

# **Agriculture & Food Processing Sector**

Fact base on KSA's agri-food sector

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## Factors driving investment to KSA agri-food sector

- 1 Priority sector for Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030
- Large local demand for food & beverages (~\$75 B value estimate of retail and food service) expected to grow at 7-8% p.a. until 2030
- **Government's commitment to boost self-sufficiency** in the sector, creating opportunities to localize production
- 4 Multiple global F&B players have already established presence in KSA
- Availability of various agri-food inputs locally, further complemented by robust enabling infrastructure in dedicated industrial cities
- Guardian of 2 holy mosques of Islam attracting international pilgrims and substantiating the value of "made in Saudi" on exported Halal products

# Agri-food is a priority sector for Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030

Vision 2030's 3 pillars

Ambitious nation

Thriving economy

Vibrant society



#### Relevant VRPs3



#### **Health sector Transformation Program**

Focus on Food regulations & health standards



#### **Quality of Life Program**

Focus on improvements in citizen healthy lifestyle



### **National Industrial Development and Logistics Program**

Reinforce food supply security



### **National Transformation program**

Focus on food security and food storage



#### **Public Investment Fund Program**

Invest in food and localization of knowledge



#### **Privatization Program**

Open up state-owned assets to private sector



#### **Human Capability development program**

Tailor training program to labor market needs



L2 objective, L3 objectives associated are to Reduce all types of pollution, Safegaurd environment from natural threats, and Protect and rehabilitate natural landscapes, and promote non-oil exports

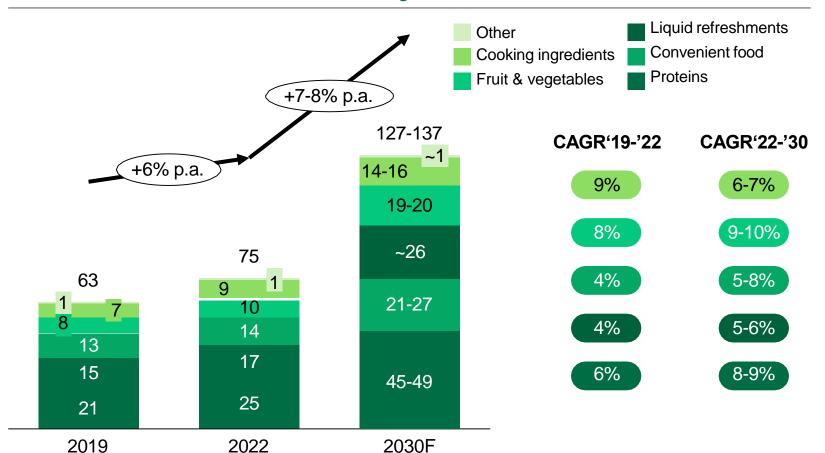
Not mentioned in MEWA strategy

<sup>3.</sup> Vision Realization Programs relevant to agri-food sector



# Large local demand for food & beverages already exists and is expected to grow at 7-8% p.a. until 2030

### KSA market size, Value of food & beverages retail and foodservice, USD B



### **Key growth drivers**

Accelerated population growth (~4% p.a. expected) driven by attraction of expats and growing number of tourists & pilgrims

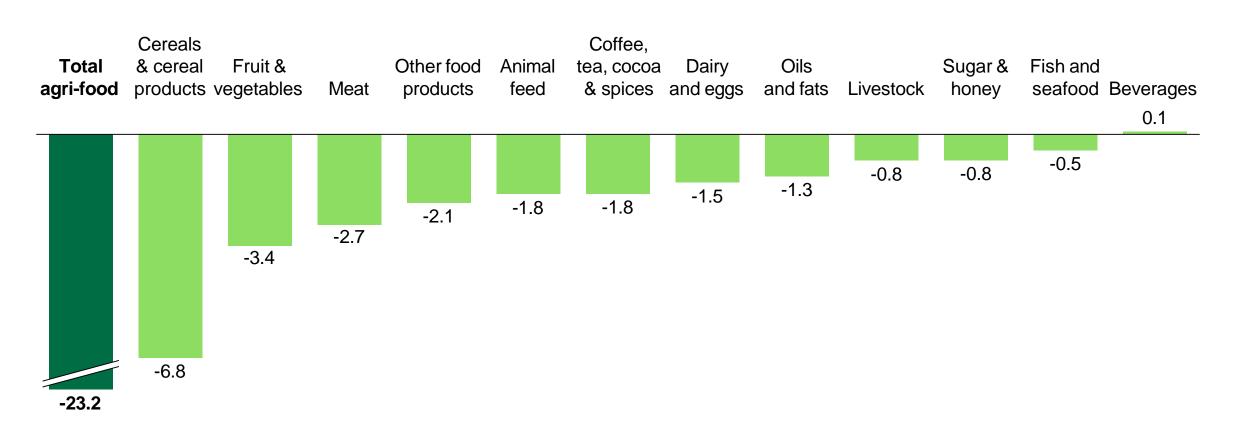
Lifestyle changes and a growing participation of women in the workforce are driving demand for convenient and processed food, often higher priced than cooking ingredients

Gradual shift of demand to food categories perceived as healthy driven by increasing health consciousness of Saudi consumers



## Today, KSA is highly dependent on food imports

### KSA trade balance in agri-food categories in 20221, USD B

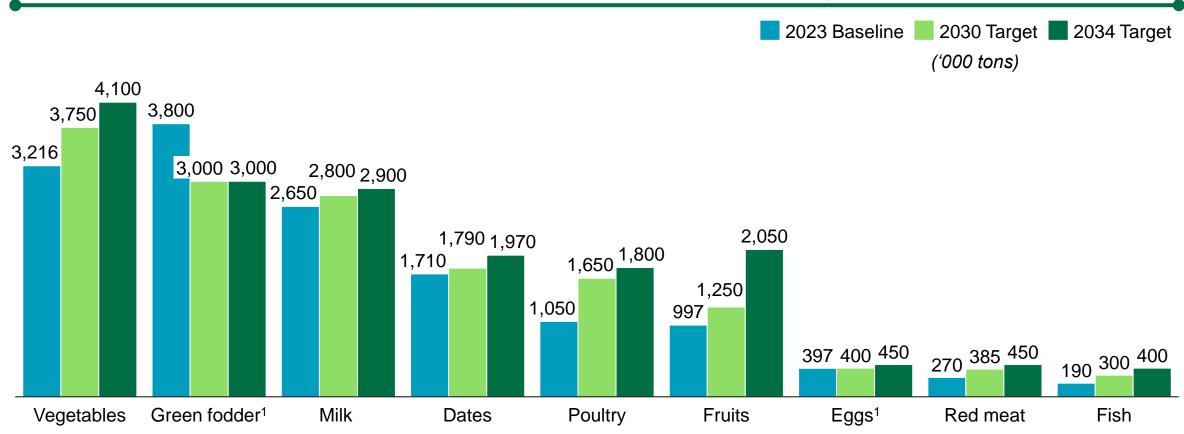


<sup>1.</sup> Defined as value of export less value of import; simplified category names following Standard International Trade Classification (Rev4) as reported by GASTAT Source: GASTAT



# The government has set an ambition to boost food security and local production, creating opportunities for investment in agriculture...

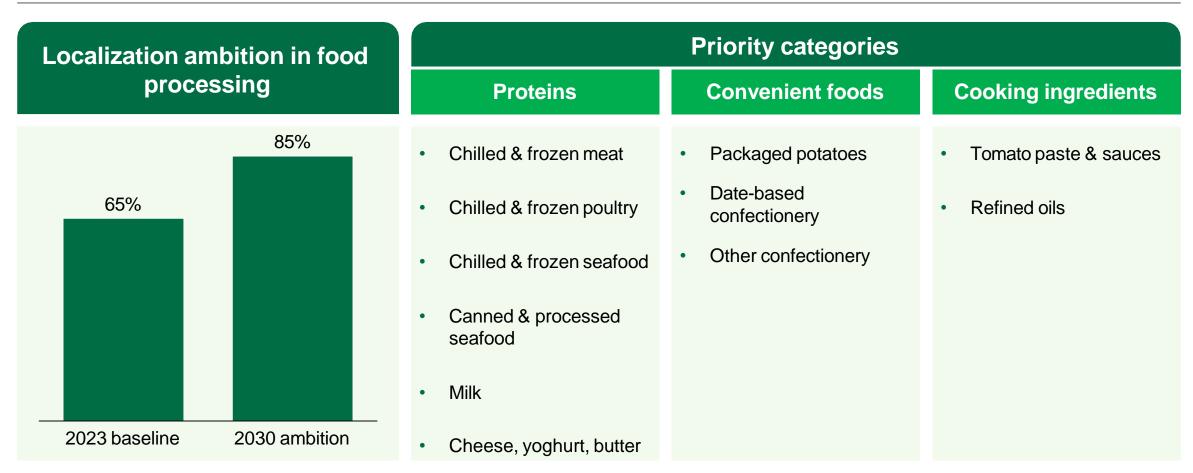
### Production baseline and ambitions set by Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA)



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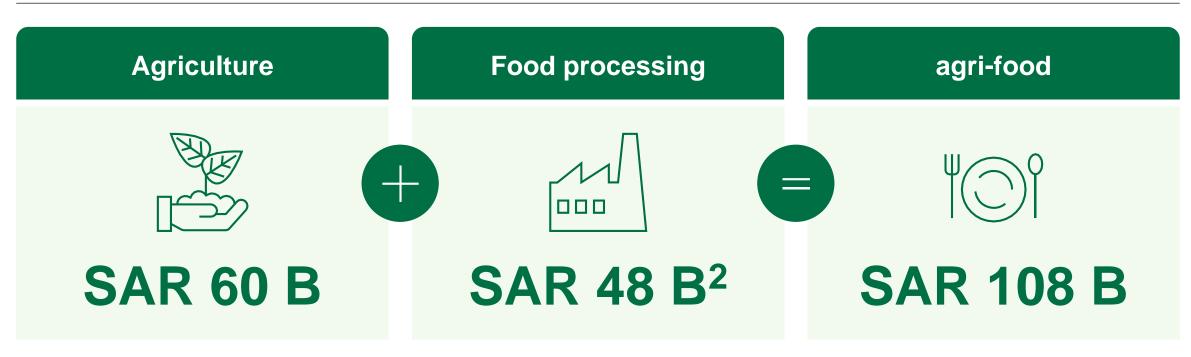
## ... and in food processing

### Localization ambition set by Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources (MIM) for 2030



# As a result, the country aims to attract SAR 108 B investment in the agri-food sector by 2030

## **Top-down GFCF<sup>1</sup> targets**, cumulative 2021-2030



<sup>1.</sup> Gross Fixed Capital Formation

<sup>2.</sup> SAR 78.5 B by 2035

























































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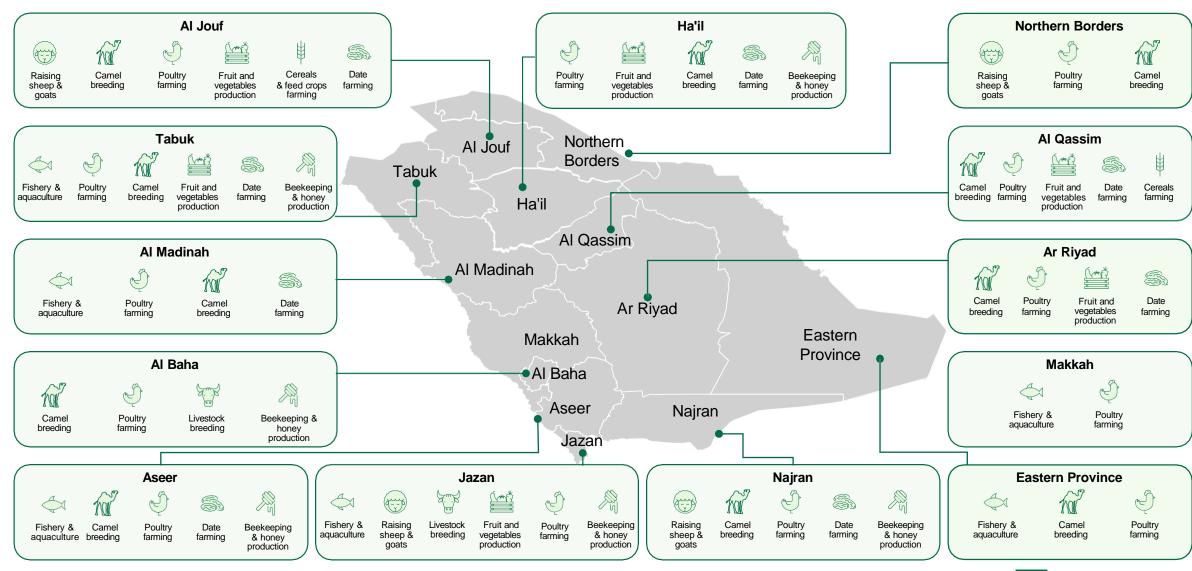
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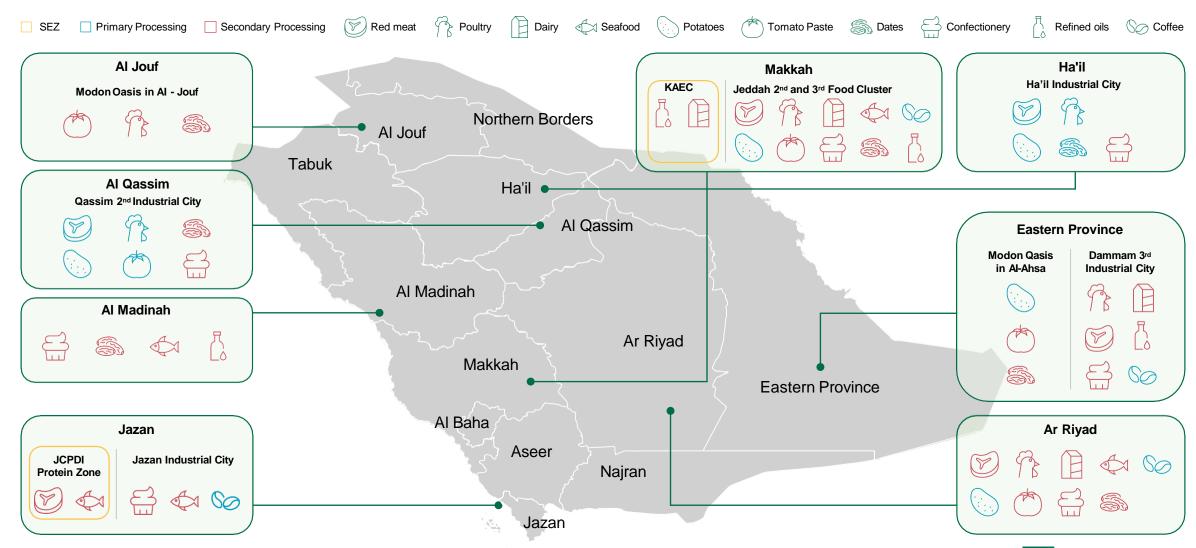
operations in KSA

manufacturing

## However, KSA's diverse climate is suitable for several agricultural activities...



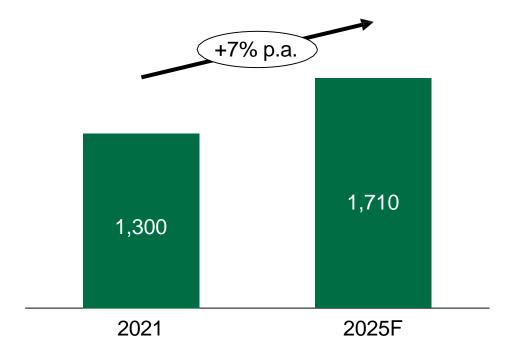
# ... providing local inputs for food processing activities encouraged in SEZs and industrial cities across the country



# Saudi Arabia is also guardian of 2 holy mosques of Islam, attracting pilgrims and strengthening the value of "Saudi Made" on exported Halal products

**Growing global Halal food & beverages** market...

Global market size, USD B



... creates an opportunity for agri-food companies with operations in Saudi Arabia

**Export opportunities** as demand for Halal products is growing globally

**Strong goodwill among Muslim consumers** driven by Saudi Arabia's importance in Islam

Halal certification in place and established Halal manufacturing practices with opportunity to create the strongest Halal certification label given lack of global leader

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# There are **50+ investment opportunities** in agri-food sector

Consolidated view, opportunities are further broken down by species

lega category	Sub-category	Inputs	Farming	Primary processing	Secondary processing
Proteins	Poultry	Poultry feed manufacturing	Integrated poultry play (production to secondary processing)		
			Poultry farming & primary processing		Poultry secondary processing
					Egg ingredients production
	Red meat & alternatives	Livestock feed manufacturing	Livestock breeding and fattening	Red meat	processing
	Fish and seafood		Integrated seafood play (farming to secondary processing)		
		Aquaculture feed manufacturing	Aquaculture farming	Seafood primary processing (e.g., packaging)	Seafood secondary processing
		Aquaculture ge	enetics & farming		
	Dairy products and alternatives				Dairy secondary processing & by-products
			In	Integrated camel milk play (farming to secondary processing)	
				Baby food prod	duction
Liquid refreshments	Beverages				
	Hot drinks				Ready-to-drink coffee production
				Coffee roasting	and processing
Convenient food	Baked goods			Bakery ingredients	Sweet biscuit production
	Snacks & ready meals				Ready-to-eat meals production
					Ice cream production
				Savory snacks	
					Date-based snacks production
Fruit & vegetables	Fruits		Dates farming and	I primary processing	
			CEA for strawberries	Fruits & vegetable primary processing	
				Dried fruits production	
	Vegetable	Fruits and Vegetables Seeds Development		Integrated potato play (farming to processing)	
			CEA farming (e.g., leafy greens, tomatoes)		processing
			Tomato farming and p		Tomato secondary processing
	Francisco de la Companya de la Comp			Fruit & vegetables primary processing	
Cooking ingredients	Edible oils Olive oil			processing	
					Cooking oil refining
	Staple foods (Rice, pasta & noodles)				Cereal production
	Sauces, dips and condiments				Sauces, dressings and condiments production
					Food ingredients
	Sweet spreads				Sweet spreads production

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# Multiple incentives for agri-food investors are available across 6 pillars



### **Cash incentives**

Non-repayable financial support for innovation, sustainability, and development 2

# **Capital deployment**

Financing to support projects such as setting up plants, purchasing equipment, or operational support

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# Sponsored services / inputs

Government monetary support to reduce operating costs for agribusinesses

4

# Fiscal / tax incentives

Reduced rates or tax exemptions to encourage investment and development 5

# Preferential treatment

Protections for investors against various risks across sales, import protection, etc.



## **Regulatory** incentives

Developing supportive regulations to increase ease of doing business



# Each incentive pillar includes several categories of support mechanisms available to agri-food investors

Cash payment Financing Cash contingency Revenue / cost subsidy Non-monetary **Incentive type** 5 Fiscal / tax **Preferential** Capital **Sponsored** Regulatory **Cash incentives** services / inputs incentives incentives deployment treatment 1.1 CapEx based Non-bankable Preferential General 3.1 Supported rent 4.1 Corporate tax grants loans treatment regulations Employee related Oredit guarantees Supported raw 6 2 Industry specific 4.2 VAT and duties cash incentives and insurance materials regulations Non- employee 3.3 Supported utilities related incentives

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## In addition to incentives, agri-food investors can benefit from different types of enablers

### Knowledge and research

Initiatives to advance knowledge through enablement of current establishment of new research centers





### **Talent** development

Investing in the agricultural workforce through knowledge and skill enhancement education and training programs





### Connectivity and infrastructure

Investments for developing industrial infrastructure and enhancing connectivity to support businesses





### **Technology and** innovation

**Enablement and** promotion of modern techniques and technologies to advance the agrifood industry





### Institutional support

Support institutions for advisory services, business accelerators, legal support, and streamlined licensing processes









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