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## Food Logistics in the GCC: Recent Trends, Implications and Opportunities

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Agenda











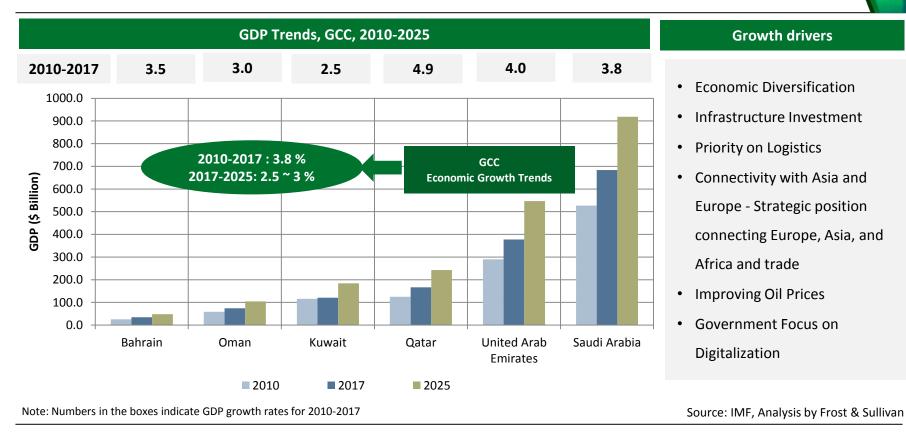
Why is Food Logistics Important in the GCC region? Current Approaches and Developments Implications for Food Supply Chain & Logistics Emerging Growth Opportunities

# Why is Food Logistics important in the GCC region?



### **Economy: GDP Growth Trends**

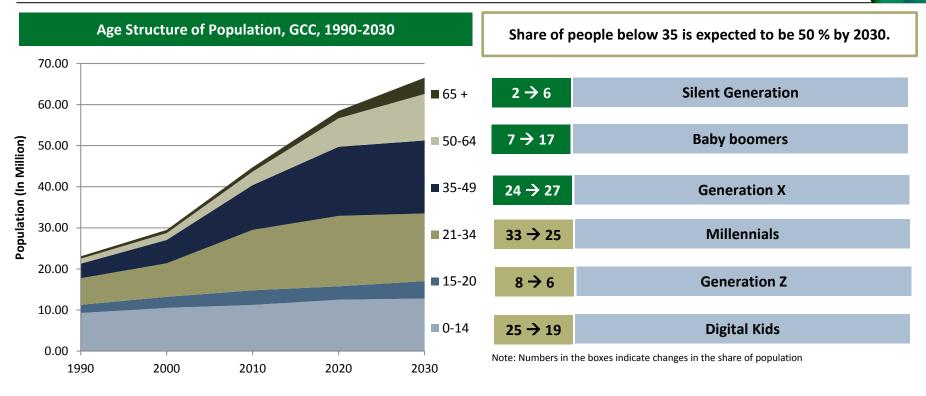
Revival in oil market is expected to support economic diversification initiatives



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## **Demography: Structure of Population**

Shifts in demographic composition likely to alter food consumption pattern



Source: United Nations, Analysis by Frost & Sullivan

## **National Development Plans**

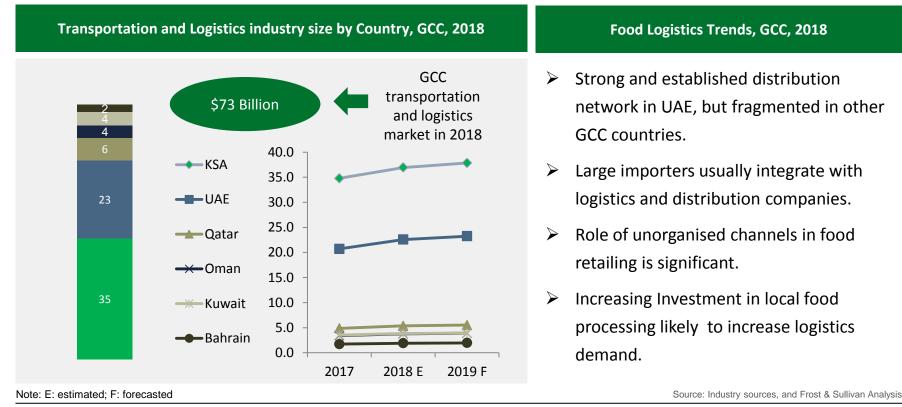
Master plans to focus on industrialization and infrastructure development



## **Transportation and Logistics Industry Size in GCC**

Significant logistics cost due to fragmented nature of logistics network



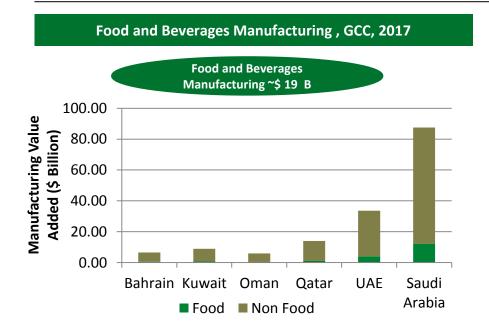




## Current Scenario and Developments

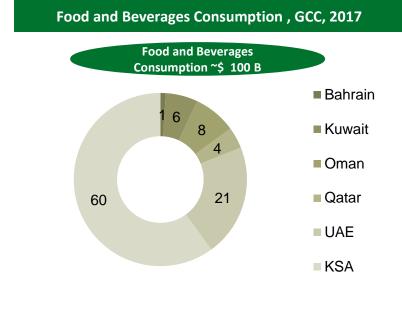
## Food and Beverages Market in GCC

Reliance on food imports expected to continue in both KSA and UAE



Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates Accounted for 85 percent of GCC food production in 2017

Note: Estimates based on value addition of Food and Beverages from National Accounts statistics

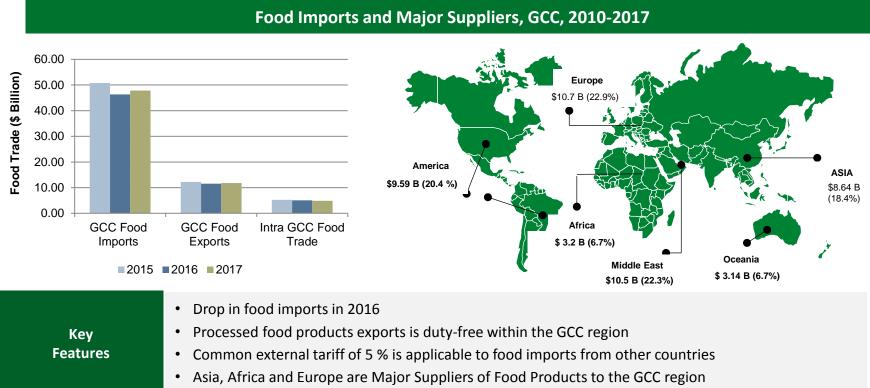


#### Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates Accounted for 81 percent of GCC food consumption in 2017

Source: National Statistical Agencies and Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## **Food Imports and Major Suppliers**

Strong linkages with oil price trends, diverse suppliers spread across Europe, Africa and Asia



Source : UNCTAD and Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## **Concentration of Population in Major Urban Centers in the GCC**

Connectivity and storage facilities in ports and consumption centers is key for food logistics



- Urbanization rate is more than 80 percent among the GCC countries.
- About 80% of the products sold in retail outlets are imported as processed food / ready-to-eat food products
- Fresh fruits and vegetables, chilled beef, and dairy products are imported from countries such as Egypt, Pakistan, India, and the United Kingdom in containers.

### Major consumption centers in the GCC

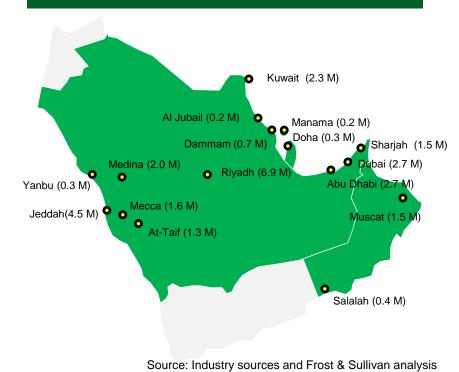
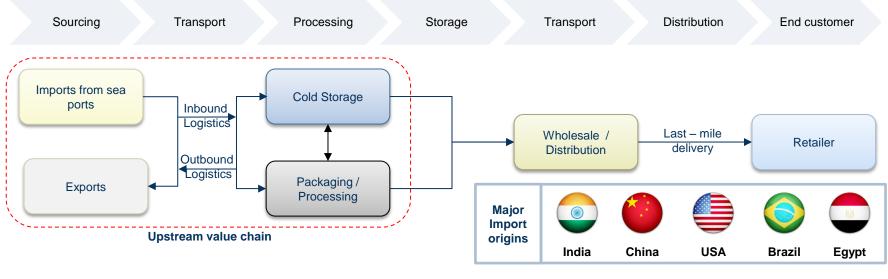


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## Food and Beverages Value Chain Market in GCC

Most of the food imports into GCC is through sea

Given the increasingly globalized nature of food markets and the importance of year-round supply to GCC food markets, international collaboration between producers is essential at every stage of the supply chain



#### Sourcing:

From multiple geographies due to unfavorable local food production climate.

#### Processing:

The imported goods are transported to cold storage or to the processing centers for further processing.

#### Distribution:

Processed and semi processed food products are transported mostly by road to the distribution centers .

#### End customer:

Goods are transported from the distribution centers to the retailers for sale.

Source: Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## Logistics Performance Not on Par with Advanced Economies

Key challenges to be addressed include regulatory reforms and connectivity



### **Logistics Performance Index 2018**

Rank	Country		
11	UAE		
30	Qatar		
43	Oman		
55	Saudi Arabia		
59	Bahrain		
63	Kuwait		



Oman



Qatar

- Nine Point Strategy for **Transforming Logistics Sector**
- Infrastructure Enhancement and reforms in the logistics market segments such as road, rail, air and Sea
- Logistics Strategy SOLS 2040 -٠ Ideal location for redistribution hub for South Asia and East Africa
- Oman Logistics Group created to develop logistics sector with focus on market development
- Transport Master Plan (2006-٠ 2026) - Road and maritime Sector Reforms with integrated and effective transport system.
- Development of multi purpose ٠ Hamad Port and FIFA 2022 Infrastructure and Connectivity.

UAE

**National Logistics Development Initiatives** 

- Dubai Transportation Plan 2030-
- Dubai 2021 -economic component that aims for the city to become one of the top five logistics centres in the world.



Kuwait

- Integrated Transport Infrastructure Master Plan.
- Kuwait is investing in the related supply chain as well as making efforts to boost local farming and commodity processing.

Transportation master plan to



Bahrain

improve the road transportation network with new highways, bridges and overpasses.

Bahrain Airport Modernization Program.

Source : Industry Sources and Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## **Key Challenges for Food Logistics**

Last-mile delivery within short timelines and lower costs still remain a challenge



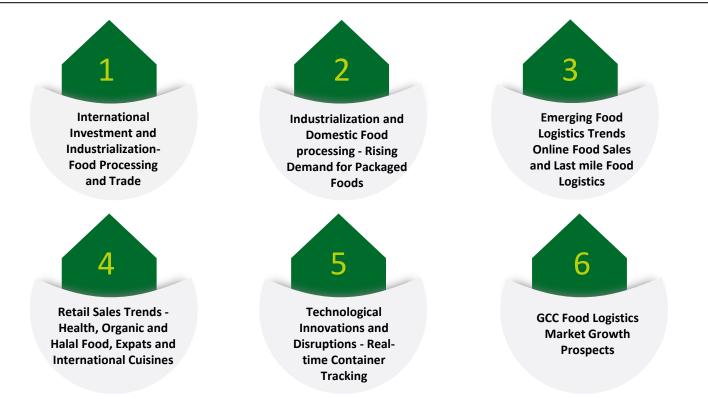
Focus Areas	Key Food Logistics Industry Challenges, GCC, 2018			
<ul> <li>Logistics regulations and policies</li> <li>Innovations and Technology Adoption</li> <li>Transportation and Storage</li> <li>Development Initiatives</li> <li>Food security measures</li> <li>Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industrialization and Food Processing</li> <li>Short of raw materials for domestic manufacturing of processed food</li> <li>Conversion of re-exports to value added exports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consumer Demand and Retail</li> <li>Shifts in consumer preference and demand</li> <li>Disruptions in modern retailing and increasing online retail sales</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>Infrastructure</li><li>Industrialization and</li></ul>	eCommerce and Last Mile Delivery	Connectivity and Multimodal Logistics	្រាំ ភ្លេក្តិ Digitization	
<ul><li>Food Processing</li><li>Online Food Sales and Last Mile Delivery</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Logistics start ups and ecommerce companies</li> <li>Increasing adoption of app based food delivery solutions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High import reliance with sea transport as major transportation mode, domestic food distribution is done by road</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased adoption of robotics and automation in grain storage and warehousing</li> </ul>	
			Source: Frost & Sulliv	

## Implications for Food Supply Chain & Logistics



## **Implications for Food Supply Chain and Logistics**

Six Broad Areas Expected to Drive Transformational Changes

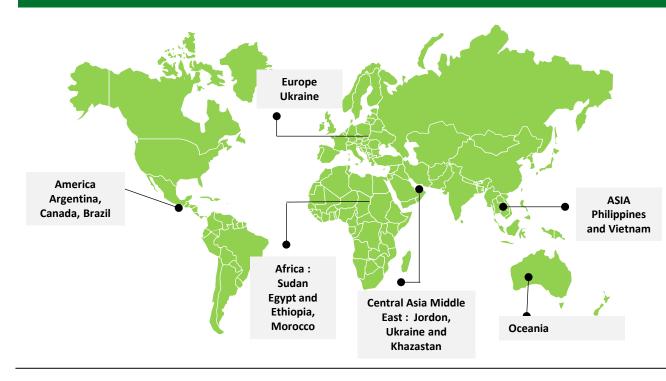


Source: Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## Farm Outsourcing and International Investment

Africa emerges as key destination for Agriculture Investment by UAE and KSA

#### Farm Outsourcing and International Investment in Agriculture by GCC Countries, 2017



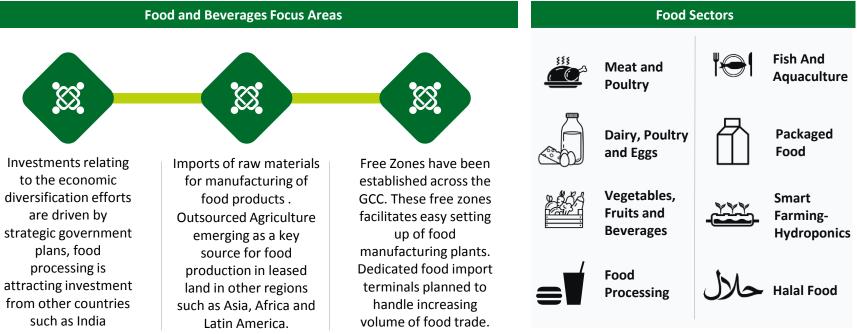
- Food value chain to be strengthened from these major supplying countries
- Investment in key stages of value chains: FDI, Joint ventures, contract farming, grower schemes, and creation of regional food storage facilities
- Imports of processed food expected to increase from these destinations driven by investments

Source: Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## Industrialization and Local Food Manufacturing

Food and Beverages Given High Priority As Part of Development Plans

Adoption of advanced farming methods, increased use of smart irrigation systems, farm outsourcing, development of domestic food processing are some of the areas being focused by GCC countries to improve food security situation



Source : Industry Sources and Frost & Sullivan Analysis

## **GCC Retail Sales Trends**

Food Sales major component of retail sales driven by Disposable Income and Tourism



## **Innovations and Technological Disruptions**

Drones, Robotics, Real-time Tracking and Online Delivery Services



#### TECHNOLOGICAL DISRUPTIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FOOD LOGISTICS INDUSTRY



#### **Drones and Delivery Robots**

- Package deliveries
- Last mile deliveries



#### Robotics

• With more automation, robotics would enable the companies to replace workforce with robots.



#### **Real-time Tracking of Perishables**

 Cold chain logistics allows shippers to track consignment real-time



#### **Online delivery services**

- Purely data-driven business model
- Aids on-demand last mile food delivery services



**Disruption in** Logistics



Cloud Infrastructure Service Providers

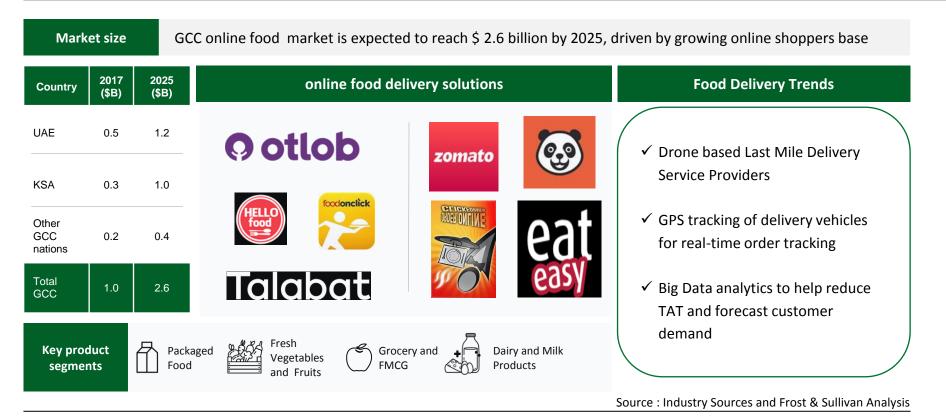
**Delivery Automation Robots and Drone** based Last Mile Delivery

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## Last-mile Delivery - online food delivery marketplace

Shifts in food buying pattern likely to accelerate online sales growth

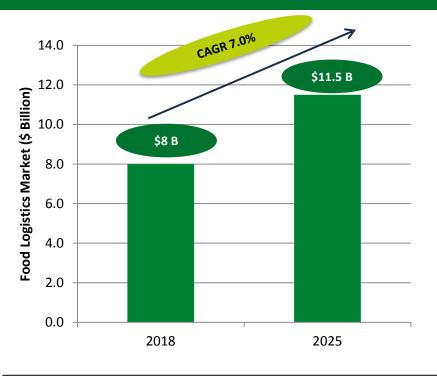


## **Food Logistics Industry in GCC**

Need for improving transportation, storage infrastructure at both sea and airports



GCC Food Logistics Market, 2018-2025



#### **Key Features of Food Logistics Market**

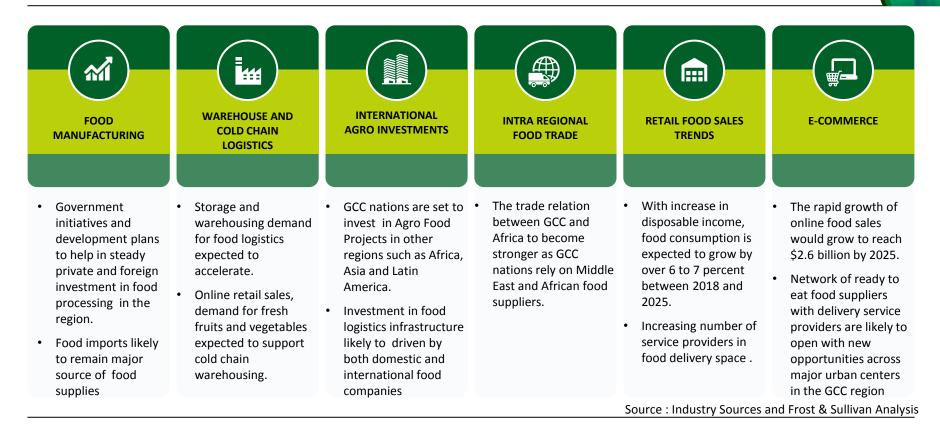
High cost of food logistics ,	<ul> <li>UAE and KSA account for</li></ul>
with nearly 10 to 15 %	the largest share of the
food market revenue	Cold Chain Logistics Market
attributed to infrastructure	within the GCC. UAE is a
constraints in regional	key transhipment hub in
trade routes and in rural	the region and acts as a
areas	centre for re-exports
<ul> <li>Innovation is the need of the hour in the GCC, increasing demand for quality food is expected to drive indoor vertical farming, hydroponics, aquaponics, halal food and organic food</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intelligent food logistics is expected to gain momentum to maximize asset utilization and minimize food wastages in the region</li> </ul>

Source : Industry Sources and Frost & Sullivan Analysis



# Growth Opportunities

### **Growth Opportunities in Food Logistics**





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