



General Fusion to Ring Nasdaq Opening Bell Today, July 17, 2026

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Bell-ringing ceremony to celebrate the start of trading as the first publicly listed fusion energy company

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 17, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- General Fusion Group Ltd. ("General Fusion" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: GFUZ), a leader in the global race to commercialize fusion energy, today announced that the Company will ring the Nasdaq Opening Bell on July 17, 2026, to celebrate the start of trading as the first publicly listed fusion energy company earlier this week.

"We are honored to ring the Nasdaq Opening Bell and mark this milestone for General Fusion, and to celebrate becoming the first publicly listed fusion company," said Greg Twinney, Chief Executive Officer of General Fusion. "For more than 20 years, our team has worked towards bringing fusion energy, the power of the sun and stars, to Earth. Our move to the public markets puts us in a strong position to bring our uniquely practical technology to the world. I am grateful to our employees for their unwavering commitment to bringing our vision to life, and to our new and longstanding shareholders who have supported us throughout this journey."

The Opening Bell ceremony will be livestreamed on Nasdaq's official channels on Friday, July 17, at 9:30 a.m. EDT at the link: <https://www.nasdaq.com/marketsite/bell-ringing-ceremony>.

Quick Facts:

- General Fusion's MTF is designed to solve significant barriers to commercializing fusion energy at a time when electricity demand is surging and nations around the world are racing to commercialize fusion power.
- As a technology, MTF aims to achieve fusion in a practical and economical way, avoiding superconducting magnets and high-powered lasers while enabling the use of existing materials for durable machines.
- In early 2025, General Fusion announced that it had designed, built, and begun operating its LM26 fusion demonstration machine in under two years. LM26 is the first MTF demonstration machine to be built at a commercially relevant scale. It mechanically compresses plasma with a lithium liner at 50% commercial-scale diameter, based on current design parameters.
- LM26 aims to achieve key fusion technical milestones: plasma heating to 1 keV (10 million degrees Celsius), then 10 keV (100 million degrees Celsius), and ultimately the Lawson criterion, the combination of fusion parameters that can produce net fusion energy in the plasma.

About General Fusion

General Fusion (NASDAQ: GFUZ) is pursuing a practical approach to commercial fusion energy and is headquartered in Vancouver, Canada. The Company was established in 2002 and has been funded by a global syndicate of leading energy venture capital firms, industry leaders, and technology pioneers. Learn more at www.generalfusion.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this document are not historical facts but are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this news release are forward-looking statements. Any statements that refer to projections, forecasts, or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are also forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by words such as "estimate," "plan," "project," "forecast," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "seek," "strategy," "future," "opportunity," "may," "target," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," "preliminary," or similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. However, the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding the outlook for the business of General Fusion, including the potential benefits of a public listing and its ability to commercialize MTF or any other fusion technology on its expected timeline or at all; statements regarding the current and expected results the LM26 program; and any information concerning the possible or assumed future results of operations or financial position of the Company.

These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied upon as, a guarantee, assurance, prediction, or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances

are difficult or impossible to predict and will differ from assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties, or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the risk that the Company is unable to maintain the listing of its securities on Nasdaq; the risk that the price of the Company's securities may be volatile due to a variety of factors outside of the Company's control; the risk that the Company never generates revenue; the risk that the Company fails to commercialize MTF on a cost-effective basis, on the expected timeline, or at all; the risk that the Company fails to achieve the objectives of the LM26 program; the risk that additional capital needed by the Company may not be raised on favorable terms, or at all, including as a result of the restrictions agreed to in connection with the private placement the Company closed on July 10, 2026; the risk that fusion energy does not gain public acceptance; the risk that the scientific and technical assumptions upon which MTF technology is based do not prove to be correct; the risk that our competitors develop viable fusion technology sooner than we do; the risk of supply chain disruptions; the risk that key technical material and service inputs may not be available when required, on reasonable terms or at all; the risk that we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel with highly technical expertise; the risk that we are subject to negative publicity; the risk that our assessment of the total addressable market for fusion energy is incorrect; the risk of changes in the laws and regulations governing the Company's research and development activities and in the regulation of fusion energy; the risk of fluctuations in currency markets; the risk that the Company is unable to complete and successfully integrate any future acquisitions; the risk of increased competition in the fusion industry; the risk of accidents, earthquakes, fires, floods, and other natural disasters; the risk that our information technology fails; the risk that our operating expenses are materially higher than forecast; the risk that we are unable to remediate material weaknesses in our internal controls or identify additional material weaknesses in the future; the risk that we are unable to adequately protect or enforce our intellectual property rights; the risk of third-party claims that we are infringing or violating another person's intellectual property rights; the risk that our intellectual property applications are not granted; the risk of a cyber event or privacy breach resulting in an interruption in operations or financial loss; the risk that government reduces or delays funding of government programs in which we participate; the risk that future sales by existing shareholders could cause our stock price to decline; and the risk that we are unable to establish and maintain effective internal controls to produce accurate and timely public disclosure.

These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions, including that none of the risks identified above materialize, that there are no unforeseen changes to economic and market conditions, and that no significant events occur outside the ordinary course of business.

The foregoing list is not exhaustive, and there may be additional risks that the Company does not know or currently believes are immaterial. You should carefully consider the foregoing factors, any other factors discussed herein, and in the other filings by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including those described under the heading "Risk Factors." The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required in accordance with applicable laws.

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