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## Press Release

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### **Marlin recipient of 2018 Marcum Tech Top 40 Award Awards honor state's 40 Fastest Growing Tech Companies part of ConnectiTECH Awards October 3**

**WALLINGFORD, CT (August, 29th 2018)** - The Connecticut Technology Council (CTC) and Marcum LLP announced the 2018 Marcum Tech Top 40, the annual recognition of the fastest growing technology companies in Connecticut. This year's group of top-ranked companies will be honored at the new ConnectiTECH Awards event at the Connecticut Convention Center on October 3. Marlin will be honored with 39 other companies and two accelerator award-winners as the class of 2018.

The Marcum Tech Top 40 has honored over 400 Connecticut-based technology and tech-enabled companies since 2008. The awards recognize technology leaders in six industry sectors: Advanced Manufacturing; Energy and Environmental; Life Sciences; New Media, Internet, and Telecom; IT Services; and Software. Marlin has been named a Tech Top 40 in the Software category. Marlin is a recipient of this award due to strong revenue growth of at least \$3 million in annual revenue, as well as growth in each of the preceding four years.

2018's honorees are a diverse set of businesses from around the state. Eleven companies are publicly traded, and eight have over \$1 billion in annual revenue. Two younger companies, Farmington's Diameter Health and Stamford's Link AKC, will be honored at the Tech Top 40 as Accelerators, a classification reserved for companies that successfully scaled to \$3 million in revenue in fewer than three years.

"Marlin is proud to be named as one of the Marcum Tech Top 40," said Frank Kenna III, CEO. "This is a result of a lot of hard work culminating in a successful transition from a print publishing company to a digital services company. While Connecticut has received a lot of bad press in recent years, this award is evidence that innovation is alive and well in our state. We have a very talented team of employees creating new digital technologies for workplace communication, and providing solutions to companies throughout North America. Marlin has aggressive growth plans and is actively hiring. It's exciting to have a part in building Connecticut's technology future."

"Marcum is extremely proud to partner with the Connecticut Technology Council to present the Marcum Tech Top 40 Awards which honor some of Connecticut's most innovative companies," said Michael K. Brooder, CPA, Marcum's office managing partner in Hartford, Connecticut. "This annual program over the past 11 years has allowed us a fascinating glimpse into the forward thinking that keeps Connecticut on the forefront of technology innovation and business leadership. We heartily congratulate this year's class of winners and look forward to watching their continuing contributions to Connecticut's business environment."

Bruce Carlson, CTC's President and CEO added, "Growth in Connecticut must and does come from the technology sector, and these Marcum Tech Top 40 companies are exemplary of the achievements within the industry we represent in the state. As part of the ConnectiTECH Awards, the Marcum Tech Top 40 lauds the leaders in tech in Connecticut, and inspires more to follow suit."

To date, this year's event sponsors include: Marcum LLP and Shipman & Goodwin LLC, with support from Webster Bank. The media sponsor is WFSB.

The October 3 awards program will include the presentation of the Marcum Tech Top 40 Awards, as well as two new honors: the Most Disruptive Technology and Coolest Tech Workplace Awards. These awards are designed to stimulate the celebration of rising tech businesses and innovators and showcase the culture of technology in

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Connecticut in conjunction with the Marcum Tech Top 40. For more information on the Marcum Tech Top 40 and the ConnectiTECH Awards, as well as registration for this and other events, visit [www.ct.org](http://www.ct.org).

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Marlin, a global leader in workplace digital signage, helps managers reach employees using the latest SaaS-based technology solutions to deliver visual communication. Designed specifically for the workplace, Marlin's patented digital signage products are known for their ease of use, robust content options and flexibility. For 105 years, Marlin has developed and delivered visual communication programs that engage, inform and motivate employees. Learn more about Marlin's digital signage products and services at <http://www.themarlincompany.com>.

#### **About the Connecticut Technology Council**

The Connecticut Technology Council is a statewide association of technology oriented companies and institutions, providing leadership in areas of policy advocacy, community building and assistance for growing companies. Speaking for 2,500 companies that employ some 200,000 residents, the mission of the Connecticut Technology Council is to spark innovation, cultivate tech talent, foster business growth, advocate for industry-beneficial law and policy, expand the scope of industry networking and professional development, and celebrate industry achievements in the state. The CTC seeks to serve Connecticut's technology ecosystem by providing leadership, support, mentoring, and advocacy to companies across every industry and at every stage of growth. For more information, visit <http://www.ct.org>.

#### **About Marcum LLP**

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