

# Satellite, Space & Defence Industry Snapshot

## Sovereign Space, Smart Data and Next-Gen Missions Rise

There was strong momentum across the Satellite, Space & Defence sector in March 2026, shaped by sovereign capability investments, data infrastructure innovation, and evolving defence applications. Alongside major announcements, the SATELLITE show in Washington D.C. spotlighted industry collaboration and future priorities, reinforcing how connectivity, security, and scalability continue to define the next phase of space development.



### Featured Episode



**SES's Neosphere Vision: MEO Satellites, Innovation & the Future of Global Connectivity**

### Featured companies in this issue:

STARK

OHB

Six Robotics

Swissto12

Katalyst

Arula

SES Satellites

K2 Space

### Featured Articles

Our pick of featured articles from across the industry.



**STARK and Six Robotics Advance Recce-Strike Integration**



**Katalyst Selects Ariane 6 for In-Orbit Servicing Mission**

### Companies in Focus - Q 2025

What companies are we most excited about in the Satellite & NewSpace industry.

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## STARK and Six Robotics Advance Recce-Strike Integration

A new partnership between STARK and Six Robotics signals a shift toward integrated, software-defined defence capabilities. By combining ISR drone intelligence with loitering strike systems, the collaboration shortens the sensor-to-shooter loop in contested environments.

Early trials demonstrate how interoperable systems can deliver rapid, coordinated mission execution, strengthening NATO readiness and highlighting the growing importance of autonomous, multi-system defence ecosystems.

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## Katalyst Selects Ariane 6 for In-Orbit Servicing Mission

Katalyst Space Technologies has chosen Ariane 6 to launch its NEXUS-1 spacecraft, designed to deliver in-orbit servicing capabilities in geostationary orbit.

The mission reflects growing demand for satellite life extension, repositioning, and upgrade services. With deployment planned for 2027, the initiative underlines how flexible, service-based space operations are becoming central to both government and commercial satellite strategies.

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# Industry News

## SES and K2 Space Drive Next-Generation MEO Network

SES is partnering with K2 Space to develop meoSphere, a scalable MEO constellation designed to meet rising demand across defence, mobility, and telecom markets. With software-defined payloads and high-power satellites, the network aims to deliver secure, low-latency connectivity while supporting sovereign and multi-orbit operations.

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## OHB Achieves Record Growth Amid European Investment Surge

Strong financial performance from OHB reflects increasing European commitment to space infrastructure. With a record backlog and major ESA contracts secured, the company is accelerating satellite industrialisation while positioning itself at the centre of future sovereign constellation programmes and defence communications initiatives.

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## Swissto12 Expands Optical Relay Capabilities in GEO

A contract with Space Compass will see Swissto12 develop a compact optical relay satellite using its HummingSat platform. Designed to support near real-time Earth observation, the project highlights rising demand for cost-efficient GEO solutions and signals growing momentum behind optical communications networks.

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## Arlula Secures Funding to Transform Space Data Infrastructure

Fresh investment into Arlula reflects a shift toward software-led space capabilities. Its platform automates satellite tasking and data workflows, enabling faster delivery of actionable intelligence. As demand rises across defence and commercial sectors, solutions that simplify access to space-derived data are becoming increasingly critical.


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# Featured Podcast



## SES’s Neosphere Vision: MEO Satellites, Innovation & the Future of Global Connectivity

In our first episode of Forward Focus: The Future of SES, Carmel Ortiz discusses SES’s bold investment in the next-generation MEO constellation – the neosphere. With over 30 years of engineering leadership experience, she explores how the merger with Intelsat creates unique opportunities, how partnerships like K2 Space accelerate innovation, and why medium Earth orbit offers the perfect balance of capability and sustainability. This episode reveals the strategic vision behind SES’s network transformation.

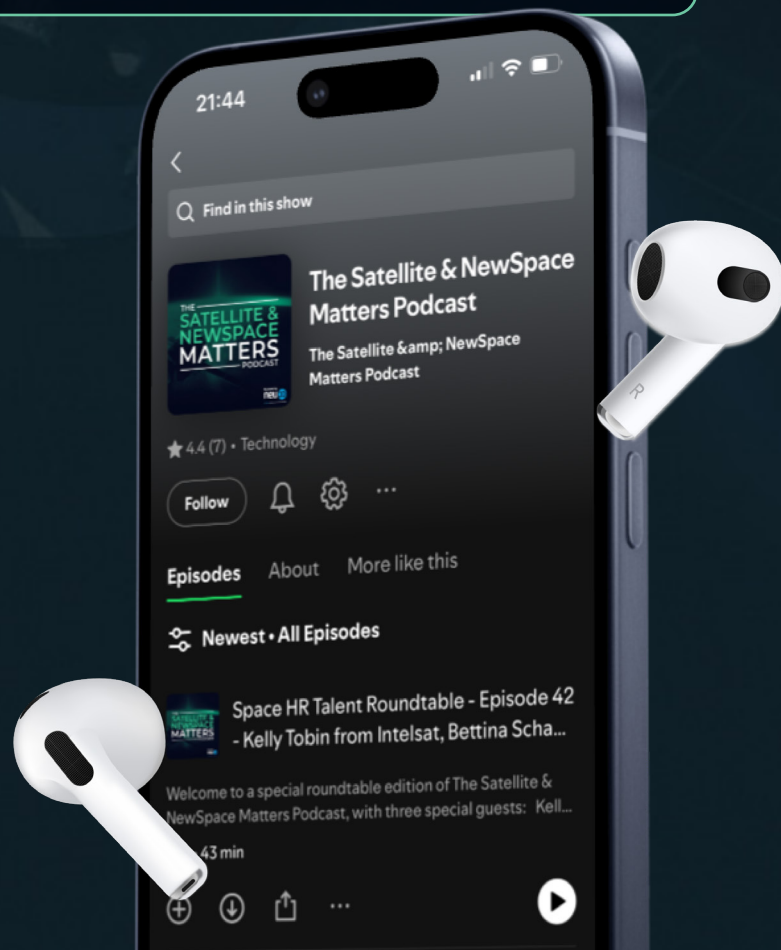
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