

THE WORLD'S 50 MOST INNOVATIVE COMPANIES



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KYOCERA Corporation was named one of the world's 50 most innovative companies, according to a study conducted by 24/7 Wall St. using data compiled by IFI Claims Patent Services on utility patents awarded in 2017. Utility patents relate specifically to inventions and innovations, including any improvements to existing processes, products, and materials. As measured by utility patents, 2017 was a record-breaking year for corporate innovation. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office granted companies more than

320,000 patents last year — up 5.2% from the previous record of 304,126 patents granted the year before.

KYOCERA Corporation was awarded 1,144 patent grants in 2017, up from 1,132 patent grants in 2016, to secure the number 31 spot on the list. These grants account for innovations across Kyocera's diverse portfolio of 231 group companies comprised of Document Solutions, Electronic Devices, Semiconductor Components, Applied Ceramics, Telecommunications Equipment, and Fine Ceramic Components. KYOCERA Corporation was founded in 1959, in Kyoto, Japan, by Dr. Kazuo Inamori. It has since become one of the largest diversified technology and manufacturing companies in the world.

To compile the list of 50 most innovative companies in the world, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed the 1,000 companies receiving the most U.S. Patent and Trademark Office patent grants in 2017, according to data provided by IFI Claims Patent Services. IFI produced this data based on the entity listed as holding the patent, and 24/7 Wall St. combined the grants awarded to a company and its subsidiaries.

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