

AT THE TOP OF GLOBAL WAREHOUSE CAPACITY

GCCA releases 2026 'Top Lists' of global warehouse capacity.

In late April, GCCA released its highly anticipated 2026 Top 25 Lists, offering a comprehensive look at the world's largest temperature-controlled warehousing and logistics companies. The numbers tell a story of sustained, global expansion.

Topping this year's global rankings are Lineage, Americold, Newcold, US Cold Storage, and Emergent Cold LatAm. Together, the Global Top 25 now operate a combined 7.76 billion cubic feet of temperature-controlled space – a 6.3% increase over 2025 and part of a remarkable six-year run that has seen total capacity grow by 41.2% since 2021. The two largest members alone account for 58.1% of the Top 25's total capacity, and the minimum threshold to earn a spot on the global list now stands at 40 million cubic feet.

Regional growth has been anything but uniform. Europe leads in percentage with 90% capacity growth over six years, followed by Latin America at 67.2%, and North America at 25.1%. In North America specifically, the entry bar to the regional Top 25 rose from 15 million to 18 million cubic feet this year, reflecting just how competitive the market has become.

Mergers and acquisitions have played a significant role in reshaping the rankings, particularly in Latin America where Emergent Cold's aggressive expansion and the merger of SuperFrio and Icestar have reshuffled the Top 10. Europe has seen similar consolidation through Lineage and Constellation's growth and merger and acquisition activity. New entrants have emerged across all regions, with several companies joining the competitive landscape since 2020.

"The world's top cold storage companies have continued expanding their capacity over the past year, continuing a decade-long trend driven by growing demand," says GCCA President & CEO Sara Stickler, who presented the findings at the GCCA Convention 2026 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The full Global Top 25 List, along with the North America Top 25, Europe Top 10, and Latin America Top 10 regional lists, are available now at www.gcca.org.



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