

A black and white silhouette illustration of a construction site. A large tower crane stands in the center-left. Several workers are silhouetted against a light background, some standing on concrete structures, others near rebar. A concrete mixer truck is on the right. The scene is framed by yellow and black diagonal hazard stripes at the top and bottom.

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Middle East Construction Sector Overview

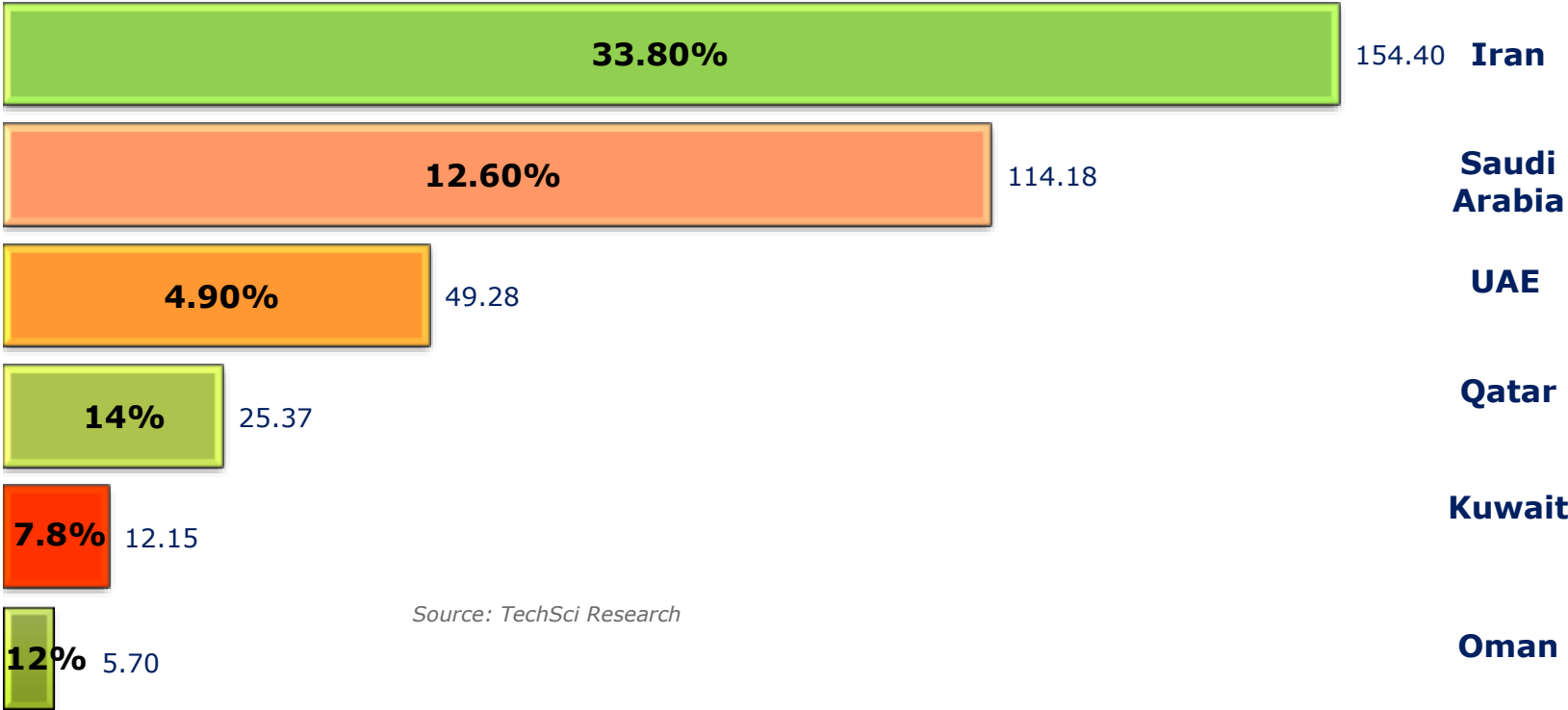


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Anticipated increase in the crude oil prices through 2018 coupled with upcoming mega events such as Dubai's Expo, 2020 in the UAE and FIFA World Cup, 2022 in Qatar, is anticipated to boost the region's economy, thereby aiding the recovery of construction market in the coming years.

Middle East Construction Sector Market Size 2016E (USD Billion) & CAGR 2008-2015 (%)











Source: TechSci Research



Middle East Construction Sector Overview









GCC Planned and Underway Projects in Various Sectors, By Value, 2015 (USD Million)

KSA (USD Million)

	Chemical	64,916
	Construction	475,218
	Gas	25,402
	Industrial	28,717
	Oil	23,409
	Power	332,305
	Transport	217,569
	Water	36,035

Source: TechSci Research









UAE (USD Million)

	Chemical	24,809
	Construction	539,793
	Gas	21,083
	Industrial	8,996
	Oil	50,899
	Power	35,055
	Transport	99,226
	Water	6,253

Source: TechSci Research



Qatar (USD Million)









	Chemical	1,484
	Construction	139,843
	Gas	12,889
	Industrial	970
	Oil	16,559
	Power	8,785
	Transport	103,083
	Water	16,098

Source: TechSci Research









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GCC Planned and Underway Projects in Various Sectors, By Value, 2015 (USD Million) Contd.

Kuwait (USD Million)









	Chemical	565
	Construction	80,080
	Gas	11,848
	Industrial	250
	Oil	55,188
	Power	29,019
	Transport	46,876
	Water	8,732

Oman (USD Million)

	Chemical	15,450
	Construction	43,160
	Gas	25,712
	Industrial	12,179
	Oil	14,659
	Power	9,039
	Transport	36,506
	Water	6,860



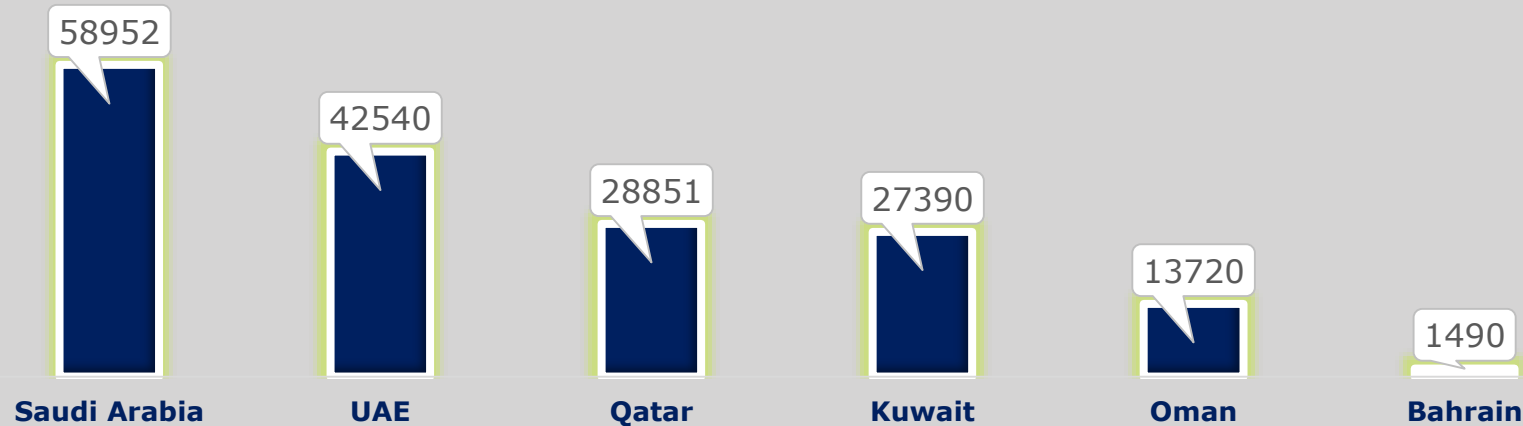
Bahrain (USD Million)

	Chemical	5,000
	Construction	30,967
	Gas	1,258
	Industrial	4,656
	Oil	5,025
	Power	6,148
	Transport	11,050
	Water	1,778

Source: TechSci Research

Middle East Construction Sector Overview

GCC Construction Projects Awarded during 2008-2015, By Value (USD Million)



Source: TechSci Research

- ✓ During 2011-2014, the construction sector in the major Middle Eastern economies accounted for around 5% of their national GDPs, with the exception of Kuwait, where construction sector accounts for about 2% of the country's GDP.
- ✓ Within MENA, the construction sector in Iran witnessed the fastest growth of more than 33% during 2008-2015.
- ✓ Despite the high costs and extensive construction permit procedure in the country, Iranian construction sector exhibited a remarkable double-digit growth between 2011 and 2014, exhibiting a CAGR of 39% during the same period.

- Increasing number of public private partnership (PPP) projects is expected to boost investments in the construction sector in the coming years.
- For instance, Saudi Arabia has awarded Ta'if International Airport construction project, with a capacity to handle 5 million passengers per annum in 2016 under the PPP model.
- The construction sector in Saudi Arabia has been growing at a robust pace over the last few years. The country allocated USD43.8 billion for strengthening its transport, telecommunications, water, agriculture and other related infrastructure.
- The country's government has announced various mega construction investments that are expected to come up in the coming years and are valued at an estimated USD800 billion.



Contribution of Construction Sector to GDPs of Major Middle East Countries

Country	Percentage Share of Construction Sector in GDP				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2021F
Bahrain	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%	6.7%
Iran	7.6%	7.9%	9.8%	9.2%	10.1%
Kuwait	2.3%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	2.2%
Oman	5.2%	5.7%	5.2%	6.2%	6.6%
Qatar	4.6%	4.4%	5.2%	5.7%	6.1%
Saudi Arabia	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%	5.5%	6.1%
United Arab Emirates	9.5%	8.8%	8.8%	9.0%	9.8%

Source: TechSci Research



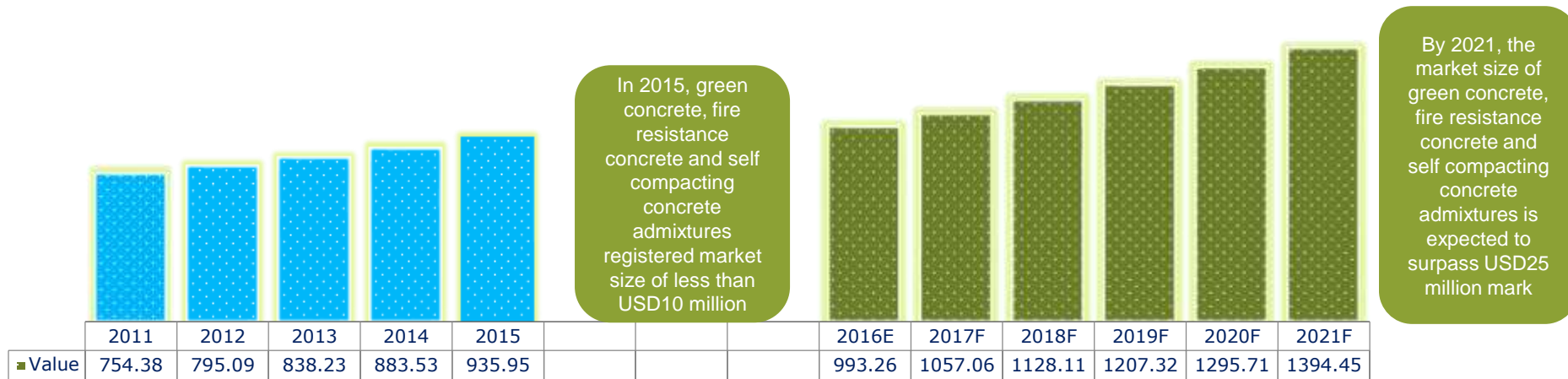
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Middle East Concrete Market Overview



Middle East Concrete Admixtures Market Overview

Middle East Concrete Admixtures Market Size, By Value, 2011-2021F (USD Million)



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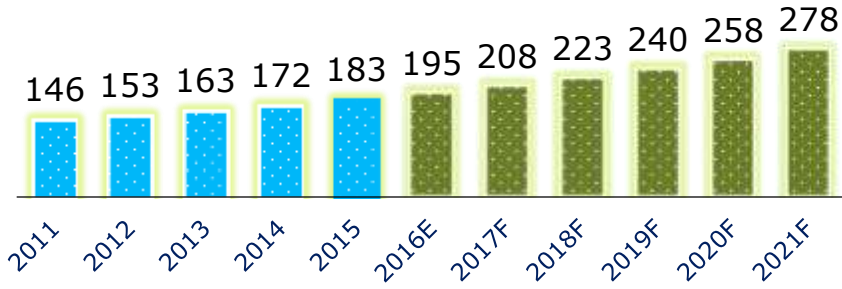
- ❖ Large investments towards construction of residential set-ups and infrastructure projects across the Middle East region, both by the government and private sector, is boosting consumption of construction chemicals.
- ❖ Active participation of the private sector in conjunction with advancing economic diversification in the Middle East is expected to steer the growth of construction industry in the coming years, thereby driving the demand for construction chemicals.
- ❖ Various Middle Eastern countries such as Saudi Arabia are focusing on privatization of government services, in order to attract FDI and increase private sector participation for construction projects in healthcare, housing, finance and energy sectors.
- ❖ UAE, the most diversified economy in the GCC region, has made most of its investments in Dubai. Expansion of Atlantis Hotel on the Palm Jumeirah and the Creek Harbour development are the two largest projects in Dubai awarded in 2016.

Middle East Concrete Admixtures Market Overview

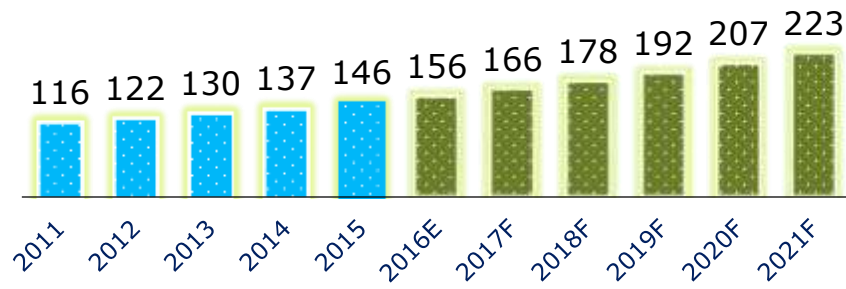
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(USD Million)

Saudi Arabia

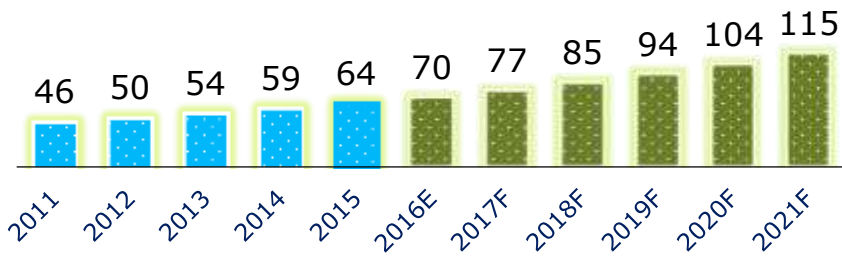


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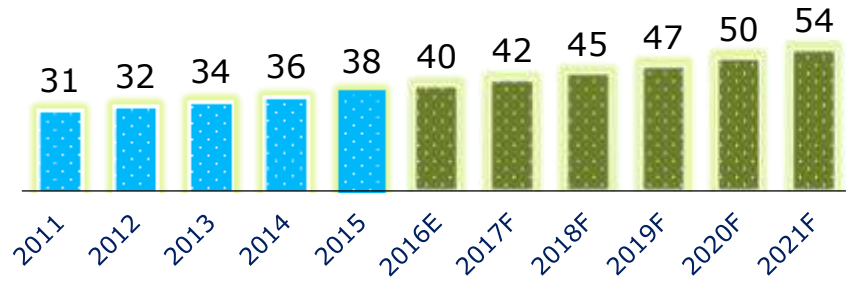


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Qatar

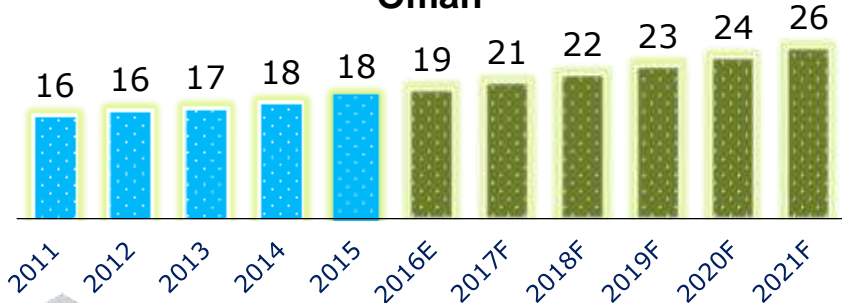


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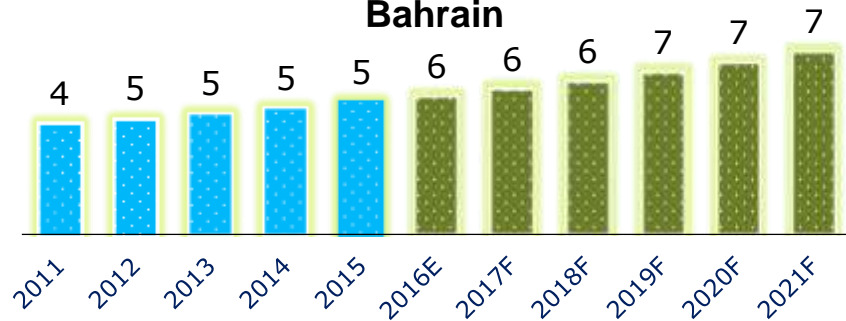


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Oman



Bahrain



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**Green Compacting Concrete
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Source: TechSci Research

Green Concrete- Product Overview

Concrete which is made from **concrete** wastes that are eco-friendly is called as “**Green concrete**”

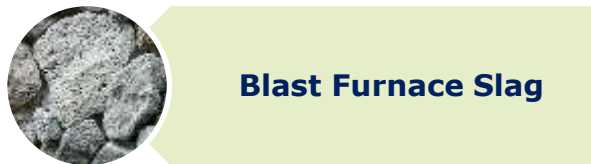
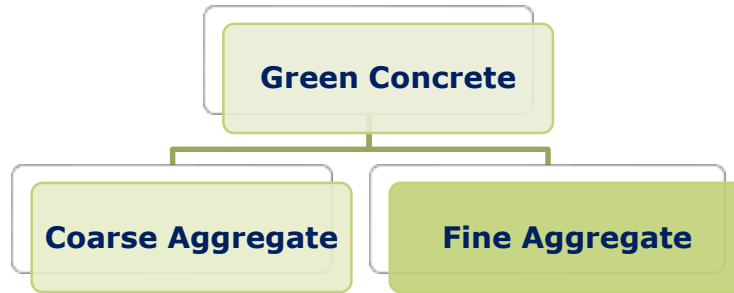
“Green concrete is a partial or complete replacement for cement manufactured from eco-friendly waste or residual products.”



Driving Demand for Green Concrete

- Shifting inclination from synthetic based chemicals towards eco friendly products in construction industry is anticipated to augment the region’s green concrete market
- The ability of green concrete to protect the buildings from pollution and acid rain is driving the demand for green concrete in the region
- Increasing focus towards sustainable development is creating lucrative market opportunities for green building materials
- The governments in Middle East region is focussing towards long-lasting and cost-effective construction

Green Concrete- Raw Materials



Advantages of Raw Materials

- ✓ *All the raw materials are recyclable and reusable*
- ✓ *Low production cost is attributed to economical prices of raw materials*
- ✓ *Easy accessibility to the raw material reduces the logistics cost*

Source: TechSci Research

Ground Granulated Blast Slag (GGBS)

- By-product of Steel Industry
- Partial Substitute of Portland Cement
- Can replace 80% cement



Fly Ash

- By-product of coal based power plants
- Able to replace 25% to 55% cement in concrete mix



Silica Fume

- By-product of silicon alloy production
- Can substitute 10% Portland cement in concrete mix



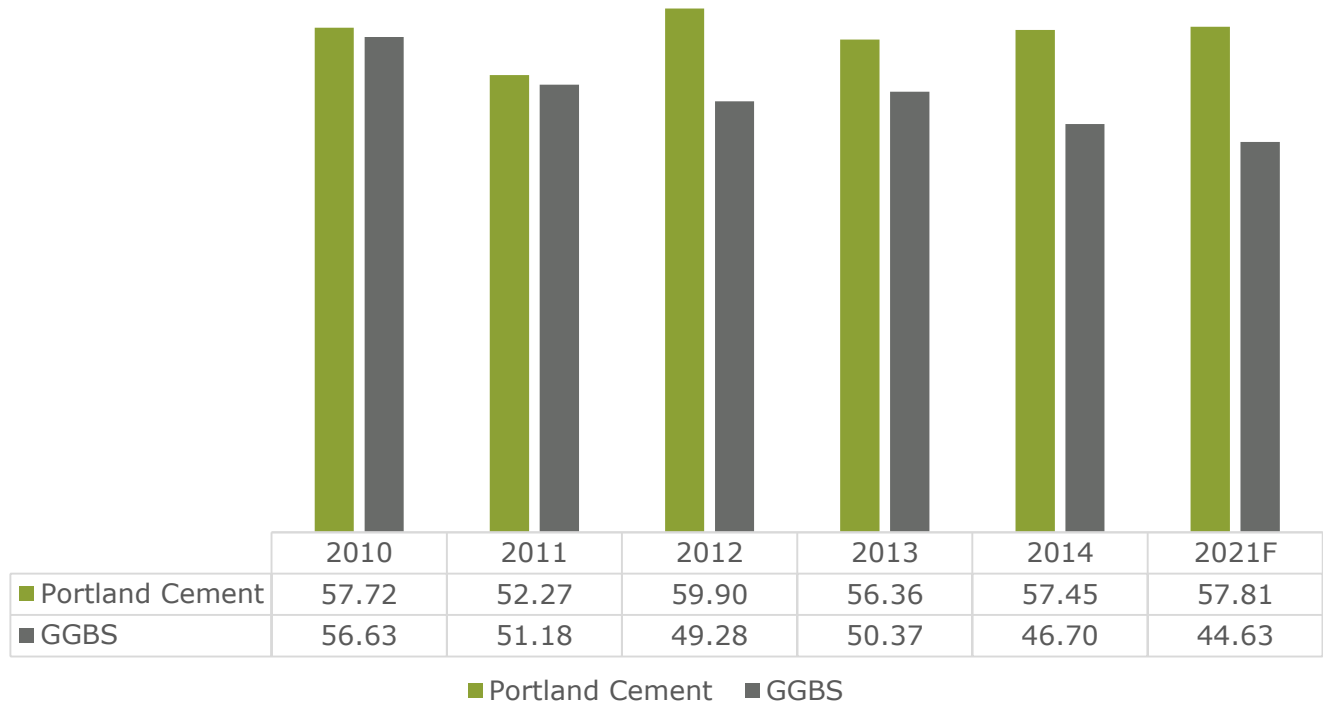
Fiber Glass

- Composed of fine fibers of glass
- Fiber glass is mixed in small proportion (0.1% to 3%) to concrete mix



Source: TechSci Research

Price Comparison between Ground Granulated Blast Slag (GGBS) and Portland Cement (OPC), 2010-2013, (USD Per Ton)



Source: UAE Building Researches and Studies unit

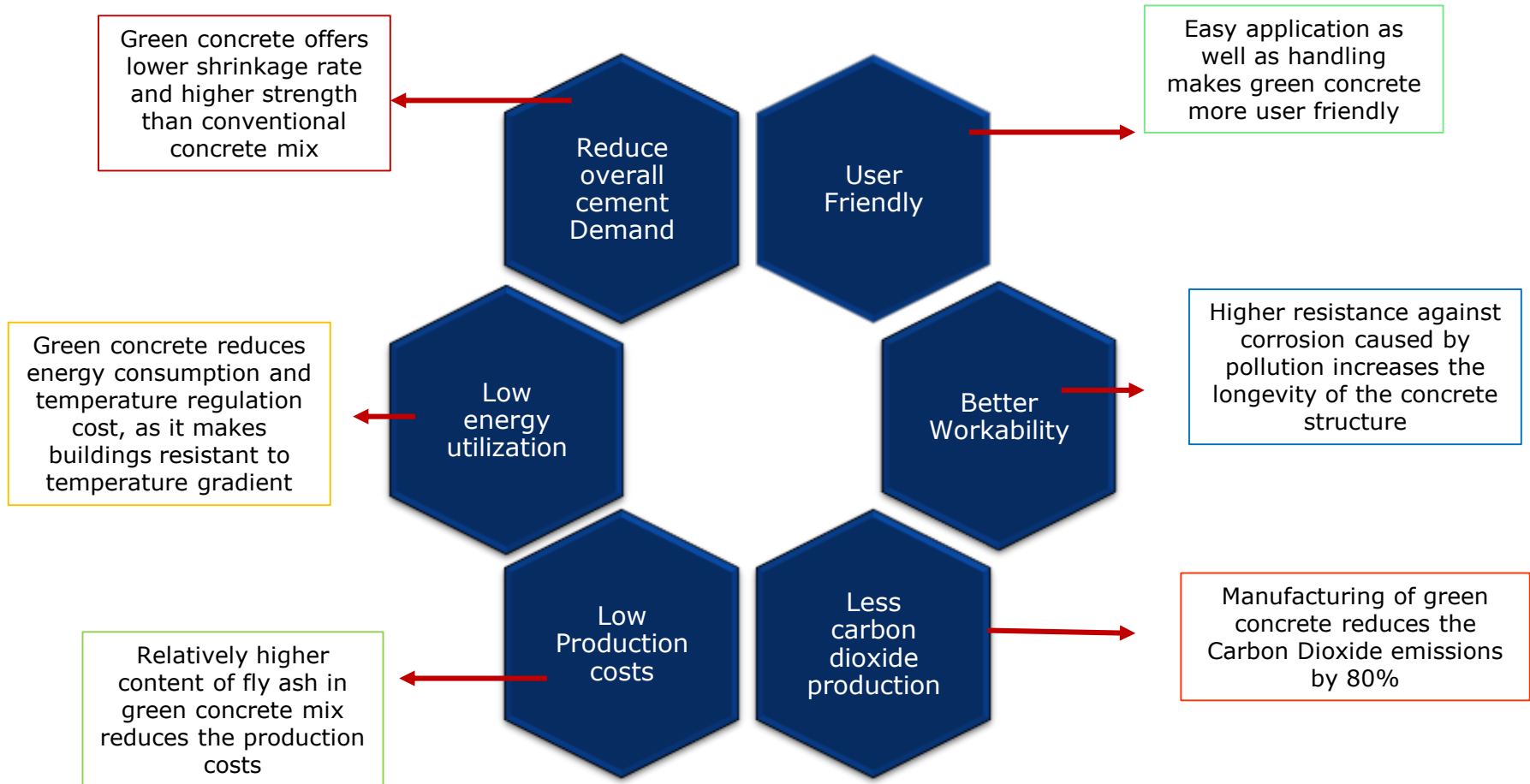
GGBS price
USD10.75
lower than
OPC

2014

GGBS price
18% lower
than OPC

- Lower prices, eco-friendly properties and ability to substitute cement is projected to drive demand for Ground Granulated Blast Slag in the Middle East in the coming years.

Green Concrete- Advantages



Source: TechSci Research

Green Concrete- End Users

GCC Hotel revenues are expected to reach USD 24.92 billion in 2016

Abraj Kudai, the USD3.5 billion project, expected to become the world's largest hotel (by room count) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia

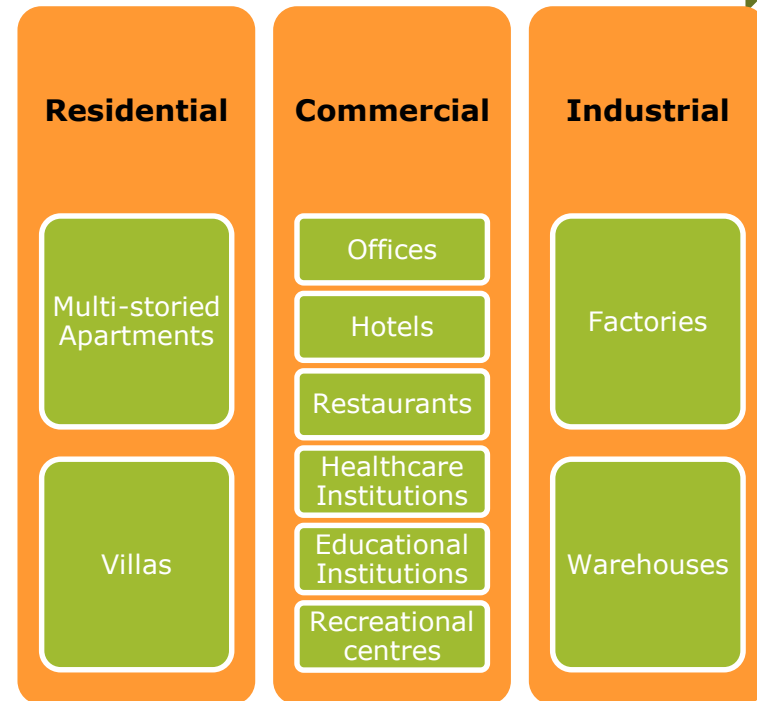
By 2020, the number of schools in GCC is anticipated to reach 4 million

Saudi Arabia has attracted large investments for the construction of educational set-ups and upgradation of healthcare facilities

In order to improve connectivity in the Emirates, the government has planned to develop 1,200 km Etihad Rail network, valued at USD11 billion, across the country

To support Dubai World Central (DWC) development, the government announced an investment of USD32 billion in 2015, for expansion of Al Maktoum International Airport in the UAE, to accommodate 200 million passengers per year

End User Industries of Green Concrete



Source: TechSci Research

✓ Leading cement manufacturers in the UAE such as Al Futtaim, Arabian Construction Company, Al-Habtoor Group, etc. are planning expansion of their green building material production capacities, especially green concrete admixtures

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✓ The capacity of leading cement companies in the UAE is 39 million tonnes, while the actual production is 19 million tonnes. Therefore, the companies are attempting to counter the under capacity utilization problem

2

✓ The potential of green concrete to reduce pollution levels and enhance thermal insulation of the buildings to augment their utilization at extreme temperatures

3

✓ Increasing number of infrastructure projects along with growing preference for eco-compatible construction in GCC is propelling demand for green concrete

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- ***In April 2015, Dubai Municipality Corporation initiated a movement mandating the application of green concrete for all new projects.***
- ***Abu Dhabi Municipality also initiated numerous projects mandating the application of green concrete.***



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Fire Resistant Concrete –Recent Developments

“Fire resistant or heat resistant concrete is a special grade concrete which is engineered to perform advanced fire resistive functions.”



Driving Demand for Fire Resistant Concrete

- High durability during high thermal cycles and temperatures
- Low operating and maintenance cost along with lowest life-cycle cost
- Ability to withstand intermittent temperatures as high as 1000°C (1850°F) and sustained temperatures up to 300°C (570°F) without significant loss of strength
- Growing preference for fire proof buildings, road and railway tunnels, subways, power plants, etc.

Fire Resistant Concrete- Composition

- Fire resistant concrete is composed of carbonate aggregates (including limestone and dolomite) and lightweight aggregates (either naturally occurring or manufactured by expanding shale, clay or slag) that retain most of their compressive strength up to 1200 degrees Fahrenheit.
- As a result, calcium aluminate or refractory cement combined with carbonate & light-weight aggregates are best fit for production of fire resistant concrete.
- Polymer or polypropylene monofilament fibers can significantly contribute to the reduction of explosive spalling, and thus, improve the fire resistance of the concrete.



Fire Resistance of Singular Layer Concrete Walls, Floors And Roofs

Aggregate Type	Minimum Equivalent Thickness for Fire Resistance Rating, Inch				
	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hour	3 hour	4 hour
Siliceous	3.5	4.3	5.0	6.2	7.0
Carbonate	3.2	4.0	4.6	5.7	6.6
Semi-lightweight	2.7	3.3	3.8	4.6	5.4
Lightweight	2.5	3.1	3.6	4.4	5.1

Fire Resistant Concrete- Major Applications and Economic Benefits

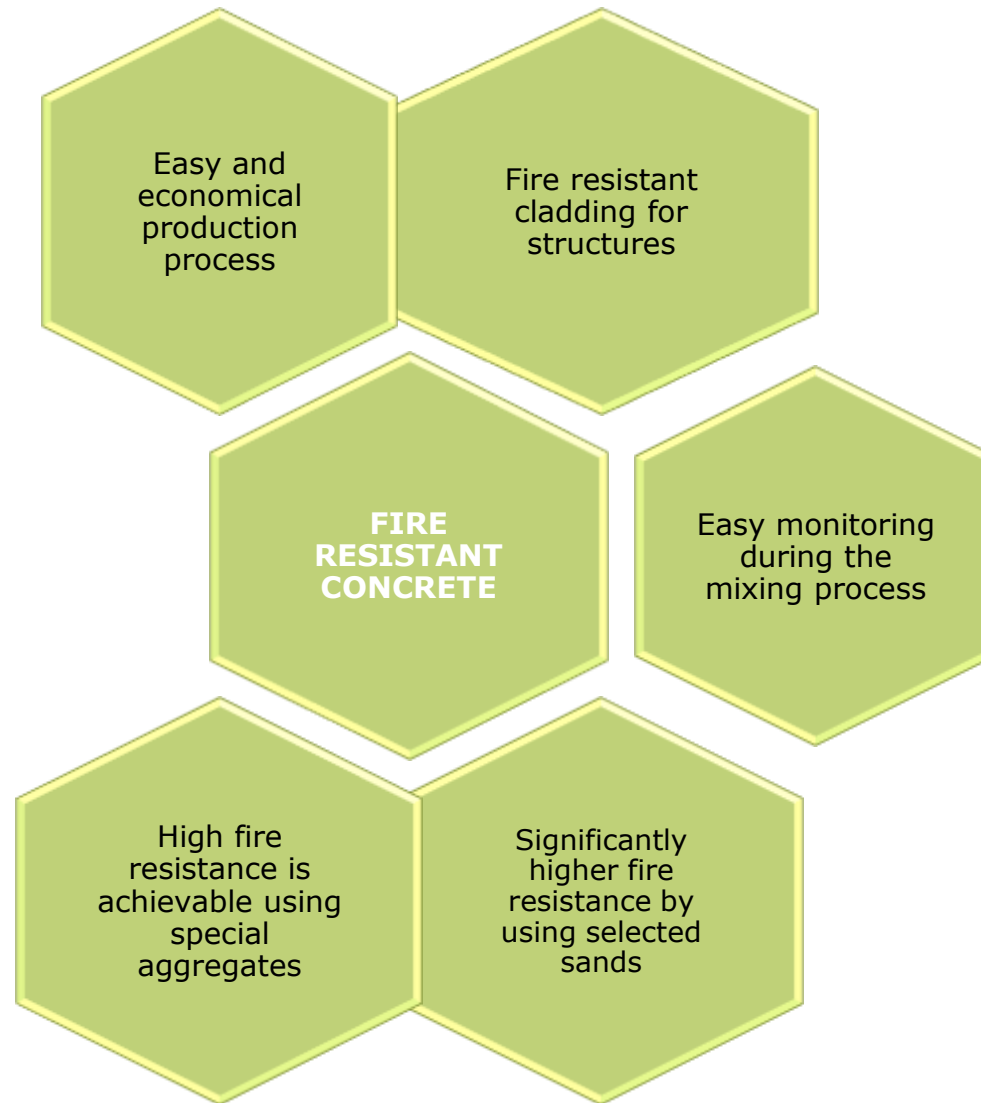
Fire resistance properties of specialized heat resistant concrete provides several significant economic benefits such as:

- Repair work to fire resistant concrete buildings affected by fire is usually minor and inexpensive owing to the property of fire resistant concrete to restrict the fire to small areas and compartments. This eventually helps in significantly reducing the repair cost.
- The walls, floors and ceilings, etc., made of fire resistant concrete prevent fire spread. As a result, adjacently located rooms or compartments in a factory, warehouse, office, hospital, or flats within a residential apartment building, remain relatively unaffected and continue functioning as normal, regardless of the state of fire affected area.
- In industrial, commercial and business settings, the walls made up of fire resistant concrete prevent loss of valuable possessions including machinery or equipment, thereby reducing the impact on the business and lowering the insurance claim to be made.

End User Applications of Fire Resistant Concrete	
Metal Foundries	Military Aviation & Parking areas
Molten Mineral processing plants	Thermal Food Processing Areas
Annealing oven bases	Glass Manufacturing
Vertical Take-off & Landing Pads	Steam Coil Lines

Source: TechSci Research

Fire Resistant Concrete- Advantages



Source: TechSci Research

Fire Resistant Concrete – Price Analysis

Fire Resistant concrete price **USD8** higher than Portland Cement based Concrete

2015

Fire Resistant concrete price **8%** higher than OPC

Price Comparison between Fire Resistant Concrete and Portland Cement Based Concrete, 2015 & 2021 (USD Per Cubic Meter)



■ Portland Cement Based Concrete ■ Fire Resistant Concrete

Source: TechSci Research

Higher prices of fire resistant concrete are due to the involvement and usage of special raw materials and extra products such as foaming admixtures and polypropylene fiber to make the final concrete tolerant to temperatures up to 450 degrees.

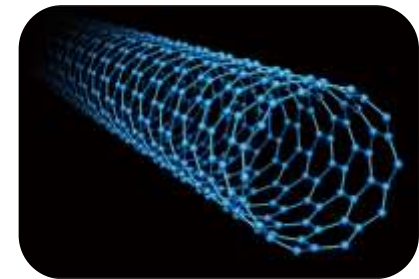
Fire Resistant Concrete- Market Trends & Developments

Fire-Resistant Self-Compacting Concrete

- Scientists from the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology (EMPA) have come up with a method of manufacturing fire-resistant self-compacting high-performance concrete (SCHPC) that maintains its mechanical integrity when exposed to fire.
- SCHPC manufacturing involves a low proportion of polymer fibers to induce self-compacting property to the fire resistant concrete.
- A series of thin-walled concrete slabs that are pre-stressed with cables made of carbon fiber-reinforced polymer are utilized in order to develop SCHPC.
- In addition to this, a super-absorbing polymer (SAP) that is a synthetic material capable of absorbing water and moisture is added to increase the efficiency and functionality of the resulting concrete.



Fire-Resistant Self-Compacting Concrete



Nanotechnology in concrete

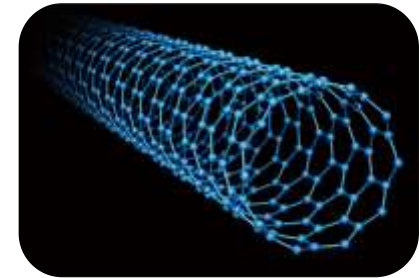
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Nanotechnology in Concrete

- Nanotechnology can be utilized for imparting fire resistance to the concrete by means of adding or mixing small amount of carbon nanotubes to the cement mixture.
- Addition of carbon nanotubes (CNT) in cementitious material results in fabrication of the fiber composites, which impart very high fire resistance and strength to the resulting concrete.
- Apart from imparting fire resisting property to the resulting concrete, the carbon nano tubes also increase mechanical durability of the cement and prevent crack formation.



Fire-Resistant Self-Compacting Concrete



Nanotechnology in concrete

Source: TechSci Research

Fire Resistant Concrete –Recent Developments



CEMEX

In May, 2016, Cemex developed a fire resistant and explosion proof concrete designed specifically to safeguard facilities from fire hazards. The new fire resistant and explosion proof variety of concrete possess the ability to withstand a temperature of 1150 °C for more than 60 minutes.

Sika Group is long involved in the manufacturing of different types of concretes including fire resistant concrete by means of utilizing super plasticizers, Polypropylene fibers and steel fibers.

Sika



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Source: TechSci Research

Self-Compacting Concrete- Product Overview

Definition

A self-compacting concrete (SCC) is a type of concrete that can consolidate on its own weight.

“One of the major advantages of this method is that SCC technology offers the opportunity to minimize or eliminate concrete placement problems in difficult conditions.”



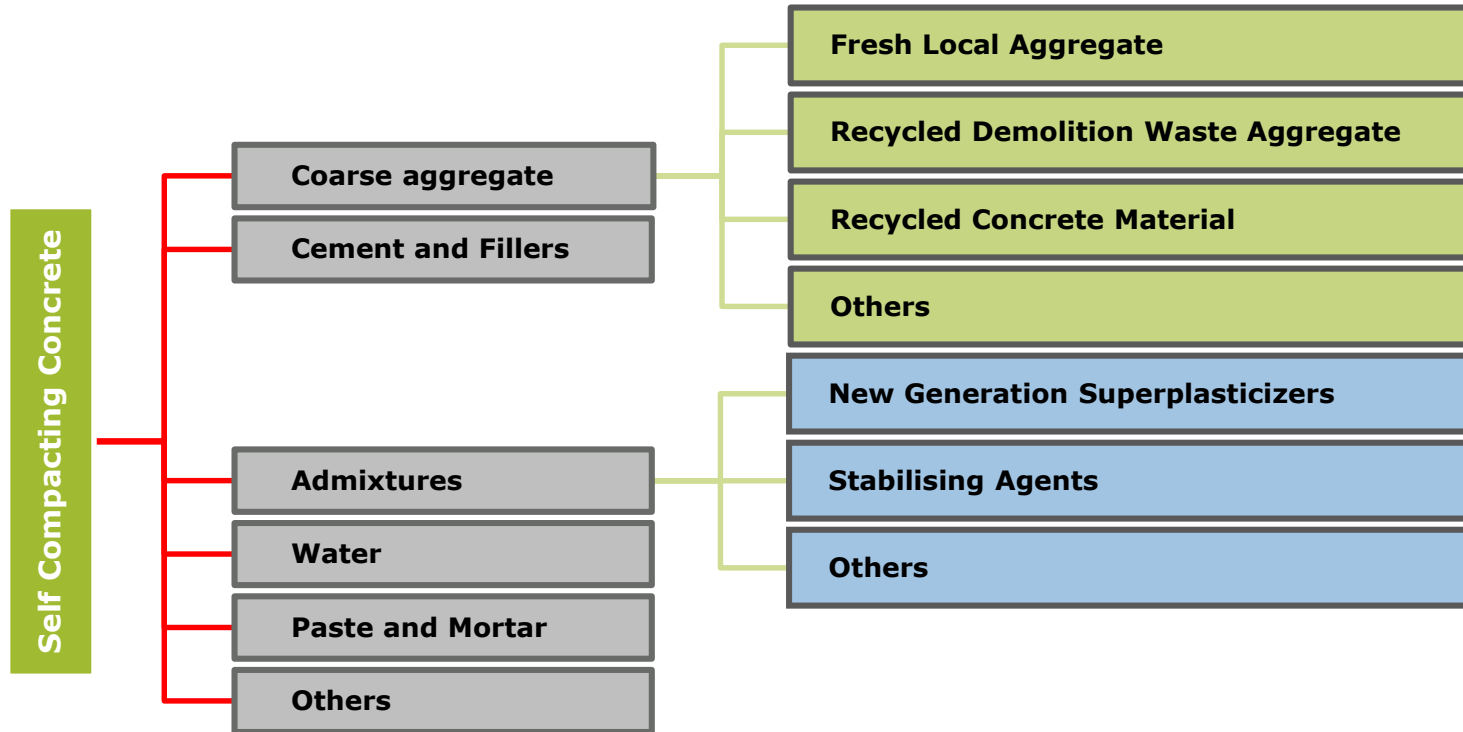
Driving Demand for Self-Compacting Concrete

- Does not need to be checked for quality as it is prepared and laid down by automated parts
- Construction and placing becomes faster & easier
- The product removes the need for vibration as the it settles down on its own due to its high flexibility
- It improves the filling capacity of highly congested structural members.

In Middle East, demand for self-compacting concrete is still very low, however, it is expected to gain momentum in the coming years, backed by rising construction of high rise buildings.

Self-Compacting Concrete- Composition

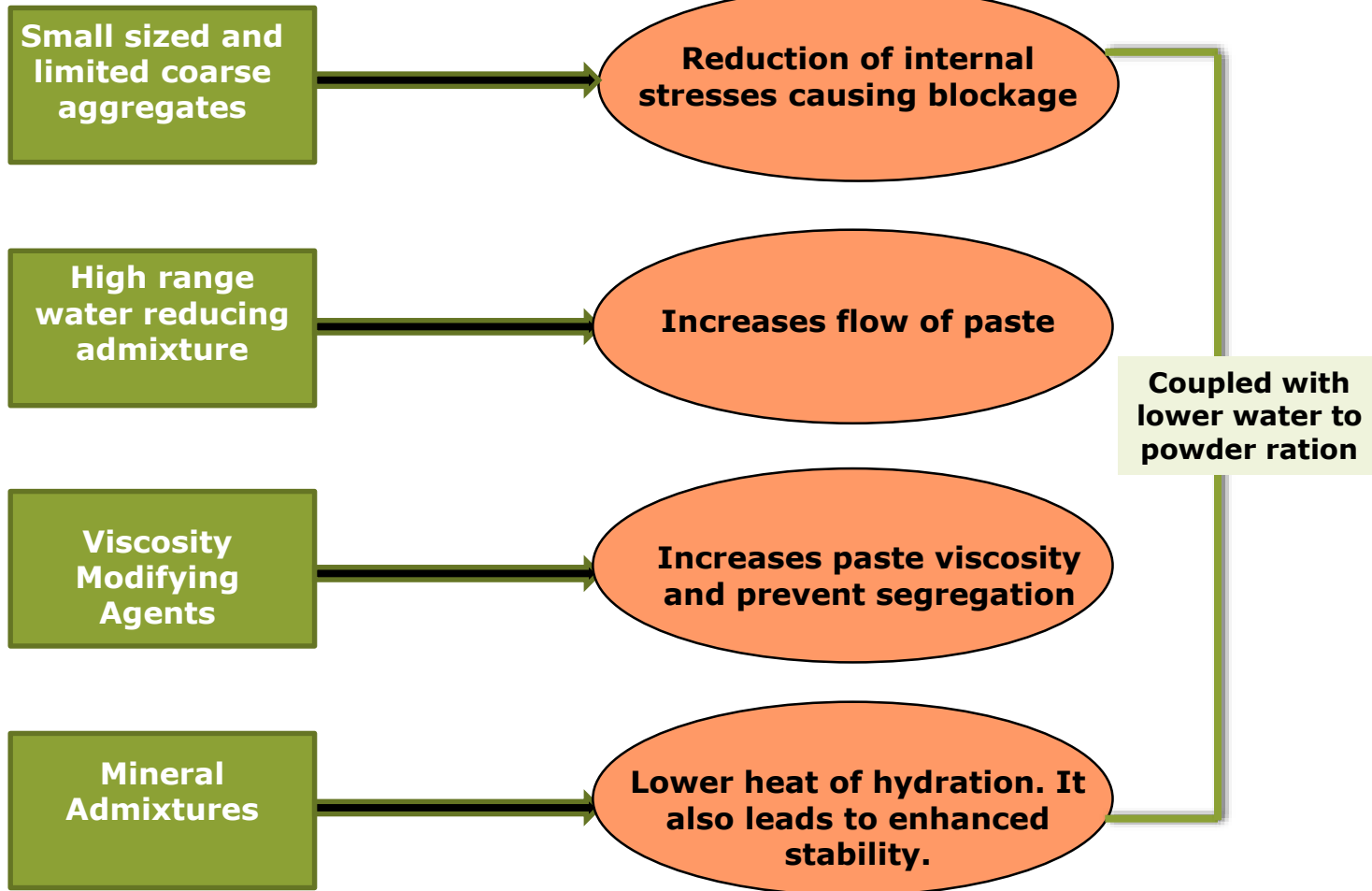
Composition



- ✓ **Coarse Aggregates:** Size range – 9.5mm to 37.5mm in diameter.
- ✓ **Cement and Fillers:** The fillers are used to enhance the properties of cement such as particles binding, water absorption, lesser voids, among others. The typically used fillers in the Self-Compacting Concrete are silica fumes, metakaolin, limestone powder, granite dust and marble dust.
- ✓ **Admixtures:** Superplasticizer is necessary for producing a highly fluid concrete mix, while the powder materials or stabilizing agents are required to maintain sufficient stability/cohesion of the mixture, thereby reducing bleeding, segregation and settlement

Self-Compacting Concrete- Composition

Composition-Major Advantages



Self-Compacting Concrete- Advantages

Advantages

Adequate compaction and placement of concrete

The concrete gets compacted under its own weight and is compacted and placed with high accuracy

Ease of Handling

Construction of high rise buildings, extremely complex and elevated structures can be done easily by self compacting concrete

Fill the framework without vibration

No vibration is required in the case of self compacting concrete

Requirement of less labor

It decreases the requirement of skilled labor by a significant amount and makes the process a lot easier to handle.

Saves Time

The production, processing and application of the self compacting concrete takes a lot lesser time as compared to usual concrete

Provides Structural Strength

The usage of high quality admixtures, fillers and other chemicals in self compacting concrete provide great strength to the structure

Self-Compacting Concrete- Market Dynamics

Demand Drivers

- The product offers high quality and its highly fluid structure leads to self settling ability
- The concrete is able to fix itself as per the reinforcements, which results in lower manual labor
- Surging foreign investments in the Middle East hospitality sector, especially in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, can significantly proliferate the sales of self compacting concrete in the coming years.



Market Challenges

- Higher cost of self-compacting concrete restricts its usage to premium buildings and high value projects, with very limited usage being witnessed in construction of residential and industrial buildings
- The product has the property of consolidating and compacting on its own, which sometimes may pose a challenge during the transit process.
- High wastage and harm to the equipment if the compact solidifies.



Self-Compacting Concrete- Pricing Analysis

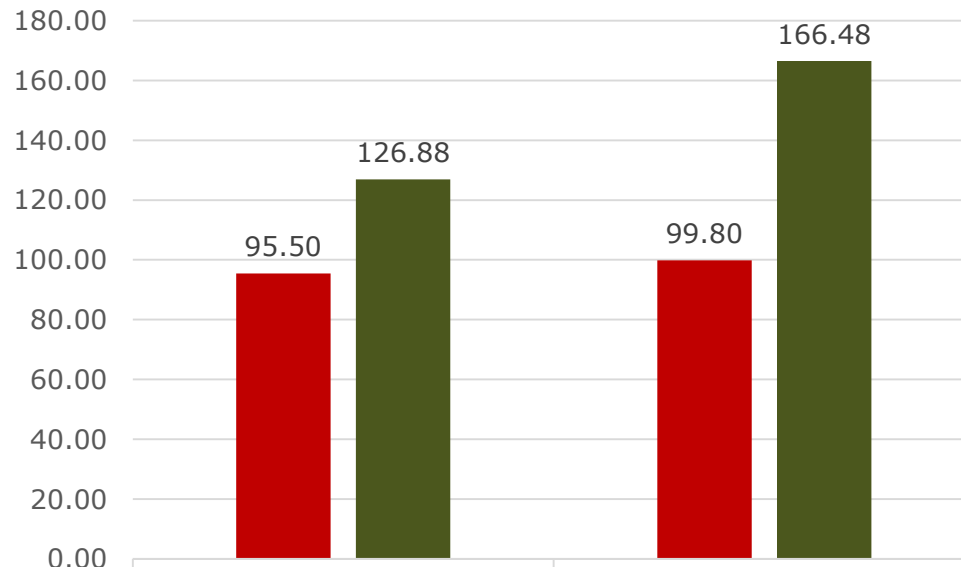
Pricing Analysis

Self Compacting Concrete Price were **USD31.38** higher than Portland Cement based Concrete

2015

Self Compacting Concrete prices to grow at **4.6% CAGR** during 2015-2021

Self Compacting Concrete Prices, 2015 & 2021, (USD Per Cubic Metres)



	2015	2021F
Portland Cement Based Concrete	95.50	99.80
Self Compacting Concrete	126.88	166.48

■ Portland Cement Based Concrete ■ Self Compacting Concrete

Source: Techsci Research

The price per cubic metres has been observing an average growth rate of 6% annually and is expected to maintain similar trend in coming years as well.

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