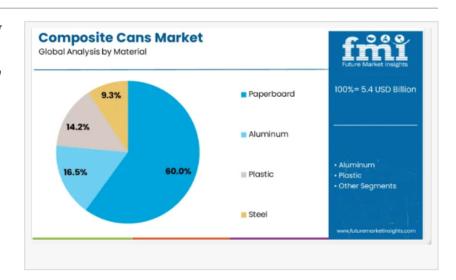


# Composite Cans Market to Surpass USD 8.5 Bn by 2035 — Growth Spreads Across APAC, Europe, USA, and Saudi Arabia

Global composite cans market is moving toward sustainable, high-barrier packaging formats, driven by demand in food & beverage and personal care applications.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, November 13, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The global composite cans market is on a steady upward trajectory, estimated at approximately USD 5.4 billion in 2025,



and projected to reach USD 8.8 billion by 2035, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of roughly 5.1% over the forecast period. This growth is underpinned by mounting consumer and regulatory pressure for lightweight, recyclable packaging, alongside rising demand from food, beverage, personal care and industrial sectors for high-barrier, value-added containment solutions.

### Key Market Insights at a Glance

- Market size in 2025: ~USD 5.4 billion.
- Forecast size by 2035: ~USD 8.8 billion.
- Forecast CAGR: ~5.1% (2025-2035).
- Dominant material segment: paperboard (~60% share in 2025).
- Leading closure-type: caps (~54% share in 2025).
- Key driver sectors: food & beverage, personal care, industrial.
- Regional growth leaders: Asia Pacific, India (~6.4% CAGR), China (~6.9% CAGR).
- Sustainability, light-weight design, barrier technologies emerging as must-haves.

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- Asia Pacific: The fastest-growing region—China is expected to grow at ~6.9% CAGR, India ~6.4%—driven by food & beverage and personal-care packaging adoption in retail and e-commerce channels.
- North America: More mature market with slower growth (~4.3% CAGR) but strong demand for premium packaging and regulatory push against single-use plastics.
- Europe: Emphasis on high environmental standards and innovation in barrier technologies; Germany leads with ~5.9% CAGR.
- Latin America & MEA: Emerging but smaller bases, presenting opportunity zones for growth as retail modernisation and sustainability awareness expand.

# Competitive Landscape

The composite cans market remains moderately consolidated at the top tier, with the largest players commanding one-third of total industry share, while hundreds of regional players vie for niche positions. Key vendor strategies include material innovation (100% recyclable formats), barrier performance upgrades, cost-efficiency in manufacturing and expanding regional footprints. Competitive pressures from alternative rigid formats (plastic, metal) continue, especially in cost-sensitive markets.

### **Segment Overview**

- Material Type: Paperboard dominates (~60% share) owing to its lower weight, recyclability and branding versatility. Aluminium, steel and plastics represent smaller but growing niches.
- Closure Type: Caps lead (~54%) followed by lids, as convenient resealable formats and premium closures gain traction.
- Production Type: Formats such as spiral wound, convolute winding and linear draw each service specific size/volume requirements; spiral wound leads in many applications.
- End-Use/Application: Food & beverage applications remain largest, followed by personal care & cosmetics, industrial/chemicals and others (textiles, agriculture).
- Can Diameter & Capacity: Ranges from under 50 mm up to 1000 ml+; smaller formats growing faster for snack, powdered drink, e-commerce fulfilment.

## Market Outlook: Powering the Next Decade

As we move into the next decade, the composite cans market is set to power several key themes. Sustainability will shift from differentiator to baseline: fully recyclable, mono-material composite cans will become standard. Smart packaging features (e.g., tamper evidence, resealability, consumer engagement) will drive premiumisation. Growth in emerging markets, especially in Asia Pacific and Latin America, will outpace developed markets, as brand owners diversify beyond metal and plastic. Manufacturers who invest in lean, flexible production and barrier-technology partnerships will capture the lion's share of incremental value.

Key Players of Sustainable Label Industry

Leading global players include:

- Sonoco Products Company strong in multi-layer composite cans, sustainable formats.
- Amcor plc focuses on lightweight, recyclable packaging solutions.
- Smurfit Kappa Group plc robust in paper-based composite formats with global reach.
- Mondi Group plc active in specialty packaging and composites.
- Ace Paper Tube and Irwin Packaging Pty Ltd regional innovators in composite can formats.

These companies are increasingly focused on sustainability certifications, regional expansion, and bespoke formats (e-commerce, premium segments) to outpace commoditised competition.

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**Recent Strategic Developments** 

Recent moves shaping the market:

- Major manufacturers announcing investments in fibre-based composite cans to meet recyclable-first mandates.
- Launches of resealable cap systems and premium decorative finishes to support premium beverage and personal-care formats.
- Strategic alliances between composite can producers and barrier-coating specialists to enable lighter weight structures with equivalent protection.
- Expansion of production capacity in Asia Pacific—particularly China & India—to serve growing regional demand and reduce lead-times.
- Acquisition of regional players in Latin America and Africa, offering access to new geographies and supporting global brand owners' localisation strategies.

### Conclusion

With sustainable packaging at the forefront of board-room agendas, the composite cans market is poised for consistent growth, underpinned by a set of robust data points: ~USD 5.4 billion in 2025 global value, ~5.1% CAGR to USD 8.8 billion by 2035, strong regional growth in Asia Pacific and entrenched innovation from key players. For packaging manufacturers and brand owners alike, navigating the next decade successfully will hinge on delivering recyclable, lightweight formats, flexible supply-chains and regionally adapted offerings.

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