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1. Introduction

1.1. Report Description

Optical circuit switches (OCS) are photonic switching devices that establish direct, all-optical connections between fiber ports without converting signals to electrical form, enabling low-latency, high-bandwidth, and protocol-agnostic switching for network infrastructure. The market covers switching technologies including micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS), electro-optic, acousto-optic, thermo-optic, and liquid-crystal-based switches among others, which are deployed across low, medium, and high port configurations. OCS solutions serve a broad end-user industry spanning telecommunications, data centers & cloud providers, IT & networking, BFSI, defense & aerospace, healthcare, retail, and government sectors among others. Demand is being fundamentally reshaped by the buildout of AI training and inference clusters, which require dynamic, reconfigurable, and power-efficient optical layers to support GPU/TPU/ASIC interconnects at scale, alongside the growing convergence with co-packaged optics (CPO) and evolving data center network topologies.

Optical circuit switches market report by xResearch provides market analysis of this industry including market drivers, key players, industry structure and dynamics, business strategies for success, and threats or opportunities.

1.2. Research Methodology

Secondary Research: The process begins with extensive secondary research through various sources to carry out the qualitative and quantitative methodologies specific to respective industry. The sources that are referred/included in the report, but not restricted to: Government documents, legal databases, Statistical reports, Industry documents Company websites, Annual reports, U.S. Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, Financial reports, Investors' reports/presentations, comprehensive databases (For example Economic Intelligence unit, EIU), Media house news, press releases and news articles published by top industry players.

Primary Research: The process includes research interviews of various industry experts, veterans and top-level people from industry's' major players in order to authenticate and strengthen the data and research analytics. Primary research includes questionnaire, telephonic interviews, e-mails, face-to-face interviews etc. The members who ordinarily participate in such a procedure incorporate, but are not restricted to: Participants from the Industry- CEO, CTO, CFO, marketing head/managers, Vice-president, Directors, etc. Outside Industry experts: Financial institutes viz. bankers and Investors etc.

After understanding the market from primary and secondary research, our consultant use their extensive years of experience in the industry. Once a fair, concrete understanding of the market is developed, we help our clients to understand the market demand and opportunity in near future through actionable insights in a dynamic marketplace environment.

1.3. Report Assumptions & Acronyms Used

Assumptions

- The report provides market estimates for base year 2025 and a yearly forecast to 2036 in terms of revenue (USD Million). Market for each, switching technology, port configuration, enterprise size, and end-user industry has been provided on a regional basis for historical (2021-2025) and the above-mentioned forecast period.
- Key industry dynamics, regulatory scenario, major product trends, technology trend and application markets are evaluated to understand their impact on demand for the forecast period. Growth rates were estimated using correlation, regression and time-series analysis.
- We have used a bottom-up approach for market sizing, analyzing key regional markets, dynamics and trends for various products and services. Global market has been estimated by integrating regional markets.
- Market estimates have mainly been based on feedback obtained through primary interviews with key industry participants.
- Inflation has not been accounted for in order to estimate the market.
- Numbers may not add up due to rounding off.
- Regional segments include North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, South America and Middle East & Africa.

Acronyms

USD – United States Dollar

NA – North America

APAC – Asia Pacific

SA – South America

ME&A - Middle East & Africa

2. Executive Summary (1/5)

Key Stats – Optical Circuit Switches Market

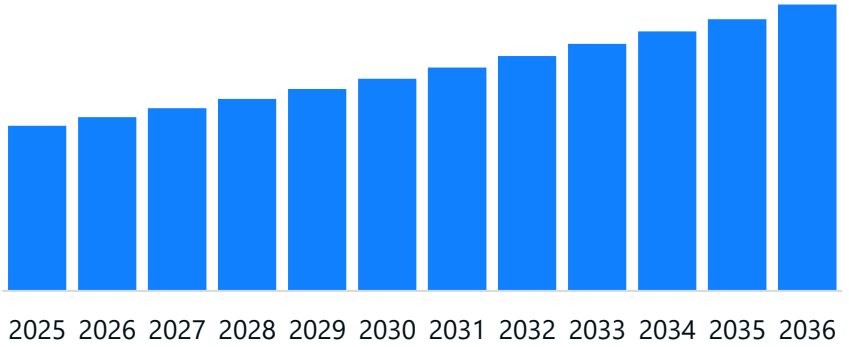
X.X%
CAGR 2026-2036

North America
Max $ Opportunity

MEMS
Leading Segment

Asia Pacific
Growth Market

Optical Circuit Switches Market (USD Million) 2025-2036



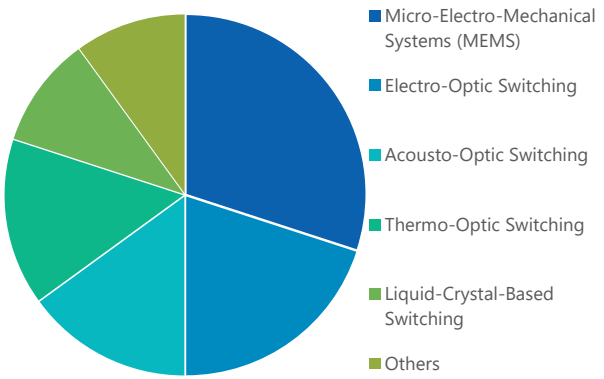
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Key Highlights

- The optical circuit switches market is anticipated to reach USD XXX.X million by 2036 from USD XXX.X million in 2025, at a CAGR of XX.X% during the forecast period. The optical circuit switches market has shown rapid growth since past few years. The growth in mainly driven by the rapid expansion of AI infrastructure that demand dynamic, high-radix optical switching, expansion of hyperscale data centers, exponentially rising network traffic, rising adoption of co-packaged optics (CPO) as a complementary and, over time, competing technology, and sustained hyper-scaler capital investment directed toward reconfigurable, low-latency network fabrics.
- The AI-driven demand shift is a structural driver reshaping the market, pulling capital toward high-port-count MEMS-based switches capable of supporting large-scale GPU/TPU/ASIC clusters. Hyper-scaler investment from Google, Microsoft, Meta, Amazon, Byte-Dance, and Huawei among others is diversifying deployment beyond traditional telecom carriers into cloud and AI infrastructure. Moreover, standards convergence under bodies such as the OIF and IEEE 802.3 is easing multi-vendor interoperability, which is expected to further boost the optical circuit switches market during the forecast period 2026-2036.

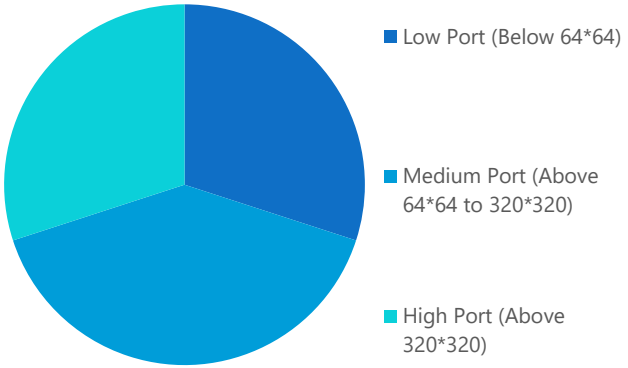
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Segmentation Analysis By Switching Tec.



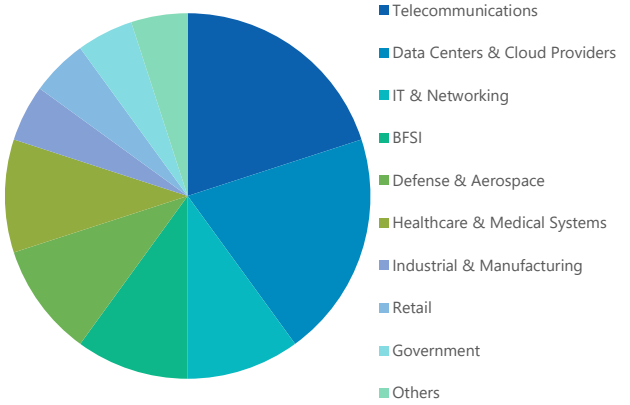
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Segmentation Analysis By Port Config.



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Segmentation Analysis By End-User Industry



Source: xResearch Analysis

Key Highlights

- The optical circuit switches market is segmented into six segments based on switching technology: micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS), electro-optic switching, acousto-optic switching, thermo-optic switching, liquid-crystal-based switching, and others. Among these, the MEMS segment is expected to dominate the market in terms of market share, while the liquid crystal-based switching segment is predicted to grow at the highest rate in terms of CAGR during the forecast period.
- Based on port configuration, the market is segmented into low port, medium port, and high port. Among these, the medium port segment is expected to be the largest in terms of market share, while the high port segment is forecasted to grow at the highest rate in terms of CAGR during the forecast period.
- On the basis of end-user industry, the market is segmented into telecommunications, data centers & cloud providers, IT & networking, BFSI, defense & aerospace, healthcare & medical systems, industrial & manufacturing, retail, government, and others. Among these, the telecommunication segment is expected to be the largest in terms of market share, while the data centers & cloud providers segment is predicted to grow at the highest rate in terms of CAGR during the forecast period.

2. Executive Summary (3/5)

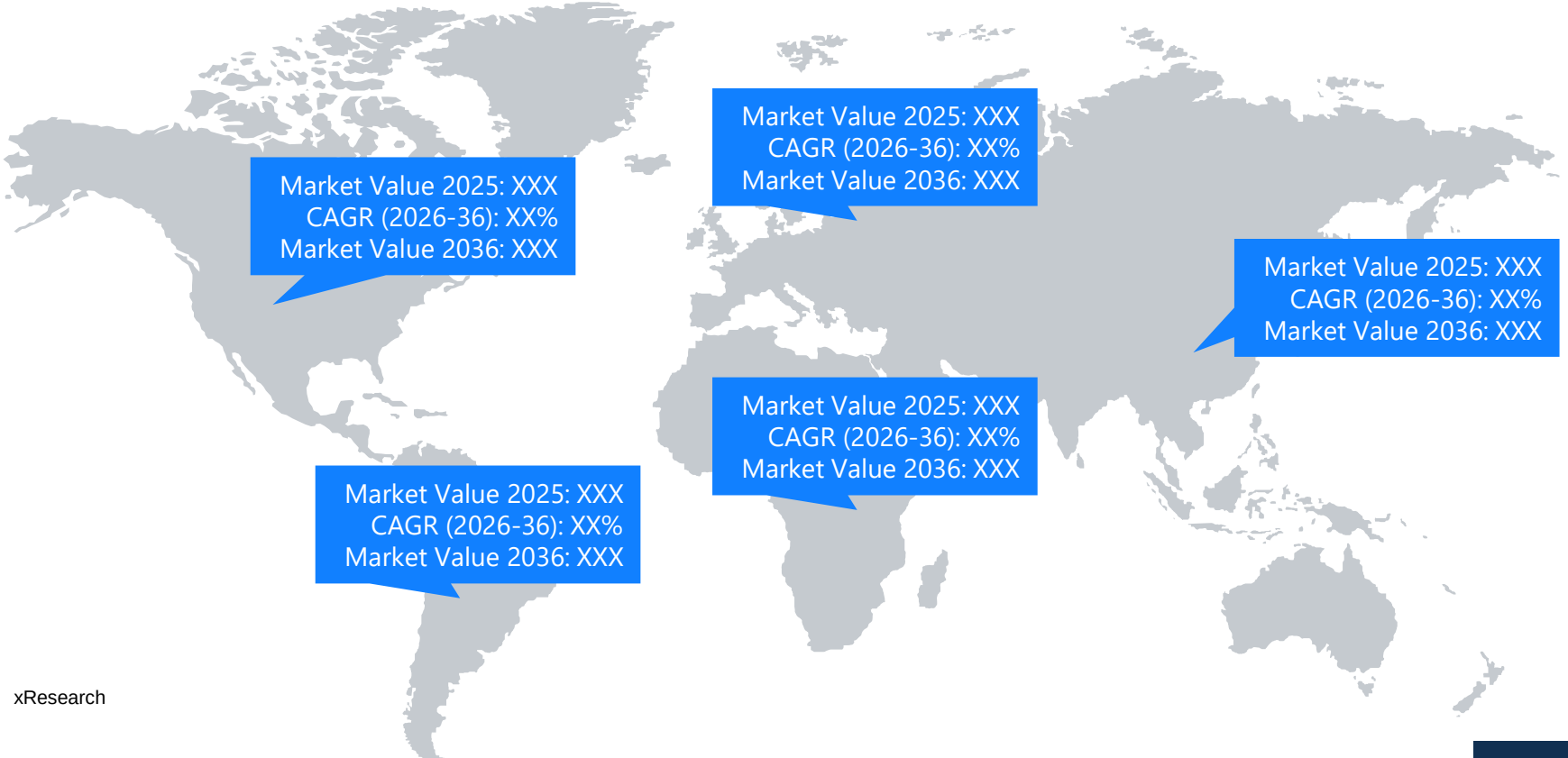
Key Highlights

- North America was held to be the largest market in 2025 for the optical circuit switches on the global scale. Moreover, the region is expected to maintain its position further during the forecast period of 2026-2036.
- North America region's dominance stems the concentration of hyperscale cloud providers, AI infrastructure operators, and network equipment innovators in the North America region. North America market leadership is underpinned by sustained hyper-scaler capital investment from Google, Microsoft, Meta, and Amazon directed toward AI training and inference cluster buildouts, alongside a mature telecommunications carrier base and a strong domestic R&D in photonic switching technologies. Moreover, growing collaboration between OCS vendors, GPU/ASIC makers, and data center operators to co-optimize network topology for AI workloads, is expected to further drive the market growth in the region during the forecast period 2026-2036.
- Asia Pacific is expected to be fastest growing region with the global optical circuit switches market. The growth is mainly driven by large-scale data centers, and telecommunication infrastructure expansion across China, Japan, South Korea, India, and South-East Asia. Furthermore, aggressive AI data center investment by regional hyper-scalers such as Byte-Dance and Huawei, combined with government-backed digital infrastructure programs and rising 5G/data center rollouts, contributes significantly to the market growth. Moreover, rising investment in AI & cloud infrastructure, and the presence of established photonics and component manufacturers across the region supports innovation, and cost-competitive supply in Asia Pacific, which is expected to further boost the market growth in the region during the forecast period 2026-2036.
- The top 10 players account for XX.X% of the market. The industry is highly competitive and companies are adopting a mix of business strategies in order to acquire market share.
- Major companies operating in the market are adopting business strategies like product innovation, R&D, expansion, acquisition, mergers,

2. Executive Summary (5/5)

Optical Circuit Switches Market by Region

The North America region is forecasted to maintain its dominant position in the global optical circuit switches market, accounting for a projected market share of XX.X% in 2025. The regional optical circuit switches market is mainly driven a dense concentration of hyperscale data centers, sustained AI infrastructure capex, and a mature base of network equipment innovators across the region. Rapid expansion of AI infrastructure, alongside rising adoption of co-packaged optics and high-radix network fabrics, continues to fuel regional demand. Furthermore, the presence of leading OCS and photonic component vendors, along with deep strategic ties to major hyper-scalers, reinforces the region's competitive edge. Moreover, ongoing investment in next-generation switching technologies and domestic manufacturing capacity, is predicted to further drive the Optical Circuit Switches market in the region during the forecast period 2026-2036.



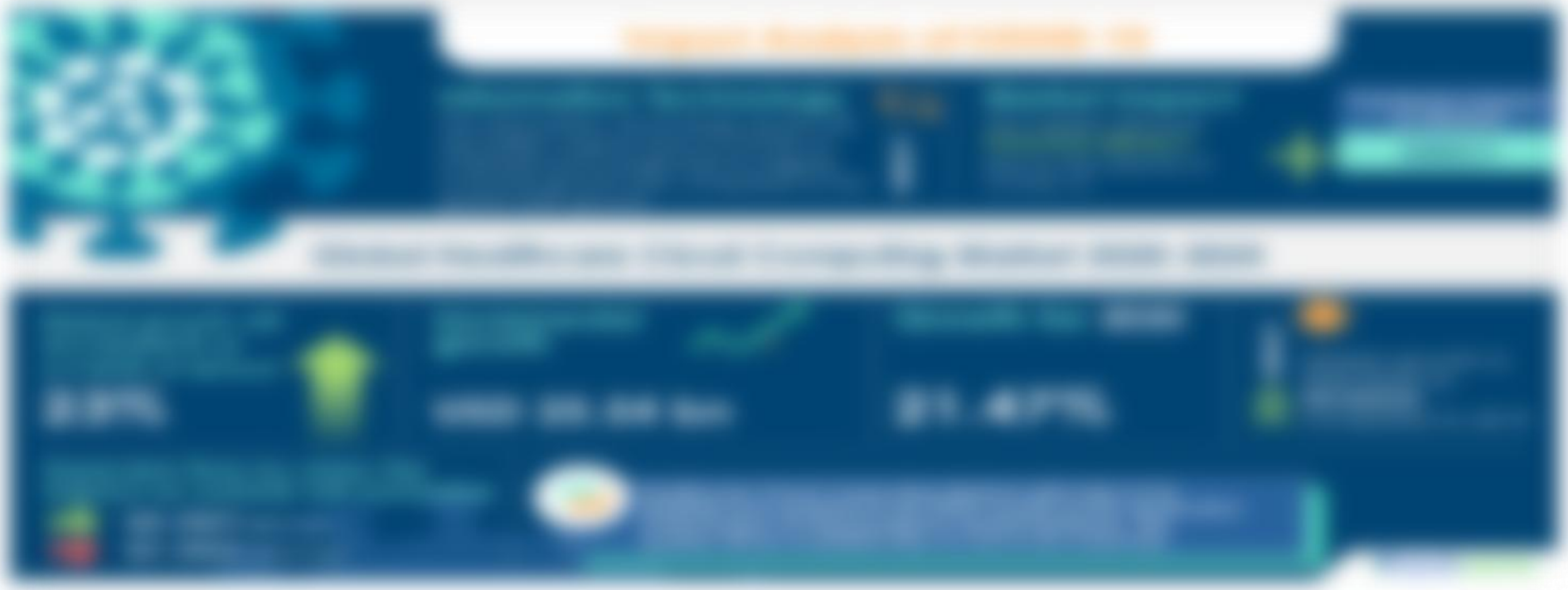
3. Value Chain Analysis

Value Chain Analysis of Optical Circuit Switches Market

The value chain analysis of the optical circuit switches market helps to identify the key stages and players involved in the production and distribution of optical circuit switches products & offering.

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6. Key Market Indicators

Key Market Dynamics



Rapid Expansion of AI Infrastructure



Expansion of Hyperscale Data Centers

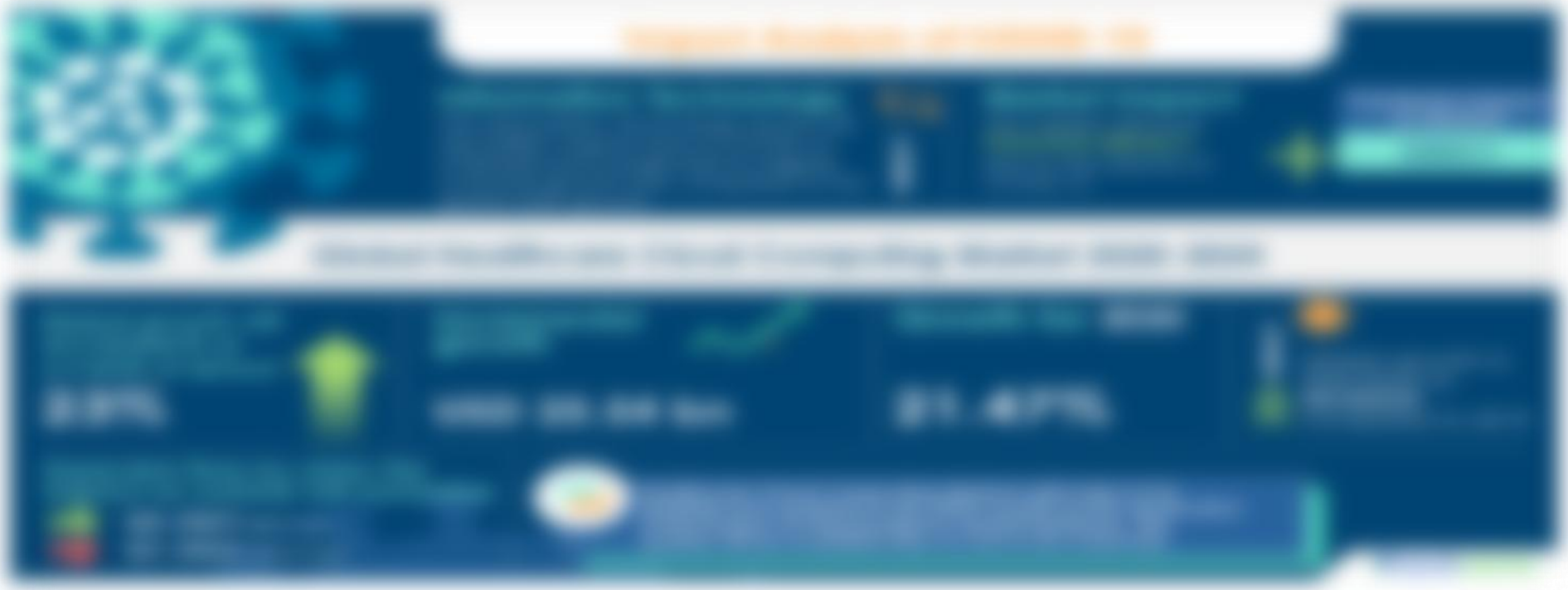


Exponentially Rising Network Traffic

Introduction

- AI training and inference workloads are driving a surge in dedicated AI computing infrastructure worldwide. For instance, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA), AI-specific data center capacity has more than tripled in the past 18 months. Additionally, the global electricity demand of data centers on the critical infrastructure for training and running AI models grew by 17% in 2025. Electricity consumption from AI-focused data centers grew even faster, surging 50% in 2025, as per the IEA's Energy & AI report. This scale of energy consumption is pushing operators toward optical circuit switching to handle the higher bandwidth, lower latency, and reduced power consumption required by dense GPU clusters, which in turn propels the market growth.
- The continuous expansion of hyperscale data centers is significantly increasing the adoption of optical circuit switching technologies. Cloud service providers are investing heavily in next-generation data center infrastructure to support AI workloads, cloud computing, video streaming, enterprise digital transformation, and edge computing applications. For instance, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the largest technology companies are contributing to a surge in data center investment, as their capital expenditure exceeded USD 400 billion in 2025, and is projected to rise by another 75% in 2026. These investments are expected to substantially increase demand for optical switching platforms capable of supporting next-generation 400G, 800G, and future 1.6T optical interconnects.
- The exponential increase in global internet traffic is creating substantial demand for high-capacity optical networking infrastructure, thereby supporting the adoption of optical circuit switches. Rapid growth in cloud services, artificial intelligence, video streaming, Internet of Things (IoT), 5G deployments, enterprise digitalization, and data-intensive applications is driving unprecedented volumes of data across global communication networks.

Sample



8. AI & Hyperscaler Infrastructure Impact Analysis

AI & Hyperscaler Infrastructure Impact Analysis

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8. AI & Hyperscaler Infrastructure Impact Analysis

8.1. AI Training/Inference Cluster Architecture Evolution

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8.2. Hyperscaler Capex Tracker & OCS Procurement Correlation

8.2.1. Google



8.2.2. Microsoft

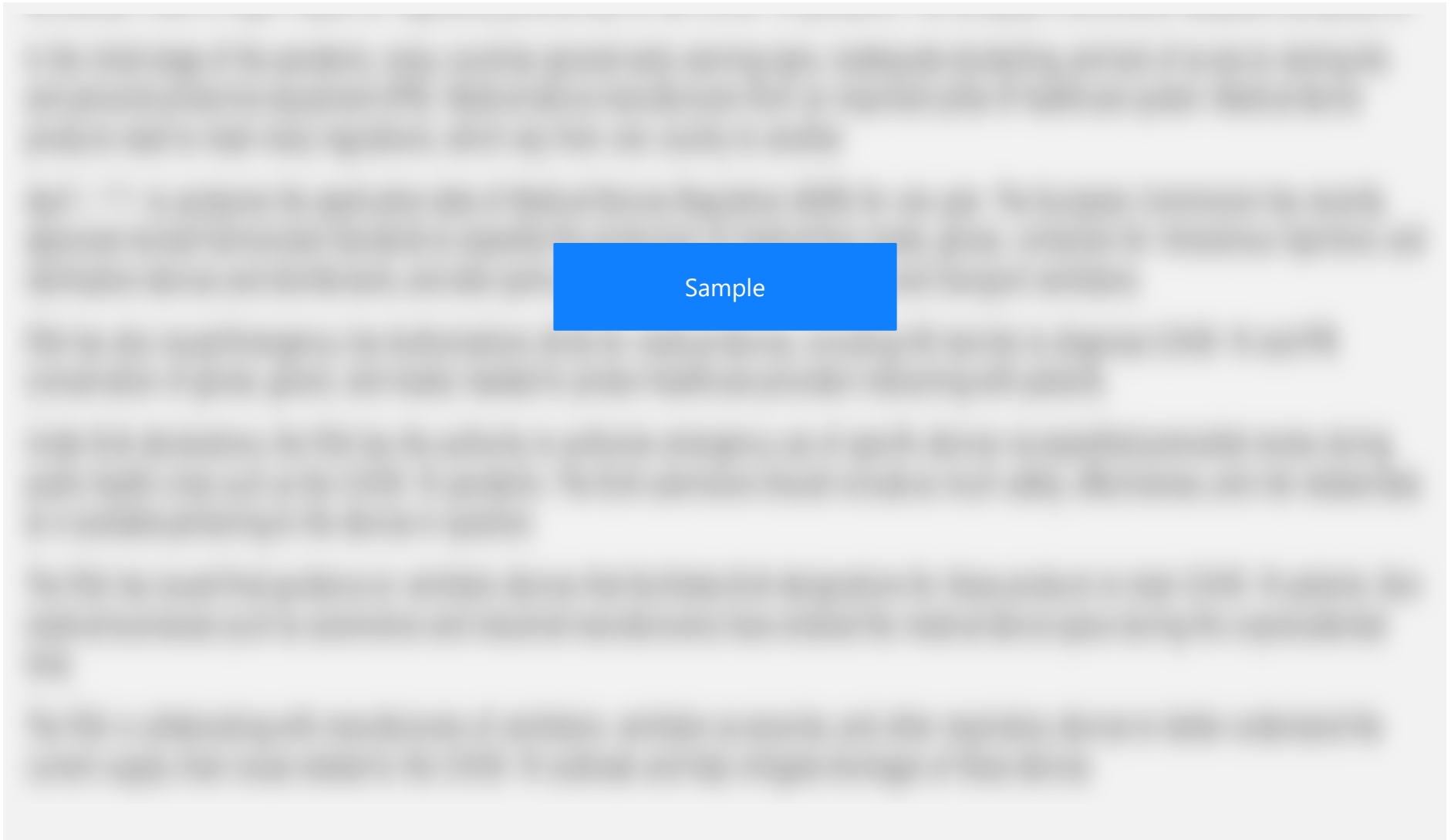


8.2.3. Meta



9. Technology & Standards Roadmap Analysis

9.1. Switching Technology Roadmap (2026–2036)



19.2. Optical Circuit Switches Segmentation Analysis

Optical Circuit Switches Market By Switching Technology – Global Market Analysis 2025-2036

- The micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) accounted for a share of XX.X% of the optical circuit switches market in 2025. This segment is projected to reach USD XX,XXX.X million by 2036 from USD X,XXX.X million in 2025, at a CAGR of X.X% during the forecast period.
- The electro-optic switching segment is expected to hold the CAGR of X.X% during the forecast period. This segment is predicted to reach USD X,XXX.X million by 2036 from USD X,XXX.X million in 2025.

Figure: Optical Circuit Switches - Global Market Value ($ Million) 2025-2036

By Switching Technology	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	CAGR
Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Electro-Optic Switching	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Acousto-Optic Switching	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Thermo-Optic Switching	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Liquid-Crystal-Based Switching	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Others	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Total	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X%**

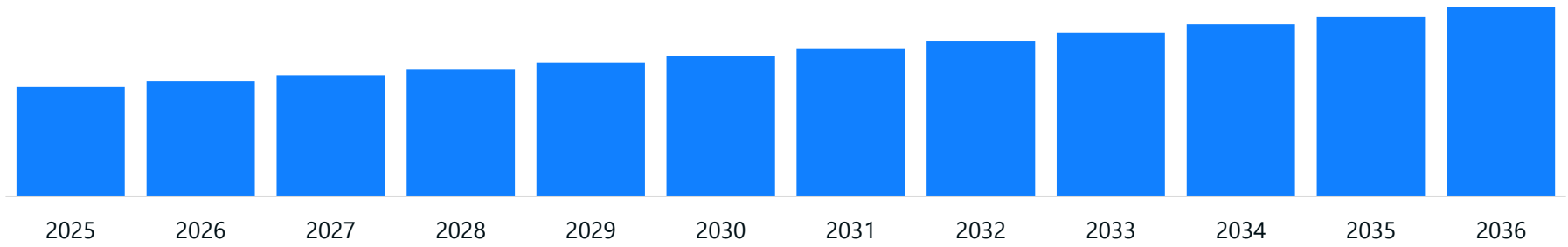
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19.1.1. Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

Introduction

- The market size of the micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) segment was USD XXX million in 2025. It is expected to grow at a CAGR of XX.X% during the forecast period i.e. 2026-2036. MEMS-based switching is the dominant switching technology within the optical circuit switches market, due to its high port density, low insertion loss, scalability, and proven operational reliability. MEMS switches form the core enabling technology for large-scale, non-blocking optical cross-connects used extensively across hyperscale data centers, telecommunications networks, and high-performance computing environments.
- The increasing adoption of hyperscale cloud infrastructure, AI training clusters, and high-speed optical networking is significantly driving demand for MEMS-based switches, as operators prioritize a commercially mature, field-proven technology to manage surging east-west traffic volumes. Furthermore, growing investments by leading players in higher-port-count MEMS matrices are enabling the segment to keep pace with increasing bandwidth density and reconfiguration-speed requirements of modern AI-optimized networks. Moreover, the MEMS cost and power efficiency advantage over electro-optic, thermo-optic, and acousto-optic alternatives continues to make it the switching technology of choice for intra-data-center and network cross-connect applications, which is expected to further boost the market growth of the urine samples segment during the forecast period 2026-2036.

Figure: Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) - Global Market Value ($ Million) and Forecast 2025-2036



Source: xResearch Analysis

20. Regional Analysis

Optical Circuit Switches By Region – Global Market Analysis 2025-2036

- North America optical circuit switches market is forecasted to reach USD X,XXX.X million in 2036 from X,XXX.X million in 2025. North America holds the largest market for optical circuit switches.
- Asia Pacific is expected to hold the highest CAGR during the forecast period 2026-2036. The growth is attributed to the rapid expansion of hyperscale cloud infrastructure, accelerating artificial intelligence (AI) adoption, widespread 5G deployment, and increasing investments in semiconductor manufacturing across China, Japan, South Korea, India, Singapore, and Taiwan.
- Europe followed by Latin America & Middle East & Africa will have a significant market share during the forecast period.

Figure: Optical Circuit Switches – Regional Market Value ($ Million) 2025-2036

Region	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	CAGR
North America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Europe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Asia Pacific	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Latin America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Middle East & Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X%
Total	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X%**

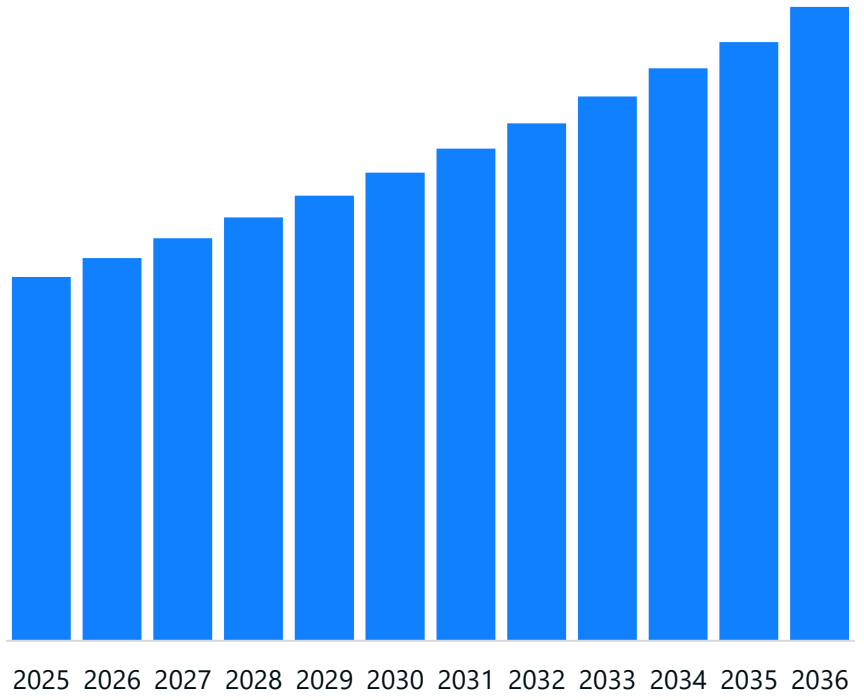
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20.1. North America Market 2025-2036

North America Market 2025-2036

- North America accounted for a market share of XX.X% of the global optical circuit switches market in 2025.
- The market is projected to reach USD X,XXX.X million by 2036 from USD X,XXX.X million in 2025, at a CAGR of X.X% during the forecast period. North America, comprising the United States and Canada, remains the hub of global optical circuit switches demand, anchored by its dense concentration of hyperscale cloud operators, AI infrastructure developers, and photonic component manufacturers.
- North America's regional growth is driven by the aggressive hyper-scaler capex cycles, federal policy support for domestic AI infrastructure, and accelerating GPU cluster deployments. For instance, as per the US Department of Energy and the White House's America's AI Action Plan, federal executive actions issued in 2025-2026 have directed the rapid buildout of data centers and supporting energy infrastructure nationwide, while the International Energy Agency notes that capital expenditure by the largest US technology companies exceeded USD 400 billion in 2025 alone.
- Moreover, the presence of pioneering hyperscale networking teams deploying proprietary and open-standard optical switch architectures, alongside key market players such as Coherent Corp, Lumentum, and Calient.AI among others expanding domestic manufacturing capacity, is expected to further drive the market growth in the region during the forecast period 2026-2036.

Figure: North America Market Size ($ Million) 2025-2036



Source: xResearch Analysis

21. United States Market

Country Information

- United States total GDP was $X.X trillion in XXXX accounting for X.X% of $XX.X trillion global GDP. The country had a total population of XXX.X million accounting for around X.X% of the global population.

Market Information

- United States was among the most prominent countries in the optical circuit switches market among the major countries covered in the report and was worth $XXX.X million in 2025. The market accounted for X.X% of the country's GDP.
- The United States optical circuit switches market is expected to maintain robust growth, majorly driven by continued AI infrastructure investments, expanding cloud computing capacity, increasing adoption of software-defined networking (SDN), and rapid advancements in silicon photonics. Moreover, government support for semiconductor manufacturing, coupled with sustained private-sector investment in digital infrastructure, is expected to reinforce the country's leadership in optical networking technologies throughout the forecast period 2026–2036.

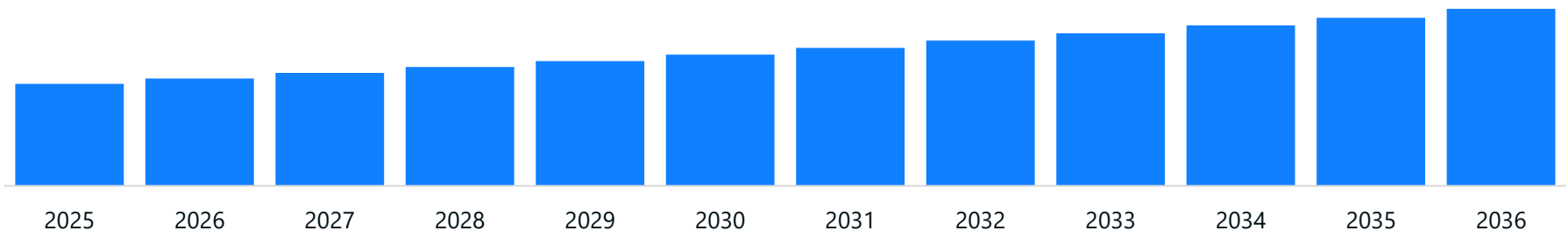
Impact of COVID-19

21.9. United States Market 2025-2036

Key Highlights

- United States optical circuit switches market size stood at USD XXXX.X million in 2025. Further, it is predicted to expand at a CAGR of X.X% during the forecast period and reach USD XXXX.X million by 2036.
- The US represents the world's leading market for AI-optimized data center networking, supported by its dense ecosystem of hyperscale cloud operators, GPU/ASIC designers, and photonic component manufacturers. Rising deployment of AI training clusters, GPU-dense server racks, and next-generation networking fabrics continues to drive demand for high-port-count, low-latency optical switching solutions across the country.
- The United States is also strengthening its position through record-scale investment in physical data center infrastructure. For instance, according to the US Census Bureau, the private data center construction spending in the country surpassed USD 50 billion on an annualized basis in April 2026, outpacing office construction for the first time on record. Major hyperscale operators including Amazon, Microsoft, Google, and Meta are investing billions of dollars to expand GPU-intensive data centers across multiple US regions. Furthermore, growing deployment of silicon photonics, programmable optical networking, and disaggregated switch architectures by leading hyper-scalers, is expected to further expand the market growth in the country during the forecast period 2026-2036.

Figure: United States Optical Circuit Switches - Market Value ($ Million) 2025-2036



Source: xResearch Analysis

49.1. HUBER+SUHNER

COMPANY AT A GLANCE

HUBER+SUHNER	1969 Founded	Herisau, Switzerland Headquarters	Public Ownership

Company Overview

- Huber+Suhner, is a Swiss multi-national company that develops and produces components and system solutions for electrical and optical connection technology. HUBER+SUHNER designs and builds components and system solutions for electrical and optical connectivity. The company serve the three main markets Industry, Communication and Transportation with applications from the three technologies of radio frequency, fiber optics and low frequency. The company is headquartered in Herisau, AR, Switzerland.
- The company offers a wide range of cables, connectors, cable assemblies, antennas, lightning protectors, adapters, EMP protectors, cable switches, RF components, adapters fiber management system, a hybrid installation system, containment products splitters, and filters among others. It also provides advanced fiber cable management platforms, optical switches, transceivers, and specialized ecosystem co-design services.
- The company caters to communication, oil and gas, aerospace, defense, automotive, transportation, and industrial markets. The company has presence in more than 80 countries across Europe, North America, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and MEA. The company employs over 3,900 employees around the globe.
- Huber+Suhner offers a wide range of optical circuit swtches, which caters to the varying need of various end-user industry. Its product offering includes the POLATIS 6000 Ultra Q Quantum Optical Circuit Switch, POLATIS® 6000 Series Optical Circuit Switch, POLATIS® 7000 Optical Circuit Switch, POLATIS® 7000s Optical Circuit Switch, and more.

Competing Markets (Companies which compete for same wallet share with (HUBER+SUHNER))

Category	Competitors
Medium Port	[illegible]
High Port	[illegible]
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Business Strategy

- HUBER+SUHNER's business strategy in the optical circuit switches market is centered on scaling dedicated optical circuit switches manufacturing capacity to meet surging AI data center demand. The company opened a new POLATIS production site in Pisary, Poland in June 2025, planned to increase OCS output at least fivefold within two years, complementing its existing Krzeszowice facility.
- The company is also deepening strategic ties with hyperscale operators to capture recurring, large-volume OCS demand. In July 2025, HUBER+SUHNER announced a multi-year supply agreement with a global hyperscale data center operator for POLATIS OCS units, alongside a 2026 collaboration with Microsoft to advance Hollow Core Fiber deployment across the Azure network.
- HUBER+SUHNER's competitive edge stems from Polatis' series decade-plus track record in all-optical switching, including claims to the industry's lowest insertion loss and largest available switch matrix, combined with SDN interoperability. This positions the company to capture share as hyperscalers increasingly adopt optical circuit switches for AI training cluster interconnects and dynamic network reconfiguration.

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