

UAE Logistics Market Surpasses USD 30 Billion Milestone – Latest Insights by Ken Research

UAE logistics market expanding with CEPA-led trade, smart ports, and digital infrastructure driving growth; positioning the nation as a global logistics hub.

GURGAON, HARYANA, INDIA, October 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Comprehensive market analysis maps growth trajectory, free-zone catalysts, and multimodal infrastructure shaping the Emirates' logistics powerhouse.

Ken Research released its strategic market analysis titled "[UAE Logistics Market Outlook to 2028](#)," revealing that the current market size is valued at USD 30 billion, based on a five-year historical analysis. The detailed study outlines how the market is poised to expand, driven by the exponential growth in non-oil trade, expanding free-zone infrastructure, and strong policy support enhancing the nation's multimodal connectivity. The report further emphasizes how CEPA-led trade diversification, smart port modernization, and the development of the Etihad Rail network are revolutionizing freight efficiency and regional logistics integration. Additionally, the analysis highlights how digitalization, sustainability initiatives, and e-commerce-driven warehousing are reshaping the UAE's logistics ecosystem, positioning it as the leading logistics and supply chain hub in the Middle East.

The 120+ page report provides decision-makers with critical intelligence on market dynamics, competitive positioning, and investment opportunities across the UAE's integrated logistics ecosystem. With record non-oil trade and continued capex in ports, airports, rail, and Grade-A warehousing, the analysis identifies a strategic inflection point for market entry and expansion.

"Logistics in the UAE is entering an efficiency super-cycle," said Namit Goel, Research Director at Ken Research. "Deep-water ports, bonded free zones, and a rail backbone are compressing lead times and costs while opening new trade corridors across the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia."



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Key Market Dynamics Reshaping the UAE Logistics Landscape

Trade and Free-Zone Flywheel

Pro-business free zones (JAFZA, KIZAD, DAFZ, Dubai South) and expanding CEPA agreements streamline customs, enable bonded warehousing, and unlock duty-optimized routings. This policy–infrastructure combo accelerates throughput for re-exports and regional distribution hubs.

Multimodal Infrastructure Surge

Global-scale seaports (Jebel Ali, Khalifa Port), world-class air cargo gateways (DXB/DWC, AUH), and the expanding Etihad Rail network create resilient end-to-end corridors. Port-rail-road synergies reduce dwell time, enhance reliability, and de-risk long-haul movements.

E-commerce and CEP Acceleration

Rising online retail, cross-border parcels, and omnichannel models are driving demand for automated sortation, micro-fulfillment, and temperature-controlled last-mile. Returns logistics and SLA-driven delivery windows are reshaping footprint strategy around urban nodes.

Technology, Compliance, and Sustainability

Paperless trade, unified single-window customs, TIR corridors, and green logistics targets are modernizing operations. Digitized visibility, yard/slot management, and WMS/TMS integrations improve turns, reduce carbon intensity, and enable data-backed service guarantees.

Critical Strategic Questions Addressed

Market Entry Timing

With demand accelerating in contract logistics, value-added warehousing, cold chain, and CEP/express, the data identifies optimal entry points by segment and customer archetype. E-commerce fulfillment and pharma/F&B nodes offer immediate traction, while rail-linked distribution scales from 2026 onward.

Regulatory Navigation

The mandate maps free-zone regimes, CEPA implications, customs documentation, and bonded flows that directly impact network design. This regulatory roadmap helps organizations

anticipate shifts and engineer compliant, duty-efficient routings for regional distribution.

Competitive Positioning

The analysis benchmarks 3PL/4PL integrators, freight forwarders, CEP players, and specialized cold-chain operators. It examines footprints, pricing posture, value-added services, automation maturity, and partnership structures to surface defensible positions and differentiation plays.

Investment Prioritization

White-space analysis across rail-port interfaces, Grade-A warehousing near JAFZA/KIZAD/Dubai South, automated parcel hubs, and pharma-compliant cold nodes guides capital allocation. The report aligns capex priorities with demand hotspots and concession/lease opportunities.

Critical Infrastructure and Policy Developments

Strategic Port and Free-Zone Expansion

Capacity additions, deeper drafts, and logistics real-estate parks at Jebel Ali and Khalifa Port strengthen transshipment and gateway roles. Integrated inland depots and bonded corridors reduce congestion and improve turn-around.

National Rail Integration Plans

Etihad Rail connectivity between industrial zones and ports unlocks high-frequency, lower-emission freight options. Scheduled block trains and intermodal terminals enhance reliability for metals, aggregates, polymers, FMCG, and general cargo.

Customs and Trade Digitization Framework

Single-window platforms, risk-based inspections, AEO programs, and TIR corridors compress clearance times and cut documentation friction. Harmonized data exchange elevates visibility across shippers, 3PLs, and authorities.

Cold Chain and Pharma Logistics Mandates

Rising pharma and high-value perishables accelerate GDP-compliant storage, lane validation, and end-to-end temperature controls. The report quantifies capex needs for multi-chamber facilities and cross-dock enhancements near airports and ports.

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Strategic Value for Decision-Makers

"What distinguishes this analysis is its focus on actionable intelligence," noted Mr. Harsh Saxena, Principal at Ken Research. "Beyond market sizing, we've mapped free-zone advantages, rail-port handoffs, and automation pathways to give executives a complete strategic toolkit."

The 120+ page mandate delivers essential market intelligence for executives and investors, including:

Detailed segmentation analysis across freight forwarding, contract logistics/warehousing, CEP/express, and e-commerce fulfillment with regional hot-spot mapping

5-year forecast models with volume and revenue projections to 2028 and CAGR tracking across major segments

Competitive benchmarking of global and regional leaders, including market share signals, pricing strategies, and expansion plans

White-space analysis in rail-linked distribution, cold chain, automated sortation, and bonded facilities near free zones

Regulatory and policy roadmap covering CEPA impacts, customs regimes, and bonded/transshipment flows

"As the UAE deepens its role as a global trade hub, logistics becomes a core enabler of diversification and resilience," added Harsh Saxena, Principal at Ken Research. "Our report provides the insights needed to align business strategies with national priorities."

Industry executives seeking access to the complete analysis can contact Ken Research directly or visit: https://www.kenresearch.com/industry-reports/uae-logistics-market-outlook-to-2028?utm_source=Einpresswire&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=PR

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