



Satellite & NewSpace Companies In Focus

In our quarterly feature, Companies in Focus, we highlight leading companies in the Satellite & NewSpace landscape whose recent achievements are making waves in our industry, casting the spotlight on companies that are setting unprecedented benchmarks and shaping our future.

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After the successful launch of their Pelican-2 satellite, Planet has secured its largest contract to date—an impressive \$230 million deal for their next-generation Pelican satellites.

In collaboration with an undisclosed partner, this mission will deliver invaluable insights across the APAC region while further strengthening Planet's capabilities to benefit all their customers.

With over 200 satellites currently in orbit, Planet has been a consistent innovator in the Earth observation market and with the development of their next-generation Pelican constellation the company is positioned to further disrupt industry norms and significantly advance geospatial intelligence capabilities.



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Stoke Space is revolutionizing reusable rocket technology with their Nova rocket designed for rapid reuse. In late 2024, the company successfully tested their Zenith engine, becoming one of only two entities worldwide to develop a full-flow staged combustion engine.

Kicking off 2025 on a high note, Stoke also secured \$260 million in Series C funding, bringing their total to \$480 million, which will drive the final development of their rocket, and expand their facilities and infrastructure upgrades.

Combined with their groundbreaking heat shield technology and commitment to low-cost, on-demand space access, Stoke is cementing their position as a leading force in the space transportation industry.



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UK-based Orbex is shaping sustainable flexible launch services with their low-carbon, bio-propane-powered rockets.

In January, the company welcomed Andy Bradford as their new CTO. With a wealth of experience in the launch operations, including his leadership at the UK Launch Services Ltd. Bradford's expertise will be pivotal for Orbex, as they prepare for the launch of their first Prime rocket from the Saxavord Spaceport.

Orbex also successfully secured £20 million from the UK Government as part of their £23 million Series D fundraising. This achievement demonstrates the company's dedication to establishing the UK as a prominent force in the orbital spaceflight market.



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D-Orbit, a leader in space logistics and in-orbit services, continues to make waves on the global stage.

The Italian company has chosen Orbex—another company featured in this edition—to launch two missions aboard the Orbex Prime from the SaxaVord Spaceport. Additionally, they have forged a key partnership with Japan-based Pale Blue to conduct an in-orbit validation mission for Pale Blue’s water propulsion system.

But the good news doesn’t stop there! After securing \$166 million in Series C funding late last year, D-Orbit won a new European Space Agency contract as the co-funding prime contractor for the RISE mission. The company also successfully launched two Orbital Transportation Missions using thier cutting-edge ION Satellite Carrier.



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Astranis closed out 2024 with much to celebrate following the successful launch of its four MicroGEO satellites aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9.

This mission was a groundbreaking achievement—the first time a commercial manufacturer has flown four of their own satellites on a single launch. This milestone underscores Astranis’ rapid manufacturing growth and thier ability to deliver high-performance satellites at an affordable cost.

Looking ahead to 2025, the company is preparing for the launch of five more satellites, further advancing their mission to reshape the future of affordable broadband from space.



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Geospatial imagery and analytics provider BlackSky has secured a major seven-year defense contract with an international partner worth \$100 million.

This deal grants access to BlackSky’s Gen-3 satellites, which offer 35cm resolution imagery and sub-hourly revisit rates. Additionally, the company has won a multiyear contract with EMDYN, further expanding their geospatial intelligence services.

BlackSky’s AI-driven analytics enhance intelligence workflows by integrating satellite data with other sources to deliver faster, more actionable insights. With these two new contracts, they have further strengthened their position as a major player in the Earth observation industry.

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Satlantis successfully launched Garai A, their fourth Earth observation satellite, this January aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9.

Equipped with multispectral, infrared, SWIR, and polarimetry imaging, Garai A will enhance capabilities in environmental monitoring, disaster response, and greenhouse gas detection.

This milestone mission was the company's largest to date and serves as a precursor to the Atlantic Constellation—a constellation of Earth observation and telecommunications satellites being built by key Spanish and Portuguese space players. Positioning Satlantis as a rising force in both the Spanish and global space ecosystems.

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Pioneers in satellite IoT connectivity, Fossa Systems launched their new generation of nanosatellites this January. This milestone advances their mission of delivering satellite-based IoT roaming and supports the expansion of their 80-satellite constellation.

Additionally, Fossa Systems recently opened their first international R&D center in Portugal to enhance innovation and expand their market reach.

With 20 satellites already in orbit and plans to double their workforce in 2025, Fossa is shaping the future of affordable, real-time IoT connectivity for industries worldwide.

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Danish satellite manufacturer Space Inventor has achieved two major milestones in 2025.

They successfully launched the EDISON mission, their first satellite to be owned and operated in orbit and opened a state-of-the-art satellite factory in Aalborg, enhancing their manufacturing, R&D, and testing capabilities.

With support from ESA and the Danish government, the company continues to expand their role in high-performance small satellite solutions, further solidifying Denmark's position in the global space industry.

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