

LEAD STORY

Salt Forum 2026
relocates to Cannes, France

IMFORMED has announced that Salt Forum 2026 will move from Abu Dhabi to the French Riviera, with the dates unchanged: 16-18 November 2026, at the Pullman Cannes Mandelieu. The programme will cover the global salt market, APAC supply and demand, de-icing salt, high-purity solar salt, processing technology and more.

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GLOBAL SALT SNAPSHOT

350 Mt

Global salt supply in 2024

**340 Mt**

Global salt consumption in 2025

**+1.1%**

Projected average annual growth (next decade)

**60%**

Asia's share of global demand (by 2035, est.)



Source: IMFORMED Salt Market Review 2025

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INDUSTRY NEWS



Atlas Salt financing interest exceeds C\$300 million

Atlas Salt reports non-binding financing letters of interest for its Great Atlantic Salt Project now exceed C\$300 million, including support from Sandvik, another export credit agency and Export Development Canada. The company is also working with CN on multimodal rail distribution options.

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Australia's Mardie project enters the crystallisation phase

BCI Minerals reports its first crystalliser train has been filled, with 49,000 tonnes of salt inventory and 85% construction complete. A new 1,500-tonnes-per-hour salt harvester has been commissioned as the project moves toward full production.

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



European MagNa project turns desalination brine into resources

The EU-backed MagNa project is developing a process to recover high-purity sodium chloride and magnesium hydroxide from desalination brine, using membrane and crystallisation technologies. Initial results were presented in September at the Separation and Purification Technology conference in Sitges, Spain.

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NEW PRODUCTS



Celtic Sea Salt marks 50 years with a premium brining blend

Celtic Sea Salt has launched a limited-edition Savory Brine Blend in collaboration with chef Sohla El-Waylly, combining sea salt with botanicals and citrus. Positioned for brining, rubs and seasoning, it reflects growing consumer demand for premium, application-specific salt products.

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MAJOR COMPANY NEWS



GHCL starts 170,000-tonne food-grade vacuum-salt production

GHCL Limited commenced commercial production of food-grade vacuum salt at its Sutrapada complex in Gujarat on 31 August 2026. The new 170,000-tonne line will serve domestic and international markets, using surplus energy from the existing soda-ash facility.

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SUSTAINABILITY



From brine disposal to resource recovery

Innovations such as the MagNa project and large-scale solar operations like Mardie highlight a growing focus on circularity – recovering more value from every tonne of brine while reducing environmental impact.

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CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS



Twelve Canary Islands sea salts compete for Agrocanarias honours

Twelve artisanal sea salts entered the eighth Agrocanarias Official Sea Salt Competition in Lanzarote. Awards include Best Sea Salt of the Canary Islands, Best Organic Sea Salt and Best Innovation, Image & Presentation. Winners will be announced soon.

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MARKETS & TRADE



North American pricing rises, but costs remain a challenge

Compass Minerals reported a 5% increase in Salt segment revenue to US\$173.9 million in Q3, with average selling prices up 9%. Volumes fell 4% and operating income declined 25% as higher production and distribution costs offset part of the pricing improvement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



2026 Salt Symposium

27-28 October 2026 | Online
Hosted by the University of Minnesota's Cold Climate Stormwater Center of Excellence. Includes Smart Salting certification training.

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Salt Forum 2026

16-18 November 2026 | Cannes, France
International industrial-salt conference covering supply, demand, technology and downstream markets.

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11th World Salt Symposium

Dublin, Ireland | 2027
The International Salt Alliance confirms Dublin as host for the next World Salt Symposium. Final dates and venue details to be announced.

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INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

The salt industry is becoming less commodity-like

From new production capacity and advanced processing to premium products and circular-economy solutions, differentiation is defining the next era of global salt markets.

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