



UNIFI®, Makers of REPREVE®, Named to Fast Company's Annual List of the World's Most Innovative Companies of 2025 for Fashion and Apparel

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Company's sustainability efforts recognized for progressing environmental responsibility through innovations in bottle-to-textile and textile-to-textile recycling, as well as enhancing industry visibility and accountability

GREENSBORO, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 18, 2025-- [UNIFI, Inc.](#) (NYSE: UFI), the makers of REPREVE® and one of the world's leading innovators in recycled and synthetic yarns, is proud to have been named to Fast Company's prestigious list of the World's Most Innovative Companies of 2025 in the Fashion and Apparel category. This year's list shines a spotlight on businesses that are shaping industry and culture through their innovations to set new standards and achieve remarkable milestones in all sectors of the economy. Alongside the World's 50 Most Innovative Companies, Fast Company recognizes 609 organizations across 58 sectors and regions.

"Being recognized as one of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies is a great honor," said Eddie Ingle, Chief Executive Officer of UNIFI. "Polyester is the most widely used fiber in the world, and industries need a sustainable solution that can be adopted into supply chains to reduce reliance on virgin production. Our goal at UNIFI® is to use our industry leading REPREVE® brand to mainstream recycled and circular products, which will help build a more sustainable future."

UNIFI® is establishing global standards in recycling technology with its innovative Textile Takeback™ process. This process produces circular polyester and insulation, ThermaLoop™, at commercial scale. Textile Takeback™ products are created using post-industrial and post-consumer fabric waste, allowing global brands to find new life for their waste and extend the lifecycle of these materials.

UNIFI® monitors its progress using third-party, peer-reviewed LCA data and bold target setting. To date, UNIFI® has recycled the equivalent of 950 million T-shirts' worth of textile and yarn waste, placing the Company more than halfway toward its goal of recycling the equivalent of 1.5 billion T-shirts' worth of waste by fiscal year 2030. Additionally, UNIFI® aims to divert 50 billion plastic bottles from landfills by the end of 2025 and is on pace to cut GHG emissions intensity 30% by fiscal year 2030.

The World's Most Innovative Companies stands as *Fast Company's* hallmark franchise and one of its most anticipated editorial efforts of the year. To determine honorees, *Fast Company's* editors and writers review companies driving progress around the world and across industries, evaluating thousands of submissions through a competitive application process. The result is a globe-spanning guide to innovation today, from early-stage startups to some of the most valuable companies in the world.

"Our list of the Most Innovative Companies offers both a comprehensive look at innovation today and a playbook for the future," said *Fast Company* editor-in-chief Brendan Vaughan. "This year, we recognize companies that are harnessing AI in deep and meaningful ways, brands that are turning customers into superfans by overdelivering for them, and challengers that are introducing bold ideas and vital competition to their industries. At a time when the world is rapidly shifting, these companies are charting the way forward."

The full list of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies honorees can now be found at [fastcompany.com](https://www.fastcompany.com). It will also be available on newsstands beginning March 25.

Fast Company will host the [Most Innovative Companies Summit and Gala](#) for honorees on June 5. The summit features a day of inspiring content, followed by a creative black-tie gala including networking, a seated dinner, and an honoree presentation.

**100% recycled materials refers to the base polymer excluding colorants and/or additive packages*

About UNIFI, Inc.

UNIFI, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a global leader in fiber science and sustainable synthetic textiles. Using proprietary recycling technology, UNIFI is a pioneer in scaling the transformation of post-industrial and post-consumer waste into sustainable products. Through REPREVE®, the world's leading brand of traceable, recycled fiber and resin, UNIFI is changing the way industries think about the materials they use – and reuse. A vertically-integrated manufacturer, the company has direct operations in the United States, Colombia, El Salvador, and Brazil and sales offices all over the world. UNIFI envisions a future where circular and sustainable solutions are the only choice. For more information about UNIFI, visit www.unifi.com.

About REPREVE®

Made by UNIFI, Inc. (NYSE: UFI), REPREVE® is the global leader in recycled performance fibers and resins. Using proprietary recycling technology, REPREVE leverages multiple waste sources, including single-use plastic bottles, ocean-bound plastic, textile waste, and recycled yarn. REPREVE has transformed more than 40 billion plastic bottles into recycled fiber, powering globally scalable products for world-leading brands. Made traceable with FiberPrint® technology and certified by U-Trust®, REPREVE spans sports apparel, fashion, home, automotive, construction, transport, military, medical and packaged goods. For more information about REPREVE, visit www.repreve.com.

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