Middle East and North Africa eyes a secure and sustainable food supply chain



Global food production to increase 1.73% annually to sustainably produce food for around 10Bn people by 2050

USD 4.5Tn opportunity globally to feed rising population and lower carbon footprint

MENA nations investing in innovations such as aquaculture, irrigation technologies to deliver sustainable, high-quality crops



Food innovation in MENA region

UAE

- Launched national Emirates Sustainable Agriculture Label
- Focus on increasing organic farming acreage by 5% annually
- New technologies such as hydroponic farming, aquaculture, vertical farming, drone use and sensors to boost sustainable production
- AED 1Bn AgTech initiative launched by Abu Dhabi Investment Office

Source: UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment

Saudi Arabia

- Ministry of Agriculture set a 30% reduction target in water usage by 2030
- **USD 1.96Bn** Sustainable Agricultural Rural Development Program 2025 for farmers
- Agriculture Development Fund has funded projects with a combined value of SAR 49Bn

Source: Saudi Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Fund (Saudi Arabia)

Egypt

- Farm-level Irrigation Modernisation Project
- Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) implemented an innovative crop residue recycling pilot project
- Recently launched Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy towards 2030
- United States Agency for International Development launched

Source: Egypt Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

Food security ranking

Global food security index

Rank	Country
1	Singapore
2	Ireland
3	United States
21	UAE
27	Kuwait
30	Saudi Arabia
55	Egypt

Source: Economist Intelligence Source

Saudi Arabia's food consumption is projected at 39.0Mn metric tons (MT) in 2023, showing an annual average growth of 3.2% since 2018

Source: Alpen Capital

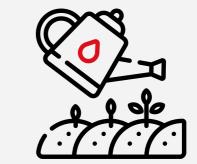
Food sector investment opportunities

The UAE's food consumption is forecasted to grow at an annualised rate of 3.5% from an estimated 8.7Mn MT in 2018 to 10.3Mn MT in 2023

Source: Alpen Capital



Egypt's agriculture sector to grow 2.94% annually to 2024 to USD 2.6Bn



Opportunity to replace Saudi and UAE food imports of USD 40.6Bn last year, with home-grown food options



Opportunity for strong strategic ties with food-exporting countries, such as India, Pakistan and African states

Food Bill: MENA states can lower their food import bill with domestic production

UAE top 3 food imports 2019 (USD Mn)		Saudi Arabia top 3 food imports 2019 (USD M	1 n)	Egypt top 3 food imports 2019 (USD Mn)	
Meat	731	Rice	1,415	Wheat	2,010
Nuts	566	Meat	1,302	Soya beans	1,261
Dairy Source: International Trade Centre	541	Dairy	760	Maize	1,103

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit and International Trade Centre

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