

Middle East & Africa Kosher Food for Service Market Size and Forecast (2021 - 2031), Regional Share, Trend, and Growth Opportunity Analysis Report Coverage: By Product Type (Prepared Meals and Entrees, Sandwiches and Wraps, Packaged Salads, Appetizers and Snacks, Soups Sauces and Condiments, Desserts, and Others) and End User (Airlines, Railways, Maritime, Healthcare, Schools and Colleges, Theme Parks, and Others)

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Abstracts

The Middle East & Africa Kosher Food for Service Market is projected to grow significantly, reaching an estimated US\$ 1,195.3 million by 2031, up from US\$ 664.3 million in 2024. This growth reflects a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.8% from 2025 to 2031.

Executive Summary

The increasing demand for kosher food in the Middle East and Africa is driven by a combination of factors, including a rising Jewish population in certain areas and a growing interest from non-Jewish consumers who view kosher products as clean, high-quality, and safe. Israel stands out as the primary center for kosher food in the region, boasting a Jewish population of approximately 7.4 million, which fuels both domestic consumption and exports to neighboring countries. The robust kosher certification system in Israel further enhances the demand for kosher food products.

In recent years, kosher food services have gained traction as part of broader initiatives to cater to Jewish travelers and promote religious inclusivity. This trend has been particularly evident following the Abraham Accords, which emphasize shared beliefs between Judaism and Islam, particularly regarding the prophet Abraham. Countries like

the UAE and Bahrain have seen a surge in kosher-certified restaurants and catering services, with Dubai expanding its kosher offerings in major hotels and airlines to accommodate Jewish visitors. This hospitality trend is positioning the region as a more inclusive destination for international travelers adhering to specific dietary laws.

Market Segmentation

The Middle East & Africa Kosher Food for Service Market can be segmented by product type and end user.

By Product Type: The market includes categories such as Prepared Meals and Entrees, Sandwiches and Wraps, Packaged Salads, Appetizers and Snacks, Soups, Sauces and Condiments, Desserts, and Others. In 2024, Prepared Meals and Entrees held the largest market share.

By End User: The market is also segmented by end users, including Airlines, Railways, Maritime, Healthcare, Schools and Colleges, Theme Parks, and Others. Airlines represented the largest share of the market in 2024.

Market Outlook

As concerns about foodborne illnesses rise, kosher certification has become synonymous with "clean label" products, indicating rigorous regulatory oversight and adherence to high safety and quality standards. Kosher products appeal to a diverse range of dietary preferences, prompting companies to incorporate kosher certification to reach broader, multi-faith demographics.

The stringent regulations of kosher dietary laws, which prohibit the mixing of meat and dairy in all aspects of food handling, preparation, and storage, make kosher-certified products particularly attractive to lactose-intolerant, vegan, and dairy-sensitive consumers. A notable development occurred in July 2024, when an investigation revealed that numerous food products from Arab states, including the UAE, Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco, were being sold in Israel with kosher certification. Despite political tensions, trade relations between Israel and these countries have remained strong, with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel approving kosher certifications for various products from these nations. This trend indicates that kosher certification is increasingly recognized as a mark of quality and safety, appealing to a wider consumer base beyond the Jewish community.

Country Insights

The market is also analyzed by country, with segments including South Africa, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the Rest of Middle East & Africa. In 2024, the Rest of Middle East & Africa held the largest market share. Countries such as Israel,

Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, and Kenya are emerging as key players in the kosher food service market. Israel, with its significant Jewish population, remains a central hub for kosher food production and consumption. Meanwhile, countries like Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, and Kenya, which have diverse religious and cultural communities, are increasingly recognizing the need for kosher certification to cater to both local Jewish populations and international visitors.

The hospitality sector, particularly hotels, airlines, and fine dining establishments, is increasingly incorporating kosher food options to serve both local and international customers. Growing concerns regarding food safety, hygiene, and quality standards have further enhanced the appeal of kosher certification. The rising demand for kosher foods has led to increased imports of kosher products and a push for local manufacturing, contributing to the overall growth of the market in the region.

Competitive Landscape

Key players in the Middle East & Africa Kosher Food for Service Market include El Al Israel Airlines Ltd, LSG Group Ltd, Hermolis, Labriute Meals, Zetko, The Kosher Gourmet, Bruno Specialty Foods Inc., Radish, Hamasbia Aviation Meals Industries Ltd, Ben's Restaurant Group, Inc., Stogel-Catering, Gourmet Kosher, A&L Foods, Alle Processing, and Bloom's Kosher. These companies are employing various strategies, including expansion, product innovation, and mergers and acquisitions, to enhance their market presence and offer innovative products to consumers.

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