

NAVIGATING TRANSFORMATION – MIDDLE EAST

A strategic lens on resilience, preparedness, and growth

Dear Reader,

The most revealing conversations we have with business leaders are often not about what they plan to do next. They are about the decisions they have yet to make, the debates that continue behind closed doors, and the opportunities that did not make the final cut.

Across the GCC, leadership teams are not only responding to change; they are evaluating how best to capitalize on the opportunities emerging alongside it. The challenge increasingly lies in determining where to focus investment, attention, and organizational energy to create meaningful and lasting advantage.

This month, we explore four areas that continue to feature prominently in discussions with business leaders across the region: **energy** and **renewables**, **supply chain** and **logistics transformation**, **food** and **agriculture security**, and the **digitalization of mobility** and **aftermarket services**. These are not simply topics of interest; they are areas where organizations are actively evaluating investments, capabilities, and future sources of growth.

Drawing on our recent work and market observations, our teams share perspectives on the opportunities and considerations shaping each of these sectors. **I invite you to explore the analyses and reflect on what they may mean for your organization.**



Warm Regards,

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SECTOR ANALYSIS – WHAT'S SHIFTING & WHY?

Four structural shifts. One common thread: **the window for reactive strategy is closing.**

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From Chokepoints to Choices

Why recent energy disruptions make renewables a strategic imperative

Analysis by: **Abhay Bhargava & Neeraj Mense**, Frost & Sullivan

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From Infrastructure Scale to Intelligent Execution

Why GCC supply chains are shifting from expansion-led growth to performance-led ecosystems

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From Import Dependence to Strategic Food Systems

Why food security disruption is forcing structural transformation in GCC agri-food systems

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Digital Readiness is Not a Strategy — During Uncertainty, it is Survival

Why GCC aftermarket is shifting from reactive to predictive service and data-driven ecosystems

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ON THE GROUND | REGIONAL PULSE



“Across my conversations with leadership teams this month, one shift is coming through clearly: the reactive phase is over. Organizations that spent recent quarters firefighting — rerouting supply chains, managing cost spikes, deferring decisions — are now back at the table with a different question: not 'how do we survive this?' but 'where do we move next?'”

The caution hasn't disappeared. But it is being channeled into deliberate bets — on digital infrastructure, on localization, on building supply chains that don't depend on a single corridor holding. That is a meaningfully different posture. And it suggests the region is not just recovering — it is rebuilding on stronger foundations.”

- **Arun Stanly**, Vice President, Customer Engagement, **Frost & Sullivan**

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION READY?

The disruptions reshaping **supply chains, energy markets, food systems, and mobility are not temporary**. The organizations that will navigate them well are already stress-testing their assumptions.

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