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Abstracts

Advanced filtration is becoming one of the most strategically important areas of industrial technology. The combination of tightening environmental regulation, intensifying water scarcity, rising air-quality expectations, the expansion of biomanufacturing, and growing concern over critical-mineral supply security is reshaping demand for filtration across every major sector that uses it. The decade from 2026 to 2036 will see the market transformed not only in scale but in composition, as new regulation-driven applications, advanced materials, and recurring-revenue business models gain prominence alongside the established core of water, wastewater, and air filtration.

The forces driving the market are powerful and structural rather than cyclical. Tightening water-quality standards and enforceable PFAS drinking-water limits in the United States, together with the European Union's broad REACH-based PFAS restriction, are converting environmental concern into mandatory, non-discretionary demand for treatment. Acute and worsening water scarcity is driving major investment in desalination and in water reuse, including potable reuse. Rising attention to indoor and outdoor air quality is lifting demand for higher-efficiency air filtration. The expansion of biopharmaceutical, vaccine, and advanced-therapy manufacturing is sustaining strong demand for high-value pharmaceutical filtration. And concerns over critical-mineral supply security are opening genuinely new application space in lithium recovery from brine, rare-earth recovery from waste streams, and electronic-waste processing.

The technology and materials landscape spans established membrane processes — microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, reverse osmosis — and conventional polymeric and ceramic media, alongside an advancing frontier of two-dimensional and framework materials (MXenes, metal-organic frameworks, covalent organic frameworks,

graphene oxide), nanofibres, biomimetic and aquaporin-based membranes, reactive and catalytic membranes, and atmospheric water harvesting using advanced sorbents. The binding constraint across this frontier is not laboratory performance but manufacturing scale-up and cost competitiveness against incumbents.

Regionally, Asia-Pacific is the largest and fastest-growing market, followed by North America — where PFAS remediation is the most mature segment — and Europe, which combines broad regulation with strong sustainability and circular-economy pressures. The market is increasingly driven by recurring, consumable-led revenue, by the rise of single-use and digitally enabled filtration, and by capital flowing through venture capital, venture debt, public-institution lending, and corporate strategic investment. Across the decade, regulation, technology scale-up, and sustainability expectations will together determine which participants capture the value the sector creates.

Report contents include:

Executive Summary — scope and definition of advanced filtration; market overview and key findings; market drivers (water scarcity, PFAS regulation, air quality, decarbonization, critical minerals, biomanufacturing); technology and commercial challenges; market opportunity matrix; future perspectives and commercialization roadmap; SWOT; commercialization barriers; risk-adjusted positioning.

Filtration Technologies — classification by separation mechanism; membrane processes (MF, UF, NF, RO, FO, ED, MBR) and module configurations; single-use and continuous processing; hybrid and reactive membranes (mixed-matrix, electro-Fenton, electrocatalytic, photocatalytic, stimuli-responsive); biomimetic and aquaporin membranes; nanofibre media; air filtration (HEPA, ULPA, electrostatic precipitation, depth); adsorption (activated carbon, ion exchange); ceramic membranes; additively manufactured media; PFAS-specific separation and destruction technologies; digitally enabled and modular filtration; technology readiness levels and benchmarking matrix.

Advanced Filtration Materials — materials taxonomy and the role of nanostructure; two-dimensional and framework materials (MXenes, MOFs, COFs, graphene, graphene oxide, g-C₃N₄, MoS₂, graphdiyne, zeolites); carbon and nanocarbon materials; nanofibres and bio-based materials (polymer, alumina, cellulose, bacterial nanocellulose); biological and biomimetic building blocks; nanoparticles and metal oxides; dendrimers and hyperbranched

polymers; aerogels and porous monoliths; conventional polymeric and inorganic media; composite and hybrid systems; PTFE and fluorine-free substitution; sustainable, biodegradable and recyclable media; synthesis, functionalization and surface engineering; property benchmarking; supply chain and raw-material bottlenecks.

Markets and Applications — water and wastewater treatment; water reuse and recycling; desalination and lithium/mineral recovery from brine; air filtration; virus filtration; pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical processing; semiconductor and electronics manufacturing; oil and gas filtration; food and beverage processing; healthcare and medical devices; mineral and mining processing; critical mineral and e-waste recovery; atmospheric water harvesting; PFAS remediation; gas separation and carbon capture filtration; osmotic and blue energy harvesting; application opportunity analysis matrix.

Regulatory and Sustainability Landscape — water quality and drinking-water standards; PFAS restrictions across the US, EU REACH and Asia-Pacific; air quality regulation; nanomaterial safety; circular economy and end-of-life of filter media; energy intensity and decarbonization of filtration processes; regulation as a quantified market driver.

Innovation, Research Frontier and Digital Enablement — patent landscape; key research themes; AI and machine learning in membrane and material design (inverse design, molecular dynamics, property prediction); university spinouts and technology transfer; R&D pipeline and white-space opportunities.

Global Market Forecasts 2026–2036 — total market revenues across three scenarios; revenues by filtration technology; revenues by material class; revenues by end-use market; revenues by region; material demand by mass; scenario sensitivity analysis.

Investment and Strategic Outlook — investment landscape and funding flows; mergers, acquisitions and consolidation; value-chain economics and margin analysis; SWOT; commercialization barriers; strategic opportunities and risk-adjusted positioning; recommendations by stakeholder.

Competitive Landscape and Company Profiles — value chain and market map; established producers; advanced-materials suppliers; startups and emerging players; detailed company profiles.

Companies profiled include Accelerated Filtration, Active Membranes, Acouspin, Aestuarium, Ahlstrom, Anaergia Technologies, Aqualung Carbon Capture, Aqua Membranes, Arvia Technology, Asahi Kasei Corporation, Argonide Corporation, Atera Water, Atium, Beot Inorganic Membrane Separation, Bioneer Corporation, Blueshift, bNovate Technologies, BNNT, Cetos Water, Chromafora, Daicel Corporation, Donaldson Company, Fibertex Nonwovens, Gradient Corporation, 4Earth, Elmarco, Elemental Water Makers, DesaliTech, DuPont de Nemours, Epic CleanTec, Esfil Tehno, eSpin Technologies, Envintecs, ExtreMem, 4C AIR, Flocean, Framergy, Fraunhofer IKTS, Freudenberg Performance Materials, H2OLL, Hollingsworth & Vose, Indra Water, Infinite Cooling, IonClear, Kumulus Water, Luper Technologies and more...

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