

Europe's Canned Tuna Market Set for USD 5 Billion Growth, Driven by Sustainability and Consumer-Focused Innovation

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, August 7, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Europe Canned Tuna market is entering a transformative decade, with projections showing an increase from USD 3,332.2 million in 2025 to USD 5,039.7 million by 2035. This impressive 4.2% CAGR marks more than just economic growth—it signals a fundamental shift in the way canned tuna is produced, consumed, and perceived across the continent.

At the heart of this transformation lies the changing priorities of European consumers. Increasingly concerned about environmental impact, food provenance, and health benefits, they are driving demand for more sustainable, transparent, and premium canned tuna options. Manufacturers,



in turn, are rising to meet this challenge with technological innovation, product diversification, and packaging sustainability—all of which point to a market evolution rather than mere expansion.

Growth Trajectory: A Market in Motion

Recent semi-annual CAGR data highlights this dynamic momentum. The market grew at 1.8% in H1 2024 and accelerated to 2.6% in H2 2024. In 2025, H1 saw 3.3% growth, while H2 is forecasted to reach a remarkable 4.5%, illustrating the steady upward pace and robust consumer demand.

Leading with Sustainability and Traceability

Sustainability is now a strategic imperative, not a branding tactic. Industry leaders like Thai Union, John West, and Princes are setting benchmarks by integrating traceability systems that

allow consumers to follow their tuna back to its origin. These practices align with consumer insistence on transparency and ethical sourcing amid rising awareness of overfishing and marine ecosystem degradation.

Thai Union's latest advancement—a traceability system launched in February 2024—has redefined trust in seafood sourcing. John West followed in April 2024 by introducing sustainably sourced flavoured tuna in eco-friendly pouch packaging. Meanwhile, Princes announced a partnership with a leading retailer in March 2024 to bring awareness to ocean conservation through a limited edition product line.

This synchronized focus on responsible fishing and sustainable packaging is steering the European canned tuna market into a new era of accountability and long-term viability.

Premiumization: The Rise of Value-Added Tuna Products

The European consumer is also evolving—demanding not just convenience, but quality and health. Premium offerings, including yellowfin and bluefin tuna, flavoured gourmet options, and organic, non-GMO lines are capturing significant market share.

Companies are responding with innovations that align with clean-label trends and functional food demand. Tuna in olive oil, spice-infused blends, and protein-rich, omega-3 fortified variants are resonating particularly well with health-conscious and time-strapped consumers.

Germany, for instance, is witnessing a significant tilt toward organic and premium tuna, while the UK continues to lead in sustainability-conscious purchasing decisions.

Country Spotlights: Localized Growth, Continental Impact

Spain (32%), Italy (23%), France (18%), and Germany (12%) together make up over 85% of the market, but each nation offers unique insights into consumer behavior. Spain remains the largest market due to its seafood-rich culinary traditions. Germany, however, is proving to be a hotspot for high-end, organic offerings, driven by a health-aware consumer base.

The UK stands out for embracing Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified products and recyclable packaging. British consumers are increasingly valuing tuna not just as a product, but as a statement of ethical consumption.

Product Preferences: Chunk Tuna and Light Tuna Lead the Way

Product segmentation highlights consumer tilt toward chunk tuna, which accounts for 30% of the product form market share. Its adaptability in salads, sandwiches, and healthy meal prep has made it a preferred choice.

Meanwhile, canned light tuna holds 35% of the product type market, appreciated for its mild flavor, lower mercury content, and health credentials. Its affordability and compatibility with the Mediterranean diet further anchor its popularity.

Market Concentration and Competitive Landscape

The market remains top-heavy, with Grupo Calvo (25%), John West (20%), Starkist (15%), Princes (10%), and Bumble Bee (8%) controlling the lion's share. These Tier 1 players leverage scale, distribution, and innovation budgets to lead market growth and define industry standards.

However, Tier 2 and Tier 3 players are also gaining traction. Companies like Orkla Group and regional champions are offering niche, locally adapted products—focusing on GMO-free, artisanal, and regionally sourced tuna to meet specific market demands.

This three-tiered ecosystem fosters a rich competitive environment that supports mass-market growth while encouraging localized innovation.

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A Future Anchored in Responsibility and Innovation

For manufacturers, this is a pivotal moment. The growth opportunity in Europe's canned tuna market is undeniable—but to capture it, companies must align with a future-forward strategy that blends sustainability, innovation, and consumer relevance.

From traceable sourcing to packaging redesign, from premium product lines to regionalized offerings—the next decade is not about catching up, but leading the change.

Manufacturers who embrace this transformation will not only grow with the market—they will help shape its very course.

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