

Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Market to Exceed \$40.83 billion by 2030; Asia Pacific, Swissport

The Business Research Company's Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Global Market Report 2026 – Market Size, Trends, And Forecast 2026-2035

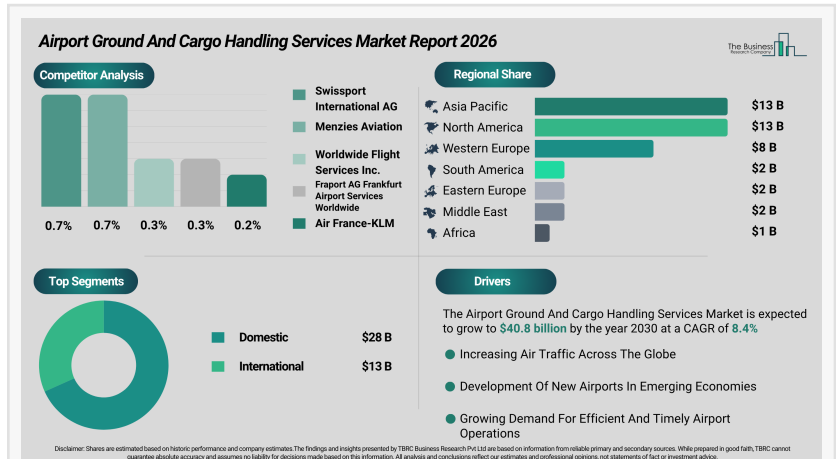
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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The airport ground and cargo handling services sector is playing an increasingly vital role in global air transportation, supporting the efficient movement of passengers and freight. As air travel and cargo volumes rise, this market is set to experience significant expansion, driven by technological advancements and growing demand for streamlined airport operations. Below, we explore the market size, regional outlook, key growth drivers, segment breakdowns, and leading companies shaping this industry's future.

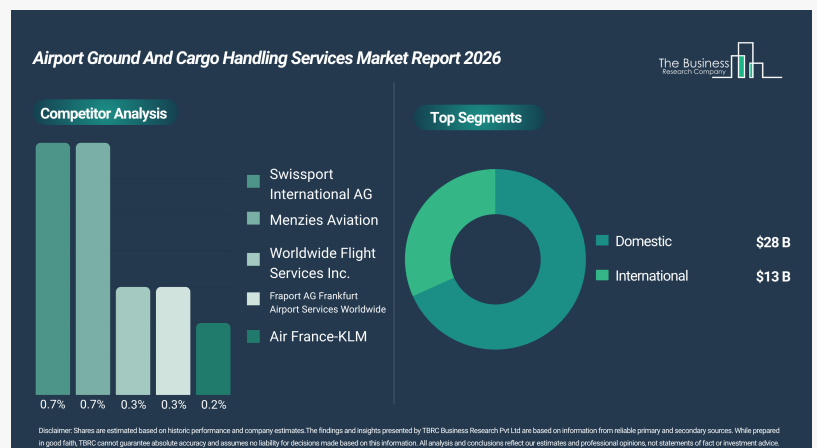
Forecasted Market Size and Growth Rate for the [Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Market](#)

The airport ground and cargo handling services market is anticipated to surpass \$41 billion by 2030. This segment forms a substantial portion—about 37%—of the broader Air Cargo Services market, which itself is expected to reach nearly \$111 billion by that year. When placed within the vast Transport Services industry, projected at \$12,477 billion by 2030, this market represents close to 0.3% of the total value.

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Projected Compound Annual Growth Rate of the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Market

Looking ahead to 2030, the airport ground and cargo handling services market is forecasted to grow at a CAGR

of 8%. This steady growth reflects increasing demand for efficient ground operations supporting both passenger and freight air traffic worldwide.

Key Regional Markets Driving Airport Ground and Cargo Handling in Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific is set to become the largest regional market for airport ground and cargo handling services by 2030, expected to reach \$13 billion, up from \$9 billion in 2025. This represents a CAGR of 9%. The rapid expansion is fueled by rising air cargo volumes linked to e-commerce, cross-border trade, investments in airport automation, mechanized ground equipment, and a growing number of airport expansion and greenfield projects in emerging economies.

Additionally, the focus on faster aircraft turnaround times through advanced ramp, baggage, and cargo handling solutions supports this robust growth.

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Leading Country in Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Market by 2030

The United States is projected to be the top individual country market in this sector by 2030, valued at \$10 billion, an increase from \$8 billion in 2025, growing at a CAGR of 6%. This growth is underpinned by a dense network of commercial airports, high volumes of domestic and international flights, investments in electric and autonomous ground support equipment, specialized cargo handling requirements for pharmaceuticals, perishables, and e-commerce shipments, and a trend of airlines outsourcing ground handling to specialized providers for enhanced cost-effectiveness and service quality.

Market Segmentation by Airport Type and Services in Airport Ground and Cargo Handling

The market divides airport ground and cargo handling services by airport type into domestic and international categories. Domestic airports will represent the largest segment in 2030, accounting for 69% of the market or \$28 billion. This dominance is driven by expanding regional



airports, increased domestic flight frequencies requiring efficient ground and ramp services, widespread adoption of digital workforce management, automated ground support equipment, and investments in baggage and cargo processing infrastructure to handle rising passenger and freight traffic.

Additional segmentation includes service-based divisions such as passenger handling, baggage handling, cargo and mail handling, aircraft handling, and ramp handling. Infrastructure-wise, the market distinguishes between greenfield airports (new developments) and brownfield airports (existing facilities undergoing upgrades).

Factors Fueling the Expansion of the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Market

A surge in global air traffic is one of the primary engines for market growth. The rise in both passenger and cargo flights creates heightened demand for ground support activities like faster turnaround times, baggage management, refueling coordination, cargo loading, and ramp operations. Higher flight frequencies increase freight volumes that depend on dependable cargo handling and warehousing, prompting airports to invest in cutting-edge equipment and skilled personnel. This factor alone contributes approximately 2.5% to the market's annual growth.

Airport infrastructure development in emerging economies is another significant driver. Governments are focusing on constructing modern airports to improve connectivity and accommodate growing air traffic. Each new airport requires comprehensive ground handling services, including ramp and baggage management, cargo terminals, and aircraft support. These facilities often incorporate advanced technologies for enhanced safety and operational efficiency, attracting airlines and logistics companies and adding about 2.3% annually to market growth.

Increasing demand for efficient and timely airport operations also plays a crucial role. Airlines and airports prioritize reducing delays by streamlining baggage processing, aircraft servicing, cargo movement, and gate operations. Customers expect smooth travel experiences, and competition among airlines encourages the adoption of advanced handling technologies and optimized workflows. Reliable cargo handling also supports time-sensitive shipments and global supply chains. This push for efficiency accounts for roughly 2.0% of yearly market expansion.

Most Promising Growth Areas Within the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Market

Both domestic and international service segments represent major opportunities, with combined market additions expected to exceed \$13 billion by 2030—\$9 billion from domestic operations and \$4 billion from international. Key growth enablers include AI and IoT-powered ground handling systems that enable real-time resource management, growing demand for temperature-controlled and specialized cargo handling for valuable and time-sensitive goods, sustainable initiatives using electric ground equipment and low-emission operations, and investments in digital cargo management platforms that enhance shipment visibility, documentation accuracy, and end-to-end logistics efficiency.

Competitive Players Driving the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services Industry

The airport ground and cargo handling services market is dominated by global aviation service providers and specialized ground handling firms. These companies are heavily investing in state-of-the-art cargo handling systems, automated ground support equipment, digital baggage management solutions, and integrated ramp handling services to strengthen their market positions and enhance operational efficiency. Key success factors include compliance with safety regulations, operational reliability, and adoption of digital tracking and management technologies. For stakeholders aiming to capitalize on growth, understanding this competitive environment and focusing on technological innovation and strategic alliances is essential.

Market Leader in Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Services as of 2025

Swissport International AG was the top market player in 2025, holding a 1% share of global sales. Their airport ground services division offers comprehensive solutions across passenger services, ramp and baggage handling, air cargo management, and warehouse operations, catering to airlines, airports, and air freight businesses worldwide.

Market Concentration and Share Distribution in Airport Ground and Cargo Handling

The airport ground and cargo handling services market is highly fragmented, with the ten leading companies collectively holding only 3% of total revenue in 2025. Entry barriers are moderate, influenced by stringent aviation safety rules, operational standards, specialized infrastructure requirements, and the need for timely, reliable service. Leading firms maintain market shares through diversified offerings, longstanding airline and airport partnerships, global footprints, and continuous innovation in ground and cargo management. As demand grows for automated cargo handling, digital tracking, and integrated ground services, strategic collaborations, technological advancement, and geographic expansion are expected to reinforce their competitive edge.

Market shares of the top companies in 2025 include:

- Swissport International AG – 1%
- Menzies Aviation – 1%
- Worldwide Flight Services Inc. – 0.3%
- Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide – 0.3%
- Air France-KLM – 0.2%
- Çelebi Aviation Holding – 0.2%
- Aviapartner N.V. – 0.2%
- Havas Ground Handling Company – 0.2%
- Aviator Airport Alliance – 0.2%
- Alliance Ground International – 0.2%

Leading Participants in the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Market Ecosystem

Key competitors in the airport ground and cargo handling market include Swissport International AG, Menzies Aviation, Worldwide Flight Services Inc., Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide, Air France-KLM, Çelebi Aviation Holding, Aviapartner N.V., Havas Ground Handling

Company, Aviator Airport Alliance, Alliance Ground International, alongside other significant players like Goldair Handling, Unifi Aviation LLC, Air General Inc., Thai Airways International Public Company Limited, Air Serv Corporation, United Ground Express Inc., Transworld Aviation Limited, Dubai National Air Transport Association, Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited, Universal Aviation Aircraft Services Inc., AeroGround Flughafen München GmbH, and Turkish Ground Services A.Ş.

Innovations and New Developments Shaping the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Market
Next-generation cargo terminals are transforming this market by boosting efficiency, increasing capacity, and strengthening the air freight logistics chain. A notable example occurred in May 2026, when GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited inaugurated Cargo Terminal 2 at Hyderabad International Airport. This new terminal features dedicated cargo processing areas, temperature-controlled pharmaceutical facilities, and advanced monitoring systems, significantly enhancing cargo throughput, cold-chain reliability, and overall operational productivity.

Strategic Focus Areas for Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Companies

Companies are prioritizing the development of automated ground handling technologies to speed up aircraft turnaround processes. They are also implementing smart cargo handling solutions to better manage throughput and shipment visibility. Expanding ground and cargo handling infrastructure to improve capacity and resilience, as well as deploying AI-driven ground operations for optimized resource allocation and enhanced efficiency, are key strategic goals.

Overview of the Airport Ground and Cargo Handling Market Ecosystem Participants

Suppliers of raw materials and equipment include JBT Corporation, Oshkosh AeroTech, TLD Group, Mallaghan Engineering Ltd., Textron Ground Support Equipment Inc., MULAG Fahrzeugwerk Heinz Wössner GmbH & Co. KG, Goldhofer AG, Guangtai Airports Equipment Co., Ltd., Charlotte Manutention SAS, Tronair Inc., AERO Specialties, Inc., Fast Global Solutions, Inc., Guinault SA, Kalmar Motor AB, Weihai Guangtai Airport Equipment Co., Ltd., DOLL Fahrzeugbau GmbH, Nandan GSE Pvt. Ltd., Alvest Group, Rheinmetall AG, Cavotec SA, ITW GSE A/S, Vestergaard Company A/S, and Eagle Tugs, among others.

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End users encompass Swissport International AG, Menzies Aviation plc, Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), SATS Ltd., dnata, Çelebi Aviation Holding, Aviapartner Group, Airport Terminal Services, Inc., Havas Ground Handling Co., Ltd., Air General Inc., Alliance Ground International

LLC, Fraport AG Ground Services, Flughafen Zürich AG, Qatar Aviation Services, Bhadra International India Pvt. Ltd., Singapore Airport Terminal Services Cargo, China National Aviation Holding Ground Services, Japan Airport Terminal Co., Ltd., Turkish Ground Services (TGS), Royal Airport Services Co., Ltd., Emirates SkyCargo, Lufthansa Cargo AG, Cathay Cargo Terminal, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (HACTL), and AeroGround Flughafen München GmbH.

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