

Chinese Chemicals Brands See 18% Growth Despite Overall Market Dip

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, May 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- New data from <u>Brand Finance</u> highlights shifts in global brand power across chemicals sector amid ongoing volatility

- BASF is the most valuable chemicals brand for 11th year running despite market challenges
- Wanhua's brand value surges by 40% to become world's fastest-growing chemicals brand
- DuPont retains title as world's strongest chemicals brand

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Despite a broader market slowdown, Chinese chemicals brands have seen a notable 18% growth in 2025, according to the Chemicals 50 2025 report from Brand Finance, the world's leading brand valuation consultancy. The combined value of the world's top 50 chemicals brands, now standing at USD82.5 billion, registered a 2% decline, largely attributed to the sluggish performance in key Western markets, particularly the US and Germany.

For the 11th year running, BASF (brand value up 3% to USD9.5 billion) retains its position as the world's most valuable chemicals brand. This domination underscores BASF's resilience in its industry, despite broader market challenges. Brand Finance's research data reveals that the brand notes strong scores for its 'reputation' across key Asia-Pacific markets, including India, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia, in addition to its home market of Germany.

SABIC (brand value at USD4.9 billion) remains in second position for the fifth consecutive year. Dow (brand value up 4% to USD4.5 billion), meanwhile, has ascended to third place, overtaking Linde, a testament to its sustained investment in sustainability and technological advancements.

Meanwhile, DuPont (brand value up 9% to USD2.0 billion) also retains its title as the world's strongest chemicals brand for the fourth consecutive year, noting a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 82.9/100 and an AAA- brand strength rating. According to Brand Finance's research, DuPont scores strongly for reputation and brand appeal among respondents in Europe and Asia, underscoring its strong consumer recognition and trust, reinforcing its position as a key player in the chemicals sector.

China's Wanhua (brand value up 40% to USD2.0 billion) has emerged as the fastest-growing

chemicals brand in 2025, propelling the brand to move up seven positions to the 12th rank overall, largely driven by strong financial performance.

Chinese brands like Wanhua and Rongsheng Petrochemical (brand value up 6% to USD3.2 billion) have capitalised on strong domestic demand and government-backed initiatives in promoting green chemistry and circular economy practices.

Savio D'Souza, Valuation Director at Brand Finance, commented:

"While Western chemicals giants continue to dominate for brand strength, Chinese brands are quickly gaining ground in brand value, with seven out of eight Chinese brands rising in brand value and rank in the 2025 Chemicals 50 ranking. Companies like Rongsheng Petrochemical, SABIC, Satellite Chemical, and Wanhua are aligning with national priorities, investing in sustainable technologies, digital transformation, and innovation, to bolster their market positions and enhance their global competitiveness."

Note to Editors

Every year, leading brand valuation consultancy Brand Finance puts 6,000 of the world's biggest brands to the test, and publishes over 100 reports, ranking brands across all sectors and countries. The world's top 50 most valuable and strongest cosmetics brands are included in the Brand Finance Chemicals 50 2025 report.

Brand value is understood as the net economic benefit that a brand owner would achieve by licensing the brand in the open market. Brand strength is the efficacy of a brand's performance on intangible measures relative to its competitors. The full ranking, additional insights, charts, more information about the methodology, and definitions of key terms are available in the Brand Finance Chemicals 50 2025 report.

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Brand Finance also operates the Global Brand Equity Monitor, conducting original market research annually on 6,000 brands, surveying more than 175,000 respondents across 41 countries and 31 industry sectors. By combining perceptual data from the Global Brand Equity Monitor with data from its valuation database — the largest brand value database in the world — Brand Finance equips ambitious brand leaders with the data, analytics, and the strategic guidance they need to enhance brand and business value.

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