

Press release

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5G - Salt selects Nokia to upgrade its radio and mobile core network

Salt today announced that it has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Nokia to roll out its state-of-the-art 5G technology as the foundation of a vastly enhanced user experience for Salt's mobile clients.

The launch of 5G services in Switzerland will deliver extreme mobile broadband with super-fast speeds and ultra-robust, low-latency connectivity for consumers as well as billions of connected 'things'.

Salt will be able to take advantage of new capabilities in network slicing and Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity to transform consumer entertainment with super-fast download of HD video in seconds and new virtual and augmented reality experiences while supporting smart services for cities and thriving industries such as banking, manufacturing and tourism.

Following a continuous network investment strategy, Salt has chosen Nokia to upgrade its radio and mobile core network. This will enable customers to benefit from the newest technology, while enhancing their experience on former 3G and 4G technologies.

Pascal Grieder, CEO at Salt, said: "We are committed to providing our customers with an outstanding customer experience and have identified Nokia as the right partner to deliver exceptional mobile experience. They convinced us not only through their advanced technological capabilities but also their reliability and security, which are paramount to Swiss private users as well as our country's corporations."

Tommi Uitto, President of Mobile Networks at Nokia, said: "Our 5G Future X network architecture enables Salt to modernize its network and support existing 3G subscribers as well as the growing demands for 4G while dramatically expanding, securing and diversifying its service offering for both consumers and industries with the launch of 5G."

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About Salt: Salt is a Swiss telecommunications provider which owns and operates an extensive, high-quality mobile telecommunications network infrastructure. Thanks to its ultrafast broadband solution called Salt Fiber, Salt provides a unique triple play service, which for the first time in Switzerland takes full advantage of the optical fiber technology by means of symmetrical data transmission rates of up to 10 Gbit/s. Salt Fiber can be combined in a gainful way with Salt's powerful Plus flat rate subscriptions - a revolutionary and straight forward portfolio.

Salt in figures: 1,244,000 postpaid customers (as of 30.09.2018), 99 Salt Stores and 4G coverage of 98% of Switzerland's population.