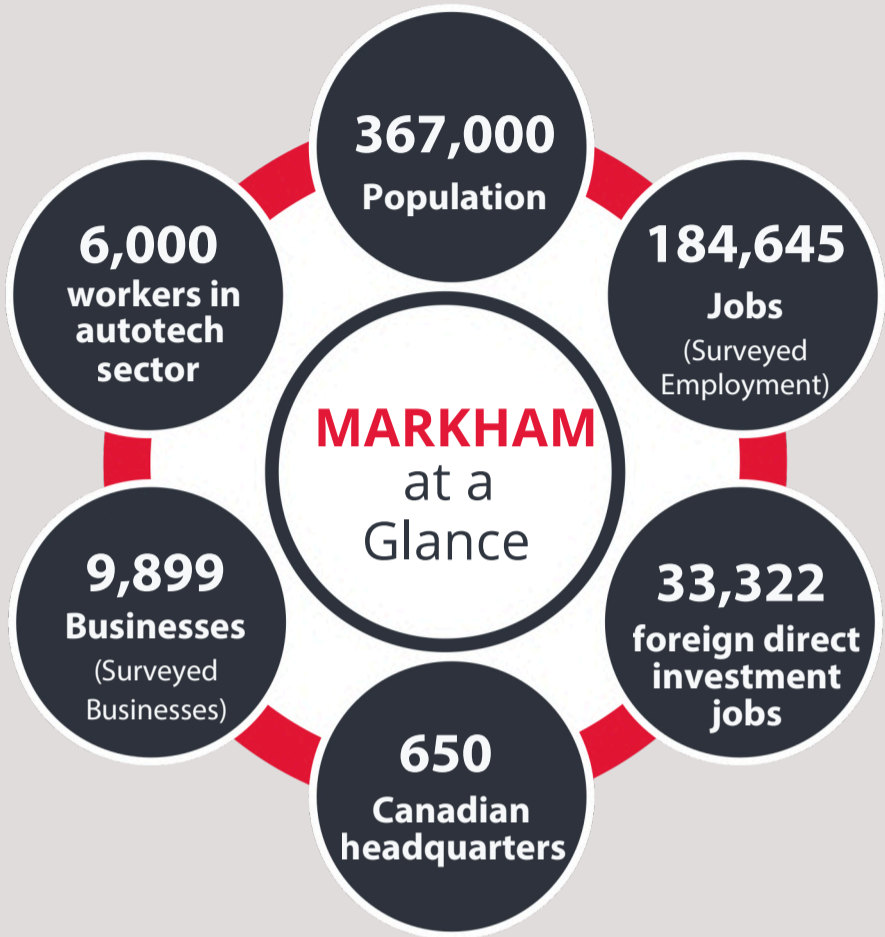


# Markham Companies Featured 2025



# Markham Profile

Markham is part of Canada’s 3rd largest tech cluster that drives innovation in key strategic sectors: ICT, Life Sciences, Finance and Insurance, Professional Services, Autotech, Engineering, Advanced Production, and Energy.



Source: 2024 York Region Employment Survey; York Region, Corporate Services

## Innovation Ecosystem



## At the Forefront of Innovative Healthcare



While neighboring Mississauga is known as “Pill Hill” for its density of pharmaceutical companies, Sandra Heller says **Astellas’ Markham home gives it an edge in recruiting top talent** from a wider area. “Being in Markham differentiates us as an organization because we're able to pull talent from a different area. We’re not competing with those companies because we can look across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). We’re also close to York University, which we have a close partnership with,” says Heller.

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## Blending Form and Function to Perfection



Ceha is known worldwide for producing metal furniture that perfectly blends form and function. At its 5,000-square-foot showroom in Markham, you can explore its products and even design your own solutions. “Strategically, the spot for our showroom was picked for a few reasons. **Markham puts us close to downtown Toronto without the added expense of being downtown.** As a result, our customers are able to visit us, leading to better project collaboration.” says Edward Longstaff.

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## Creating a Community for Teachers



CoLab Education founder and CEO Ariella Racco always knew she wanted to be a teacher. What she didn't know was that her career as an educator would lead to founding CoLab Education, an edtech startup that is creating an online community for educators around the world.

Today, **CoLab Education has teachers from ten different countries** and partners with schools, districts, and teaching associations, right here in Ontario and across North America.

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## Building Networks, Building Community



Extreme Networks is a global company with **customers in over 100 countries - but its Canadian R&D presence has deep roots in Markham.** “We opened the Markham office in 2008,” Cristian Mircea explains. “We renovated the space, built our lab, and created a home base for our wireless engineering team.”

That lab is growing again. Extreme Networks is expanding the facility to meet the demands of new AI, cloud, and network security projects.

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## Making Fancy Fun



If fountain pens conjure images of yesteryear, Ferris Wheel Press founder Raymond Yu is out to change your perspective with vibrant inks and playful pen design.

Ferris Wheel Press has almost 50 employees in Markham producing high-quality, premium fountain pens and inks and collectible stationery. **In addition to its online store, Ferris Wheel Press products are available in over 700 stores worldwide.** The brand has collaborated on products with Shangri-La Hotels, Ginza Tsutaya Books, and special campaigns with Holt Renfrew and Harrods.

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## More Than a Suite Stay



For nearly 40 years, the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa has been a cornerstone of the Markham community. Over the decades, the hotel has welcomed diplomats, sports teams, entertainers, and generations of families.

Located across from Markham City Hall, the hotel is the city's largest, with 502 rooms, 45,000 square feet of event space, and the Mernov Medi Spa. **It's also the only Hilton full-suite property in Canada**, with every room starting at a one-bedroom suite.

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## Spreading the joy of driving across Canada



As **Honda Canada** approaches its **15th anniversary in Markham**, the Japanese leader in automobiles, motorcycles, power equipment, and more continues to make an impact in our community and across the country. In April 2024, the company announced a \$15 billion investment to create a comprehensive electric vehicle value chain in Canada as Honda continues its transition to an all-electric future.

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## Empowering the Future of Connectivity



Iristel has been redefining connectivity across Canada and around the world. Founded in 1999, **the Markham-based company has grown into one of Canada's largest independent telecommunications providers** challenging the country's telecom giants with cutting-edge business voice, messaging, wireless, and cybersecurity solutions.

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## Kate's Garden Continues to Bloom in Markham



Kate Seaver **credits the City of Markham for helping get the business successfully planted** back in 1999.

"Before even conceiving the plan, we went to the City of Markham to get help. Did the type of business we wanted to create make sense? We got help from the planning department. It was quite beneficial to us at the time," Seaver says.

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## Helping Students Learn to Love Math



Have you experienced a moment of anxiety when a child or family member asked you for help with a math problem? If so, Mastermind Math founder Rasta Fotouhi wants you to know that it's okay. You're not bad at math, you just haven't had the right teacher. The **spark to start Mastermind Math happened during a presentation about the City of Markham's Summer Company program.**

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## Keeping Tradition Alive for a New Generation of Food Lovers



Since taking over in 2020, Kerry Tam has grown Mimigo from a 3,000-square-foot facility to a 15,000-square-foot location. It's where you'll find Tam as he leads the company in creating new products to meet the changing tastes and needs of its customers. **Tam says Mimigo's home in Markham is the perfect location for new product research and development.**

Today, Mimigo ships its noodles across Canada, the U.S., and Europe.

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## Pioneering Sustainable Packaging Solutions



Novo Plastics has grown into a global leader in designing and manufacturing engineered plastic parts and components. Strategically located at Major MacKenzie and Highway 404, Novo Plastics benefits from Markham's status as a hub for manufacturing, technology and engineering talent.

**"Markham's vibrant tech ecosystem has been a game-changer for us.** The access to skilled engineers and proximity to major industries has fueled our growth," says Baljit Sierra.

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## Palettera's Power Through Design and Print



Deborah Lau-Yu is the founder of Palettera, **an award-winning design studio which has built a reputation across the country** for its expertise and elegance. Originally founded as a bespoke stationery company 15 years ago, Palettera is known today for designing and publishing Fête Chinoise Magazine, as well as producing the annual Fête Chinoise Signature Event.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025, Fête Chinoise continues to pioneer innovative cultural projects, such as Love at Mid-Autumn.

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## Global Growth Rooted in Healthy Choices



As President and CEO of Taste of Nature Foods Inc. (TONFI) for the past five years, Francis Cooke has led the company through a period of rapid growth and achievements. In late September 2025, the manufacturer of healthy snack bars, bites, balls and granola was **recognized for the second year in a row in The Globe and Mail's ranking of Canada's Top Growing Companies.**

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## Launching Canada into the Future of Space



While Canada has continually played a significant role in global space exploration, we have relied on other nations to get our innovations off the ground.

NordSpace founder Rahul Goel is on a mission to change this. The **Markham-based aerospace company is developing the first made-in-Canada orbital launch system.** NordSpace's Tundra launcher and Hadfield, Garneau and Bondar series of engines will provide domestic payload launch capability for the first time in Canadian history.

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## Creating a Welcoming Community in Markham



Now in its 43rd year, TechConnex continues its mission to create connections and foster growth. The organization offers its members opportunities through peer-to-peer meetings, forums, networking, and social events.

“We’ve grown from offering a member directory to 18 peer-to-peer groups. We’re always looking to see what else we can offer that can help tech companies succeed. **There are peer groups for sales, marketing, Women in Tech, and HR. It’s an amazing group of people talking shop,** facilitating conversations, making introductions, and helping each other out,” Ryan Ellis says.

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## The Future of Fibre Starts at Home in Markham



At first glance, telMAX might seem like one of the alternative internet service providers (ISPs) that resell purchased bandwidth over existing cable infrastructure. Brad Fisher is quick to point out that **telMAX is doing something entirely different — something he calls a generational investment.** “All of the services you use — internet, tv, phone — are coming into your home through the same connection, which for most people is copper wire or coax cable. That’s a hundred-year-old technology. We’re upgrading to fibre optic lines which leverage the speed of light to move data,” Fisher says.

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## Finance Management with AI and Human Expertise



**“Markham is the ideal location for us.** We’re in 3600 Steeles Ave, the former IBM building, surrounded by tech. companies. We’re also part of ventureLAB, which has provided us with mentorship and support,” Kevin Shinn says. Shinn has also received assistance from the Markham Small Business team. The company was selected to be in the 2024 Markham’s Starter Company Plus program cohort, which provides training, education, and advisory services. It also awarded vBookkeep a \$5,000 grant that Shinn says came at a critical time for the business.

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## A Legal Practice Rooted in Purpose



Though her practice is local, her perspective is global. Born and trained in Hong Kong before moving to Canada, Leung deeply understands cross-jurisdictional issues, which are particularly helpful in estate matters involving international assets or family abroad.

While she has extensive legal experience, Leung says starting her practice brought new learning opportunities. She **participated in the Markham Starter Company Plus program, which provided her with mentors for one-on-one business coaching.**

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## Powered by People. United by Values. Committed to Community.



WEINS Auto Group has grown from a single Toyota dealership, Don Valley North Toyota in Markham, into one of Canada's leading Automotive Dealership Groups. While the company is known for its deep roots in Markham, its origin is from one of Japan's most successful Automotive Groups, Yokohama Toyopet.

The company **started with 27 employees back in 1973 at Don Valley North Toyota. Today, WEINS Auto Group has over 1,400 associates** across its 16 dealerships in Markham and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

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## Uniting Art Nerds Worldwide



For the students of Winged Canvas Online School of Illustration and its co-founder, Fei Lu, being an art nerd is considered a badge of honour.

“Our mission is to make art education easily accessible to everyone, whether that’s through one of our courses or watching free video tutorials and live streams on our YouTube channel, where anyone can tune in and start learning art,” Lu says. **“It’s bringing art nerds together on an international level, from right here in Markham.”**

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## Business Resources



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