

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 24, 2026**

Cartesian Growth Corporation III
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-42629
(Commission File Number)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

505 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10017
(Zip Code)

(212) 461-6363
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☒ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Units, each consisting of one Class A ordinary share and one-half of one redeemable warrant	CGCTU	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share	CGCT	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one Class A ordinary share at an exercise price of \$11.50	CGCTW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

As previously disclosed, on December 17, 2025, Cartesian Growth Corporation III, a Cayman Islands exempted company (“*Cartesian III*”), Fenway MS, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*Merger Sub*”), and Factorial Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*Factorial*”), entered into a Business Combination Agreement (as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Business Combination Agreement*” and the transactions contemplated thereby, the “*Business Combination*”) and furnished a presentation to be used by Cartesian III and Factorial in presentations for potential investors and other persons regarding the Business Combination. Cartesian III is furnishing an updated form of *investor presentation* that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. Cartesian III and Factorial may use such presentation in meetings with potential investors and other persons regarding the Business Combination.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), or otherwise subject to liabilities under that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Cartesian III under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings. This Current Report on Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events

The disclosure set forth above in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference herein.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as “believe,” “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect,” “should,” “would,” “plan,” “predict,” “potential,” “seem,” “seek,” “future,” “outlook” and similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future events or the future financial or operating performance of Factorial or Cartesian III. For example, projections of Factorial’s future financial performance, manufacturing capabilities and operations, Factorial’s business plans, and other projections concerning key performance metrics or milestones are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Cartesian III’s and Factorial’s assessments as of any date subsequent to the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed upon the forward-looking statements. Neither Cartesian III, Factorial nor any of their respective affiliates undertake any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Additional Information about the Business Combination and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed business combination between Factorial and Cartesian III (“Business Combination”) pursuant to that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2025, by and among Cartesian III, Fenway MS, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Factorial. The proposed Business Combination will be submitted to shareholders of Cartesian III for their consideration. Cartesian III and Factorial intend to file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), which will include a definitive proxy statement to be distributed to Cartesian III’s shareholders in connection with Cartesian III’s solicitations of proxies from its shareholders with respect to the proposed business combination and other matters to be described in the Form S-4, as well as the prospectus relating to the offer of the securities to be issued to the stockholders of Factorial in connection with the completion of the proposed Business Combination. After that registration statement has been filed and declared effective, Cartesian III will mail a definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents relating to the proposed Business Combination and other matters to be described in the registration statement to Factorial stockholders and Cartesian III shareholders as of a record date to be established for voting on the proposed Business Combination. Before making any voting or investment decision, Cartesian III shareholders, Factorial stockholders, and other interested persons are urged to read these documents and any amendments thereto, as well as any other relevant documents filed with the SEC by Cartesian III in connection with the proposed Business Combination and other matters to be described in those documents when they become available, because they will contain important information about Cartesian III, Factorial and the proposed Business Combination. Shareholders will also be able to obtain free copies of the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by Cartesian III with the SEC, once available, without charge, at the SEC’s website located at www.sec.gov, or by directing a written request to Cartesian Growth Corporation III, 505 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

Participants in the Solicitation

Cartesian III, Factorial, and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitations of proxies from Cartesian III’s shareholders with respect to the proposed Business Combination and the other matters set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus. Information regarding Cartesian III’s directors and executive officers, and a description of their interests in Cartesian III is contained in Cartesian III’s final prospectus for its initial public offering filed with the SEC on May 5, 2025, which is available free of charge at the SEC’s website located at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to Cartesian Growth Corporation III, 505 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10017. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed Business Combination when it becomes available. Shareholders, potential investors and other interested persons should read the proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from the sources described above.

This communication is not a substitute for the registration statement filed by Cartesian III or for any other document that Cartesian III and Factorial may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed Business Combination. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of other documents filed with the SEC by Cartesian III, without charge, at the SEC’s website located at www.sec.gov.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, or a recommendation to purchase, any securities, in any jurisdiction, or the solicitation of any vote, consent or approval in any jurisdiction in connection with the proposed Business Combination or any related transactions, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. This communication is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as, a prospectus, an advertisement or a public offering of the securities described herein in the United States or any other jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, or exemptions therefrom. INVESTMENT IN ANY SECURITIES DESCRIBED HEREIN HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE SEC OR ANY OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITY NOR HAS ANY AUTHORITY PASSED UPON OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THE OFFERING OR THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Investor Presentation, dated March 24, 2026.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File, formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARTESIAN GROWTH CORPORATION III

By: /s/ Peter Yu
Name: Peter Yu
Title: Chief Executive Officer

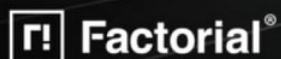
Date: March 24, 2026

Factorial Inc.

Powering a Trillion-Dollar Shift in Mobility & Intelligence

Solid-State Batteries for Transportation, Defense, & Robotics

Investor Presentation | March 2026



Disclaimer

This Presentation (together with oral statements made in connection herewith, the "Presentation") is for informational purposes with respect to a proposed business combination (the "Business Combination") between Cartesian Factorial Inc, a Delaware corporation (together with its subsidiaries, "Factorial" or the "Company"). This Presentation does not constitute an offer to sell, a solicitation of an offer to buy, or a recommendation to purchase any equity, of CGCIII or the Company or any affiliates thereof. The terms of the Business Combination set forth in this Presentation are indicative, non-binding and subject to further discussion, negotiation and change.

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CGCIII, the Company and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from CGCIII's stockholders with respect to the potential Business Combination. A list of the names and addresses of the directors and executive officers of CGCIII is contained in CGCIII's final prospectus relating to its initial public offering, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 5, 2025 and is available at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to CGCIII. Additional information regarding the interests of the participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of CGCIII with respect to the proposed Business Combination is contained in the statement/prospectus for the proposed Business Combination filed by CGCIII when available.

Forward-Looking Statements. Certain statements in this Presentation may be considered "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements herein generally relate to future events or the future financial or operating performance of the Combined Company. For example, projections of future financial performance of the Combined Company, the Business Combination, the Combined Company's business plan, other projections concerning key performance metrics of the Combined Company and the Combined Company's expected cash runway, and the potential effects of the Business Combination on CGCIII and the Combined Company, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "should," "expect," "intend," "will," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "predict," "project," "target," "plan," or "potentially" or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. This includes any projected financial information, which is based on assumptions that may not materialize, and has not been audited or reviewed by any independent auditors.

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These forward-looking statements are based upon estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by CGCIII, the Company and their respective management, as the case may be, are inherently uncertain and subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to, factors beyond the control of the Company, including general economic conditions and other risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in CGCIII's final prospectus relating to its initial public offering, as well as factors associated with companies, such as the Company, including anticipated trends, growth rates, and challenges in their businesses and in the markets in which they operate, including the factors that will accompany this Presentation. Nothing in this Presentation should be regarded as a representation by any person that the forward-looking statements set forth herein will be achieved or that any of the contemplated transactions will be achieved. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements in this Presentation, which speak only as of the date they are made and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the cautionary statements included herein.

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A Compelling Opportunity

- World-leading solid-state battery developer
- IP-protected technology
 - Increases energy density by up to 80%
 - Reduces weight by up to 50%
- Marquee partners, shareholders, & customers
- Products validated, delivered, & in active road tests
- US headquartered
- Compelling investment opportunity
 - Merger & Nasdaq listing with Cartesian Growth Corporation III
 - Substantial sponsor capital commitment
 - Attractive entry valuation relative to peers

150+

Patents and Applications



Mercedes-Benz

STELLANTIS



The New York Times
A Decade-Long Search
for a Battery That Can
End the Gasoline Era

Factorial Delivers
Lithium-Metal Solid
Battery Cells to
Road Test

Automotive News
100 LEADING
WOMEN

2025

Factorial®



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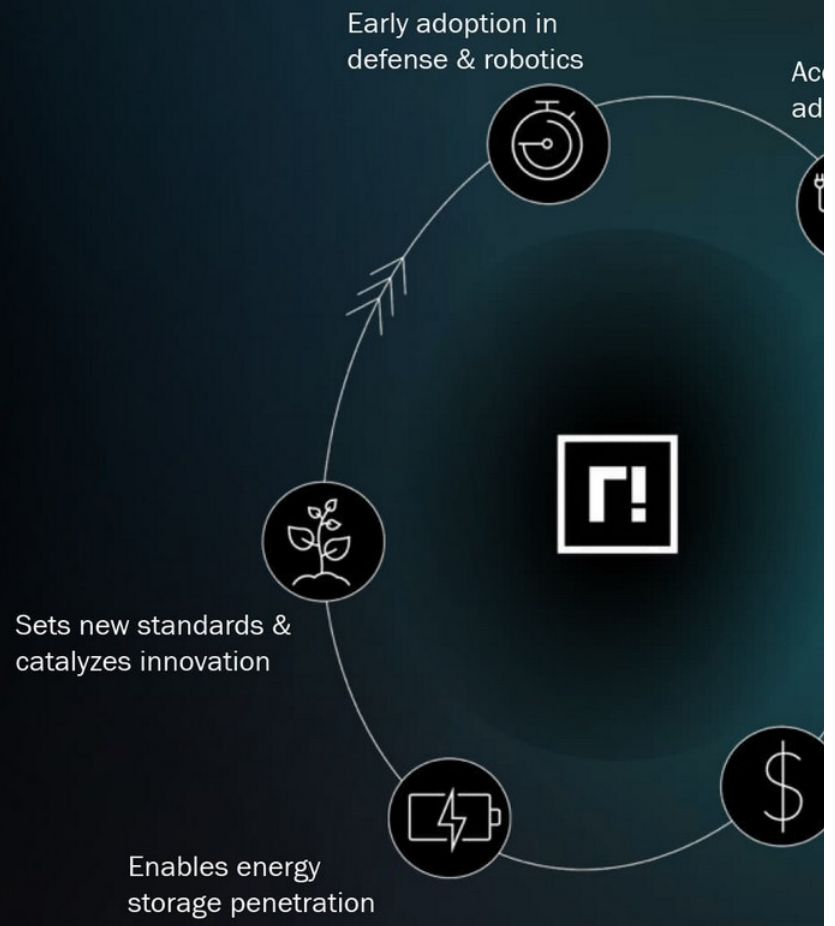


2023, 2025



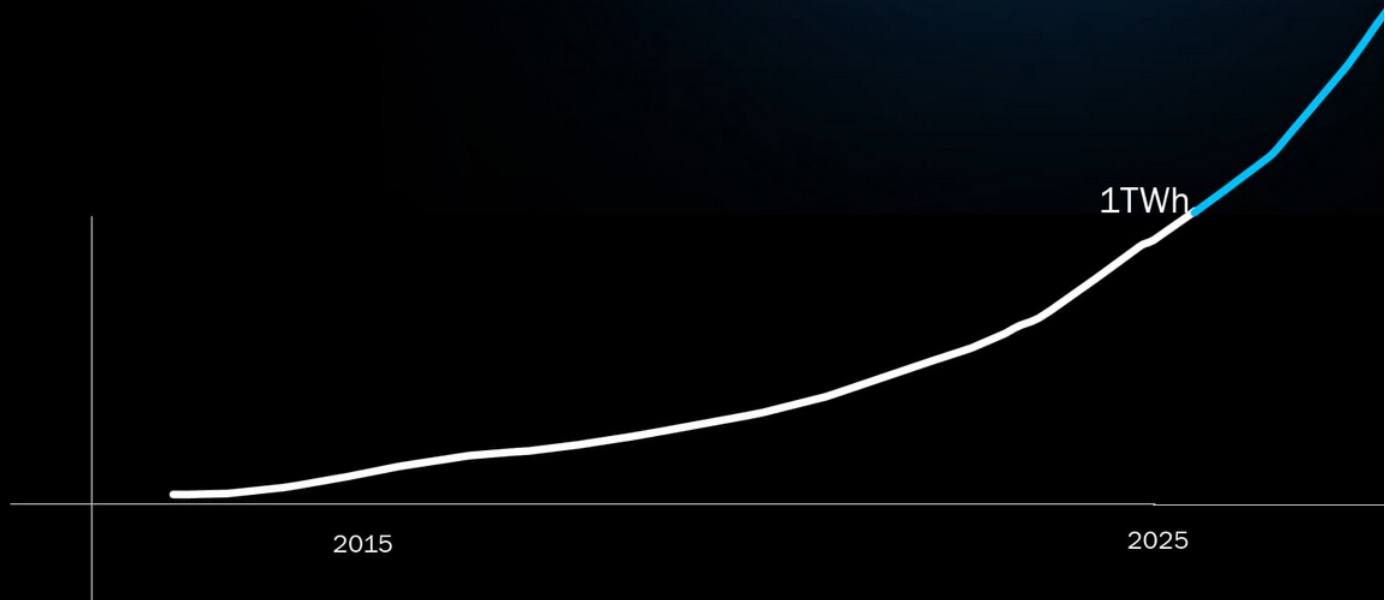
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Our Opportunity

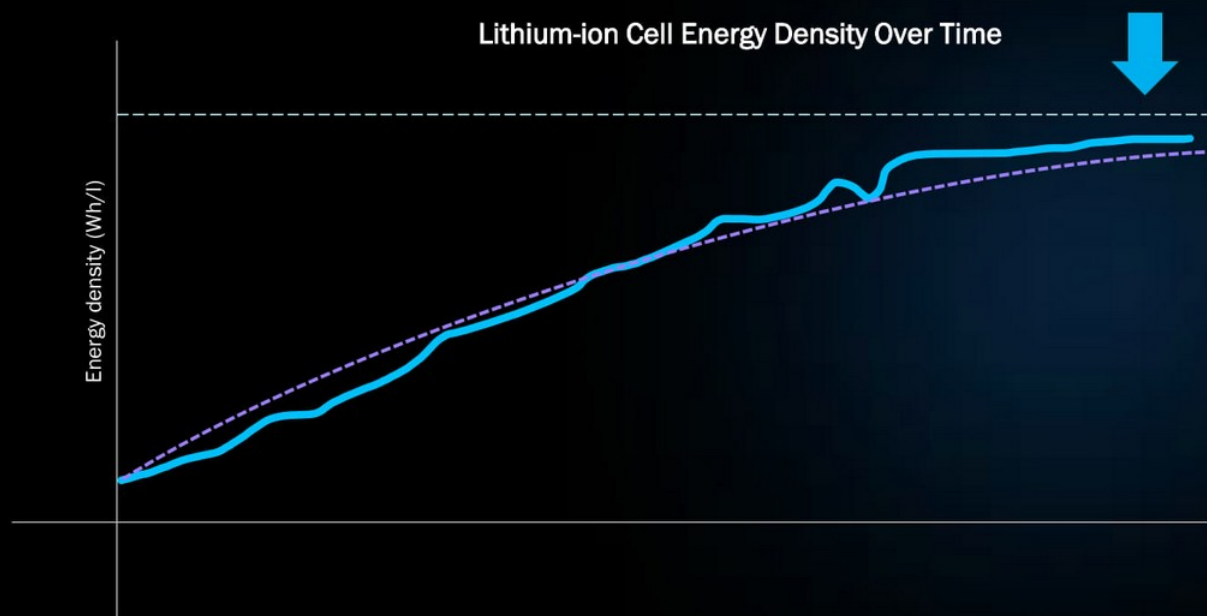


The World Runs on Batteries

- Global battery demand growing exponentially – in 2024, surpassed 1 Terawatt hour
- Growth, innovation, & new applications expected to push demand to 5 Terawatt hours in 5 years



But Conventional Li-ion Batteries Are Reaching Their Limits



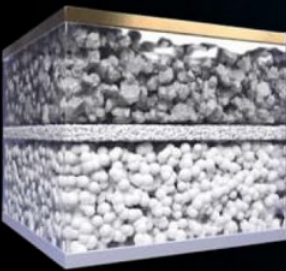
Our Solutions



Our Solid-State Solutions Increase Energy Density by up to 80%

Energy Density (Wh/kg)

Current Liquid Li-Ion



- Anode Current Collector
- Anode
- Separator
- Cathode
- Cathode Current Collector



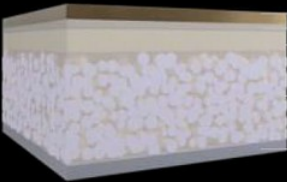
FEST®
High Power Solid-State



- Anode Current Collector
- Anode
- FEST®
- Cathode
- Cathode Current Collector



Solstice™
High Cycle All-Solid-State

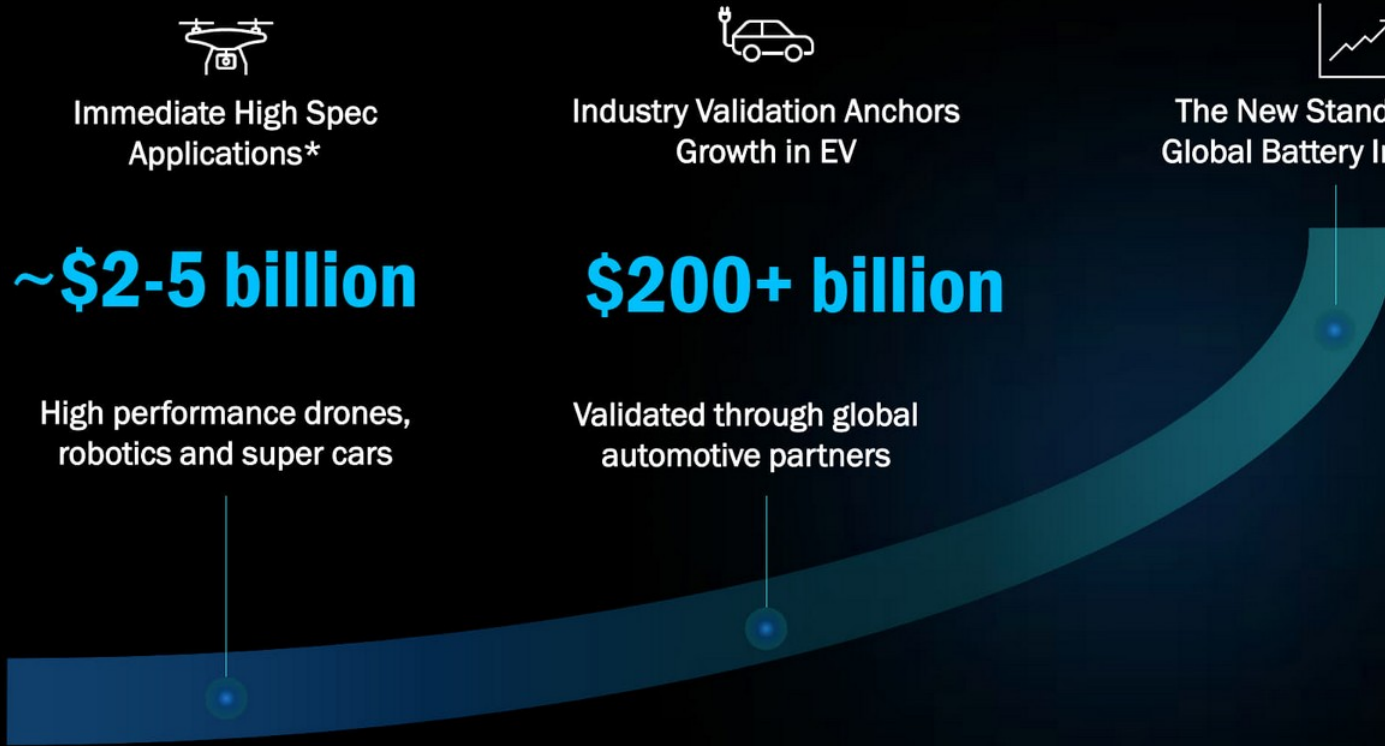


- Anode Current Collector
- Anode-free Solstice™
- Cathode
- Cathode Current Collector



= 50Wh/kg

Validated Technology with Multi-Sector Scalability



High-Performance Drones Powered by Factorial



Photo credit: Avidrone

✓ Up to Double the

- Factorial provides solid-state battery technology for Avidrone Aerospace for **drone in**
- Preliminary models **show potential** **drone range** with the same payload
- Offers up to **80% more energy density** for high-performance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
- The global UAV market is projected to reach \$36.1 billion by 2028

LONG-DISTANCE DRIVE WITH SOLID-STATE BATTERY DEPLOYING LITHIUM METAL ANODE CELL

Engineered by Mercedes-Benz



Stuttgart
(Start)

Frankfurt

Hannover

Würzburg

Hamburg

Copenhagen

Malmö
(Finish)

remaining
range



Cell breathing
compensation
of 90 mm
battery width

Pneumatic cell
support system
at a constant
28 bar

Passive battery
cooling by air flow

Cell supervision
by wireless
Battery
Management
System

Stellantis 2026 Dodge Charger Daytona Demonstration Fleet

Reuters
World Business Markets Sustainability Legal Breakingviews Technology Investigations

Stellantis validates Factorial Energy solid-state battery cells

Bloomberg
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Electric Vehicles EV Growth Under Trump Europe EV Tariffs German Carmakers Scoredile The EV Switch Cost Slow Chargers

Industries Transportation

Stellantis to Road Test EV Fleet With Solid-State Batteries

- Cells will be made by Factorial Energy, and tests to be in US
- Dodge model fleet should be deployed by 2026, startup says



Factorial

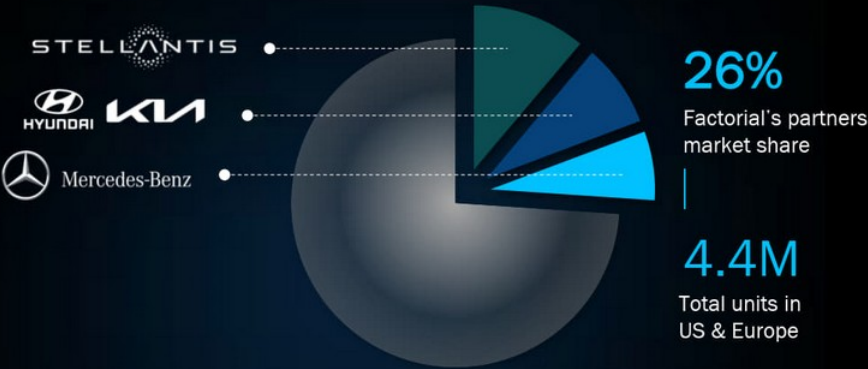
✓ Improved Value

- Plans to integrate solid-state battery technology into a demo fleet built on the Large platform
- Objective is to verify durability, and integrate into world driving conditions
- Marks a key milestone for SSF technology towards commercial readiness

Backed by Industry Giants. Built for Global Scale.

Driving business resilience through localization and diversification

2024 Market Share by EV Sales
(US and Europe)



Additional Industry Partners
(Supply Agreement, MoU or Investment)





Global Top 10 Auto OEM



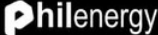
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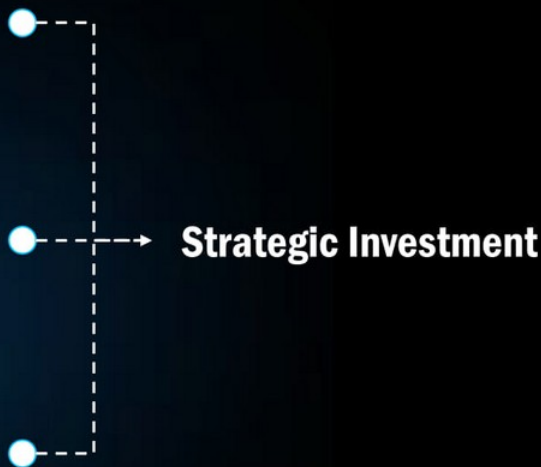






Factorial Secures Investment From IQT and Leading Strategic Partners

New investment helps drive solid-state battery expansion into Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Robotics



✓ Solid-State Batteries

- Investments from **In-Q-Tel**, **Philenergy**, and **POSCO FUTURE M** advance our solid-state battery commercialization
- Important step in building access to **government partners** as our supply chain ecosystem
- Demonstrates progress to **deployment across multiple markets** including drones and mobility

Proven by Automotive, Scaling through Defense, AI, & Robotics Our Technology Multiplies Addressable Markets

Immediate revenue through high-margin applications



Defense & Aviation

Unmanned aerial & sub-sea
drones & ground vehicles



AI-Computing & Robotics

Factory automation, robotics, &
consumer

Long-term scale in future growth markets



Space & Aircraft

General aviation, space, & high-
endurance intelligence systems



Energy Storage

Data center
storage & computing

Our Business Model



Capital Light: Commercialization Path

Business Model

Joint Manufacturing Model C

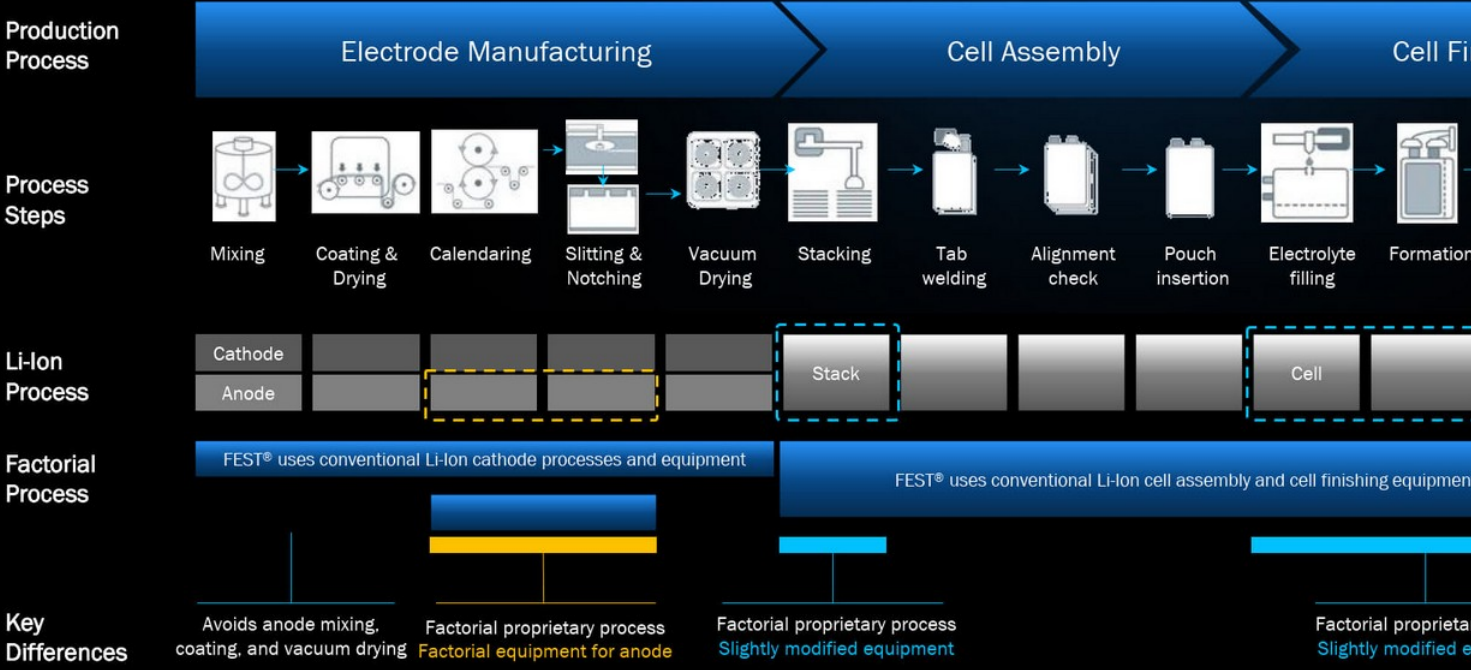
Design & Engineering	Factorial®		
Manufacturing	Factorial® Existing In-House Capacity	Contract Manufacturers	Industrial Partners
Customers	High Spec Customers	Automotive OEMs	

Factorial

- IP License
- Material Supply
- Technology Engineering S

Capital Light: FEST® Utilizes 80% of Conventional Li-Ion Equipment

Below illustrates FEST® for lithium metal anode cells. FEST® cells with silicon or graphite anodes have even greater compatibility with conventional production.



Our Leadership Team & Industry Leadership



Building a Visionary Team

Backed by a board and senior advisors with decades of experience in battery and automotive innovation and reinforced expertise across business strategy and technology development

Founders & Management



Siyu Huang, Ph.D./M.B.A.
Founder & CEO,
Board Director

Johnson&Johnson **Lifonano**



Raimund Koerver, Ph.D.
Vice President, Business
Development



Alex Yu, Ph.D.
Founder & CTO,
Board Director

Lifonano



Jason Duva
General Counsel
VP Government Relations

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Richard Wei
Chief Financial Officer
SiliconMotion SHANGHAI BAMES



Jay Scuteri
Head of Finance

PRIVATE EQUITY

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Joe Taylor
Executive Chairman of the Board
Former Chairman / CEO of
Panasonic North America
Panasonic



Uwe Keller
Board Member
Head of Battery Development
 Mercedes-Benz



Michael Bly
Board Member
SVP, Head of Global Propulsion
Systems
STELLANTIS



Praveen Sahay
Board Member
Founder & Managing Director
 WAVE
EQUITY PARTNERS



Our Industry Leadership: A Track Record of Firsts

Q2 2021

First automotive-sized solid-state battery cell that operates at room temperature



Q2 2023

First UN 38.3 certification (100+Ah) lithium solid-state battery cell



Q4 2024

First public agreement for demo fleet with a global automotive OEM (Stellantis)



Q2 2025

First validation of size solid state battery for global OEM (Stellantis)



Q1 2023

First 100+Ah solid-state battery cell (Stellantis)



Q2 2024

First solid-state cell B-sample to a global OEM (Mercedes-Benz)



Q1 2025

First vehicle powered by lithium-metal solid-state cells (Mercedes-Benz)

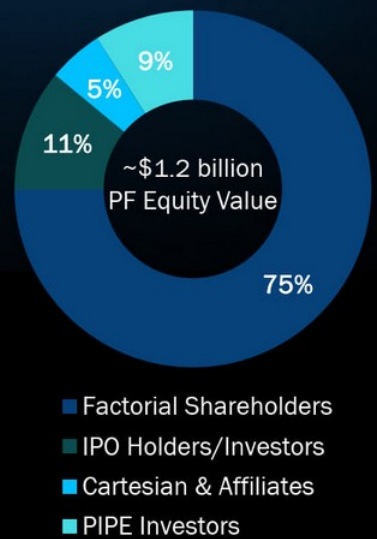
Investment Opportunity



A Compelling Opportunity

- Factorial is combining with Cartesian Growth Corporation III (“CGCIII”), a Nasdaq-listed SPAC with \$276 million in trust, sponsored by Cartesian Capital Group, a global private equity group
- The merger values Factorial at **\$1.1 billion**
- Existing Factorial shareholders are **rolling 100% of their equity**
- The combination is anchored by a significant investment commitment by Cartesian affiliates
- The combination **includes \$100 million in new capital committed by institutional investors and a Cartesian affiliate** in a private placement of common stock (“PIPE”)

Pro Forma Cap Table



Conclusion

A Singular Company, An Unmatched Opportunity



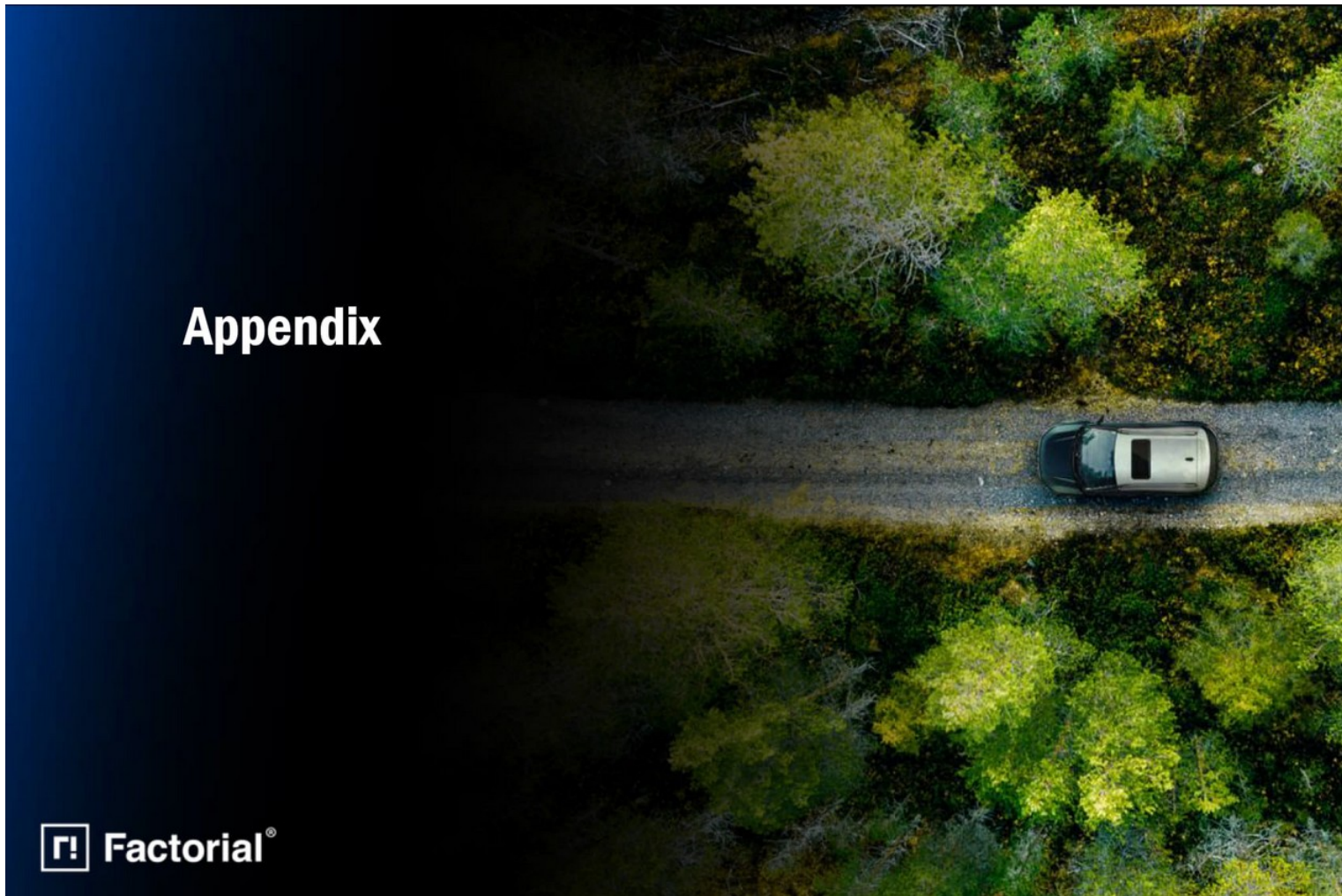
- 1 Market Tailwinds: Electrification, AI, & national security driving a global race for high-performance energy
- 2 Superior Technology: Higher performance & lower total cost of ownership, compatible with today's gig
- 3 Validated in the Real World: Cells road tested by OEM fleet, proving consistency & readiness for s
- 4 Capital Light Growth Model: Leverages partner capex for expansion with high-margin, IP-drive
- 5 Blue Chip Partnerships: Co-developed with Mercedes-Benz, Stellantis, Hyundai, & Kia; broad sup
- 6 Continuous Innovation: From materials to cell to AI-based intelligence sustain long-term performance
- 7 Elite Team, Prime Timing: Industry-leading experts executing at inflection point of the solid-state revolution

Risk Factors

The risk factors below have been prepared in connection with the proposed business combination (the "Business Combination") between CGCIII and Factorial Inc, a Delaware corporation (together with its subsidiaries, "Factorial" or "PubCo") refer to the business of the combined entity resulting from the Business Combination. The risks presented below represent only a portion of the general risks related to the business of the Company and the Business Combination described below are qualified in their entirety by disclosures contained in future documents filed or furnished by the Company, CGCIII, or their respective affiliates with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including connection with the Business Combination. There are many risks that could affect the business and results of operations of the Company and/or PubCo, many of which are beyond its control. If any of these risks or uncertainties occur, business, financial condition, and/or operating results could be materially and adversely harmed. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known or those currently viewed to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect business, financial condition and/or operating results. If any of these risks or uncertainties actually occurs, the value of the Company's and/or PubCo's Securities may decline:

- The development of batteries is complex and the timing of development cannot be assured. Delays in the development of Factorial's batteries could adversely affect Factorial's business and prospects.
- Factorial is an early-stage company with a history of financial losses and expect to incur significant expenses and continuing losses from operations.
- Factorial's business plan has yet to be tested, and Factorial may not succeed in executing on its strategic plans, including commercialization.
- Factorial will need substantial additional capital in the future to fund its business and may be unable to meet its future capital requirements, impairing its financial position and results of operations.
- Factorial's ability to manufacture its batteries at scale depends on its ability to design, engineer, build, operate and staff its facilities successfully, to obtain third party manufacturing capacity and expertise, or to partner with manufacturing arrangements and Factorial may need to sell its products at a loss before reaching economies of scale.
- Factorial relies on, and will continue to rely on, complex equipment for its operations. This equipment, and manufacturing generally, creates a significant degree of risk and uncertainty in terms of operational performance and costs.
- Factorial may not be able to establish new, or maintain existing, supply relationships for necessary raw materials, components or equipment or may be required to pay costs for raw materials, components or equipment that are not which could delay the introduction of its products and negatively impact their business and ability to generate revenue and profits.
- Certain components of Factorial batteries pose safety risks that may cause injury or death. Factorial may be subject to financial and reputational risks due to product recalls and product liability claims, and it could face substantial resources.
- Factorial's future growth and success depend in part on its ability to grow its customer base and effectively sell to a wide variety of customers. Failure to grow Factorial's customer base would adversely affect its business and prospects.
- Factorial's business depends substantially on the continuing efforts of its senior executives and other key personnel as well as the ability to attract, train, and retain highly skilled employees and key personnel.
- The EV battery market continues to evolve and is highly competitive, and certain other battery manufacturers have significantly greater resources, experience and scale than Factorial does and have technologies that may be superior. Factorial may not be able to produce its products at cost competitive prices.
- Developments in alternative battery technology or other power and energy alternatives may adversely affect the demand for Factorial's battery products.
- The unavailability, reduction, or elimination of government and economic incentives could have a material adverse effect on Factorial's business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects.
- PubCo will be controlled or substantially influenced by the Factorial founders, whose interests may conflict with other stockholders.
- Factorial may become involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce its patent or other intellectual property rights, which could be expensive, time-consuming and unsuccessful.
- Factorial has identified a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. If Factorial is unable to remediate this material weakness or otherwise fails to maintain proper and effective internal controls, its ability to financial statements could be impaired, which could adversely affect its operating results, its stock price and access to the capital markets.
- There may not be an active trading market for PubCo Series A Common Stock, which may make it difficult to sell shares of PubCo Series A Common Stock.
- The market price of PubCo Series A Common Stock may be volatile, and investors could lose all or part of their investment.
- Future sales, or the perception of future sales, by PubCo or its stockholders in the public market could cause the market price for PubCo's securities to decline.
- PubCo will incur significant expenses and administrative burdens as a public company, which could have an adverse effect on PubCo's business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- We are currently in a period of economic uncertainty and capital markets disruption, which has been significantly impacted by a new U.S. presidential administration and accompanying regulatory activities and economic policies, military conflicts and geopolitical instability and inflation and interest rates.
- CGCIII's shareholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of the issuance of PubCo Series A Common Stock as consideration in the Business Combination.
- The ability of CGCIII's shareholders to exercise redemption rights with respect to a large number of CGCIII shares could increase the probability that the Business Combination would be unsuccessful and that CGCIII's shareholders would not order to redeem such shares.
- The CGCIII board of directors is not required to and did not obtain a fairness opinion in connection with the Business Combination. CGCIII's shareholders are therefore relying on the judgment of the CGCIII board of directors, and not an independent source that the consideration CGCIII is paying for Factorial is fair to CGCIII from a financial point of view.
- CGCIII may be targeted by securities class action and derivative lawsuits that could result in substantial costs and may delay or prevent the Business Combination from being completed.
- The completion of the Business Combination is subject to certain closing conditions under the Business Combination Agreement and any such conditions may not be satisfied on a timely basis, if at all.

Appendix



We Create Value for OEMs & Customers



Factorial Solid-State Batteries

Up to 80% more gravimetric energy density than conventional

Up to 50% more volumetric energy density than conventional



Vehicle Improvement

20% lighter for same energy

Demonstrated 50% longer driving range

More miles per charge minute



Value Creation

~\$1,000

~\$1,000

~\$1,500

\$3,500

US-Technology for Critical Infrastructure with a Global Vision

Massachusetts, USA



Headquarters
Advanced Solstice™ R&D lab
Sales and Operations
FEST® pilot development and testing

Germany

Applications engineering
Sales
OEM program support

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Proven Manufacturing

Capital Light: Joint manufacturing to enable faster and broader market adoption

Manufacturing Efficiency: More than 85% yield achieved for pilot line

Quality Assurance: Delivering safe and reliable battery products

Supply Chain: Optimizing for cost-efficiency with high synergies with LIB supply chain

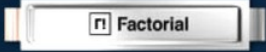


Positioned to Win



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100+Ah



1,205 km record drive by Mercedes EQS completed from Stuttgart to Malmö
September 2025

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Technology license / royalties
Development / service revenue
Material supply revenue
Manufacturing / sales of battery cells

\$1.1 bn
(current pre-merger)

Announced Auto OEM partners*

Product size released

Real-world driving demonstration

Product portfolios validated by OEMs

Business Model

Valuation



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~5Ah



Ducati Motor
September 2025

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Technology license
Development / service revenue
Manufacturing / sales of battery cells

~\$4-5 bn
(spot market cap. F)

IQT: A Unique Investor to Factorial in the National Security Supply

IQT Stated Mission:

Be the premier partner trusted to identify, evaluate, and leverage emerging commercial technologies for the U.S. security community and America's allies

Why IQT Matters to Factorial and Our Investors

- Founded in 1999 by the CIA as an independent, not-for-profit **strategic investment firm**
- One of the **most trusted leaders in accelerating technologies** from the private to the public sector to advance national security interests of America and its allies
- Developed many enduring strategic relationships and has worked with over a dozen different U.S. government partners, as well as with the United Kingdom and Australia
- IQT has spent a quarter of a century building special expertise to **help companies adapt their highly innovative products** to ultimately:
 - Maximize mission impact for key government partners
 - Enhance the companies' commercial success

Key IQT Highlights

500+

Portfolio Technologies Transitioned to Government Partners

10+

Years of Mission Impact

800+

Investments, Including 50+ Companies Now Valued Over \$1B

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Co-Investments

First Solid-State Production Program in the U.S. for Passenger Ve

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Karma Automotive and Factorial Announce First Solid-State Battery Production Program in the U.S. for Passenger Vehicles



KARMA

Factorial



Key highlights of the

- Launch of the **first solid-state production program** in the retail passenger vehicles
- Karma Kaveya, a high-performance **luxury super car** delivering **horsepower** and top speed **mph**
- Factorial's **FEST®** solid-state technology enables **higher** through a high-energy element designed to support **external**

Source: Karma