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Abstracts

The Global Kitchen Knives Market is projected to expand from USD 14.08 Billion in 2025 to USD 20.48 Billion by 2031, achieving a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.44%. Defined as specialized culinary tools with sharp blades, kitchen knives are essential for precise tasks such as chopping, slicing, and dicing. The market's foundation rests on the enduring popularity of home cooking and the rising frequency of residential entertaining, both of which drive the need for durable food preparation instruments. Additionally, increased disposable income and the sway of culinary media prompt consumers to invest in professional-quality equipment, securing steady demand across both residential and commercial sectors independent of fleeting trends.

One major hurdle that could hinder market growth is the volatility of raw material prices, particularly steel, which causes pricing instability for manufacturers. Data from the International Housewares Association in 2025 indicates that the housewares industry saw a 1.2 percent sales increase in 2024 relative to the prior year. While this figure underscores the sector's resilience amidst economic strain, fluctuating production costs continue to serve as a significant barrier for suppliers striving to preserve competitive

pricing structures.

Market Driver

The substantial growth of the commercial food service and hospitality sectors acts as a major driver for the kitchen knives market. As global travel and dining demands rise post-pandemic, restaurants, hotels, and catering services are increasingly requiring professional-grade culinary tools. To ensure operational efficiency and food quality, these establishments prioritize high-precision, durable cutlery, resulting in consistent order volumes for manufacturers. This expansion is directly linked to the procurement of specialized instruments for high-volume preparation; according to the National Restaurant Association's '2025 State of the Restaurant Industry' report from February 2025, foodservice sales are expected to hit $1.5 trillion in 2025, necessitating the ongoing replacement and upgrade of knife inventories.

Concurrently, a surge in home cooking and culinary hobbies is altering consumer demand for specialized kitchenware. Motivated by culinary media and a preference for scratch-made meals, residential buyers are acquiring application-specific knives that were once the exclusive domain of chefs. This shift is reflected in retail trends where enthusiasts buy premium tools to mimic professional techniques; for instance, Lakeland's November 2024 report, 'The Top Kitchen Trends of 2024,' noted a 26 percent rise in kitchen gadget purchases over the previous year. To address this demand, major suppliers like Fiskars Group are sustaining high production levels, with their cooking category recording net sales of EUR 547 million for the 2024 financial year according to 2025 data.

Market Challenge

Price volatility regarding raw materials, particularly steel, poses a significant obstacle to the growth of the Global Kitchen Knives Market. As the core material for high-performance blades, steel is subject to value fluctuations caused by trade policies and supply chain inconsistencies. This unpredictability regarding input costs leads to severe pricing instability, complicating manufacturers' ability to secure consistent profit margins or project long-term production budgets. As a result, producers are often compelled to either absorb these expenses, limiting funds for innovation and expansion, or transfer the burden to the market.

When manufacturers pass these rising costs to the retail sector, higher shelf prices tend to suppress consumer demand. This sensitivity to price is especially damaging in a competitive market, leading buyers to delay purchases or opt for cheaper alternatives. According to the American Knife & Tool Institute in 2025, 66 percent of surveyed manufacturers planned to pass increased material costs on to consumers to maintain operations. This inevitable price hike generates market friction, which restricts sales volumes and ultimately decelerates the industry's overall growth trajectory.

Market Trends

The rise of Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) premium knife brands is transforming distribution strategies by allowing manufacturers to bypass traditional retail intermediaries. This approach enables companies to provide professional-grade cutlery at competitive price points while building customer loyalty via digital channels, a shift demonstrated by digital-first entities using vertically integrated supply chains. According to ProCook Group plc's June 2025 'Annual Results for the 52 weeks ended 30 March 2025,' ecommerce revenue grew by 12.3 percent year-on-year, outpacing the general kitchenware market. This increase highlights a growing consumer readiness to buy high-performance knives through online platforms that offer comprehensive product education.

Concurrently, there is a notable surge in demand for artisanal and hand-forged blade aesthetics, leading corporations to acquire brands rich in heritage. Buyers are increasingly prioritizing authenticity, favoring knives that showcase traditional craftsmanship rather than mass-produced options, which is driving industry consolidation to capture the premium segment. For instance, Groupe SEB's February 2025 '2024 Full-Year results' report noted the strengthening of its professional culinary division through the acquisition of La Brigade de Buyer, a portfolio of historic brands like Sabatier that achieved EUR 66 million in annual sales in 2024. This trend underscores the significant commercial value now attributed to established makers focused on craftsmanship.

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WUsthof

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MAC Knife

Victorinox AG

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Misen LLC

Report Scope

In this report, the Global Kitchen knives Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

Kitchen knives Market, By Type

Chef's Knives

Paring Knives

Utility Knives

Bread Knives

Boning Knives

Others

Kitchen knives Market, By Cutting Edge

Plain

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Granton

Serrated

Kitchen knives Market, By Application

Residential

Commercial

Kitchen knives Market, By Size

3-5 inches

5-7 inches

7-9 inches

9-12 inches

Kitchen knives Market, By Distribution Channel

Direct Sales

Indirect Sales

Kitchen knives Market, By Region

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

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United Kingdom

Italy

Germany

Spain

Asia Pacific

China

India

Japan

Australia

South Korea

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Middle East & Africa

South Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the Global Kitchen knives Market.

Available Customizations:

Global Kitchen knives Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

Company Information

Detailed analysis and profiling of additional market players (up to five).

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