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Abstracts

The Global Offshore Wind Energy Market reached USD 55.9 billion in 2024 and is projected to expand at a CAGR of 14.6% between 2025 and 2034. Rapid industrialization, surging electricity demand, and the pressing need to curb carbon emissions have positioned offshore wind energy as a critical component of the global renewable energy landscape. Governments worldwide are implementing aggressive policies and incentives to accelerate clean energy investments, including fixed tariffs, technology-specific quotas, and competitive auctions. These measures are driving industry expansion, reinforcing the role of offshore wind as a primary solution for sustainable energy generation.

Advancements in turbine technology, improvements in grid infrastructure, and declining installation costs are further fueling market momentum. Larger and more efficient wind turbines, enhanced by longer blades and taller towers, are optimizing energy capture and generation. These innovations not only improve operational efficiency but also reduce the levelized cost of energy (LCOE), making offshore wind increasingly competitive with traditional fossil fuels. Investments in transmission infrastructure, including high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems and hybrid substations, are enhancing energy distribution efficiency. As governments ramp up their commitment to achieving net-zero carbon goals, the offshore wind sector is set to play a pivotal role in global energy transformation.

The turbine segment remains a key driver of offshore wind energy adoption, with projections indicating a valuation of USD 72 billion by 2034. The relentless push for renewable energy solutions is accelerating the development of high-capacity wind turbines capable of generating greater power output. Offshore installations with

extended rotor diameters and optimized aerodynamic designs are maximizing wind capture, especially at higher altitudes where wind speeds are more consistent. With an industry-wide focus on reducing costs per megawatt-hour of electricity generated, ongoing research and development initiatives are expected to unlock further efficiency gains. As offshore wind farms continue to scale up in size and capacity, turbine technology will remain at the forefront of market expansion.

Offshore wind projects are classified based on depth into three categories: $>0 ? 30$ m, $>30 ? 50$ m, and >50 m. The shallow-water segment, covering depths of $>0 ? 30$ m, accounted for a 53% market share in 2024, driven by cost advantages and simplified installation procedures. Wind farms in shallow waters require less complex foundation engineering, enabling faster deployment and reduced capital expenditure. The integration of alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) transmission systems through hybrid substations is streamlining energy distribution, further enhancing operational efficiencies. Given the financial and logistical benefits, developers are prioritizing shallow-water locations for offshore wind projects, ensuring sustained market expansion in the coming years.

The US offshore wind energy market reached USD 7.2 billion in 2024, with North America capturing a 16% share of the global industry. The region's growth trajectory is fueled by supportive regulatory frameworks, significant investments in offshore wind infrastructure, and a growing commitment to decarbonization. As technological innovations drive efficiency improvements and cost reductions, offshore wind is emerging as a viable and scalable energy solution. With increasing project approvals and ongoing infrastructure development, North America is set to become a key player in the global offshore wind energy sector over the next decade.

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