ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Whitby and the surrounding area's history in manufacturing has resulted in several leading global manufacturers and their supply chain partners making their home here.





Whitby offers significant real-estate advantages for advanced manufacturers.

- Lower industrial land prices and lease rates than comparable Greater Toronto Area municipalities
- 3 new business park areas in proximity to Highway 407 and Highway 412 provide available space for new or existing businesses



Companies tap into a deep talent pool in Whitby.

- Over 3,600 workers are employed in manufacturing roles making the sector a significant source of employment
- Areas of specialty including automotive, pharmaceutical, nuclear and more
- 100+ manufacturing companies



"We export all over the globe. Our products are in 53 countries. We have a ready ability to ship our products anywhere they need to go from right here in Whitby."

Jodi Glover, CEO, Real Tech Inc.



The geographic centre and heart of Durham Region.

- 45 minutes from the City of Toronto
- Easy access to Pearson International Airport and the Port of Oshawa
- 400-series highways (Highways 401, 407 and 412) offer excellent access to major markets
- 13 million customers within an hour's drive
- 135 million customers within a day's drive

Sector Leaders

- Real Tech Inc.
- Lear Corporation
- Paramount Pallet
- Timbren Industries
- WEGU Manufacturing
- Gerdau

Gerdau

Gerdau operates in 10 countries and employs 30,000 individuals. The organization is also one of the largest recyclers in the world, transforming millions of tons of scrap each year into new steel products for the construction, manufacturing, and transportation industries.

Gerdau recently received $20 million in funding from the Government of Canada, through the Strategic Innovation Fund, to support the company's $81.2 million upgrade project of its Whitby and Cambridge locations.



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