

# Beyon Cyber's Orryx AI wins Deloitte's Fast Track Pitch competition

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Beyon Cyber, part of the Beyon Group, has emerged as the winner of the Fast 50 Fast Track Pitch Competition organized by Deloitte Fast 50 which was held at Emaar Square in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Supported by venture ecosystem leaders DotZero, Antler, and BECO Capital, the competition spotlighted the region's most promising high-growth tech startups.

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ber's momentum is Orryx AI, its flagship AI-driven security platform built to deliver autonomous threat detection, intelligent automation, and real-time incident response for enterprise and government infrastructure. With Orryx AI, Beyon Cyber is

reshaping the future of cybersecurity across the Middle East.

Dr. Sh. Khalid Al Khalifa, CEO of Beyon Cyber, stated: "We're proud to win this competition among the region's high-growth startups. This recognition highlights what distinguishes Orryx

AI: it is built to transform how security teams' work. Already deployed in real environments, Orryx AI helps teams move faster and act with greater confidence than legacy approaches allow."

The Fast Track win comes amid accelerated regional demand for cyber resilience solutions that are agile, intelligent, and AI-native, making Beyon Cyber a compelling case for venture investors seeking market-impacting growth and next-gen tech platforms.

As Beyon Cyber joins the Deloitte Fast 50, it reinforces its position as a VC-ready growth-stage company committed to scaling AI-powered defense, advancing digital trust, and enabling secure digital transformation across the Middle East.

## Bapco Energies and Bahrain Victorious Power Forward with Multi-Year Partnership Renewal

● **Multi-year partnership marks Bapco Energies as the official partner of Bahrain Victorious**

● **Star riders visit to Bapco Energies' headquarters reinforces shared performance values**

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Bapco Energies, the integrated energy company powering the next generation and securing Bahrain's long-term energy supply, and Bahrain Victorious are set to continue their successful partnership with a multi-year extension. This longstanding partnership underscores Bapco Energies' commitment as a key



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driver of the Bahrain Victorious' ongoing pursuit of excellence in international cycling.

The partnership announcement coincided with a visit by Bahrain Victorious star riders Matej Mohoric and Lenny Martinez to Bapco Energies' headquarters in Manama. During their visit, the athletes shared valuable insights into performance and winning, which closely align with Bapco Energies' commitment to excellence and high performance. This shared philosophy highlights how sport can inspire strong performance culture, both on and off the road.

Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, commented: "Performance drives everything we do at Bapco Energies, from operational excellence to supporting top athletes. Our longstanding partnership with Bahrain Victorious is a testament to our shared focus on teamwork, innovation, and continuous improvement—values that power both our business and their success on the world stage."

Milan Erzen, Managing Director of Bahrain Victorious, commented: "Bapco Energies have truly been an integral part of our team from the very beginning. They are an important contributor to the development of youth and sport in the region, and their commitment to performance and excellence aligns perfectly with our values as a team. We are proud to extend this partnership and look forward to continuing the journey together."

## Lactalis/Nestle baby formula recalls: Global precedents

Paris, France

The massive recall of infant formula in France and many other countries, announced by Lactalis yesterday, is the latest of several alarms, false and real, that have shaken the industry:

**Suspected cereulide**

Swiss giant Nestle has issued recalls of infant formula in around sixty countries since the beginning of January.

Like Lactalis, Nestle issued the recalls due to the potential presence of "cereulide," a bacterial substance that can cause diarrhoea and vomiting.

French health authorities announced on Tuesday that they were investigating the death of a



baby who had consumed Nestle infant formula affected by the recall, although no direct link has so far been established.

French food giant Danone announced on Wednesday that Singaporean authorities had blocked a "few pallets" of its Dumex Stage 1 infant formula, adding that the products were

not yet in stores.

**Salmonella Contamination**

In January 2019, French company Sodilac recalled 400,000 boxes of infant formula manufactured in a factory in northern Spain, including Modilac brand formula.

The recall was issued after infants in France who had consumed the products contracted salmonella poisoning, which can be serious for the most vulnerable.

Lactalis, meanwhile, was charged in 2023, notably for "aggravated deception" and "involuntary injury", due to its handling of the 2017-2018 infant formula crisis, when several dozen children in France contracted

salmonella poisoning.

Investigators established a link between the cases and the consumption of a product from its factory in northwest France.

In January 2018, after several weeks of the crisis, the group withdrew all infant formula produced at the factory, where production had been suspended for more than six months.

**New Zealand false botulism scare**

Unfounded fears of botulism contamination in Fonterra products used in infant formula triggered a global recall in 2013.

The Danone group, whose products were affected, subsequently won compensation.

Fonterra believed it had de-

tected a bacterium that could cause botulism, a poisoning that can lead to paralysis or even death, in three batches of whey, but further tests showed that it was actually a harmless bacterium.

**Melamine Poisoning in China**

Contaminated powdered milk poisoned around 300,000 children and caused the deaths of six babies from kidney problems in China in 2008.

Melamine, a known cause of kidney stones, was found in the powdered milk consumed by the poisoned children.

The substance was detected in products made by twenty Chinese dairy companies and worldwide in ice cream, cookies,

and candy, hitting major brands including Cadbury, Snickers, and M&M's.

The scandal triggered waves of recalls of numerous Chinese dairy products across the world.



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