

Information Technology

Workshop

Business Opportunities

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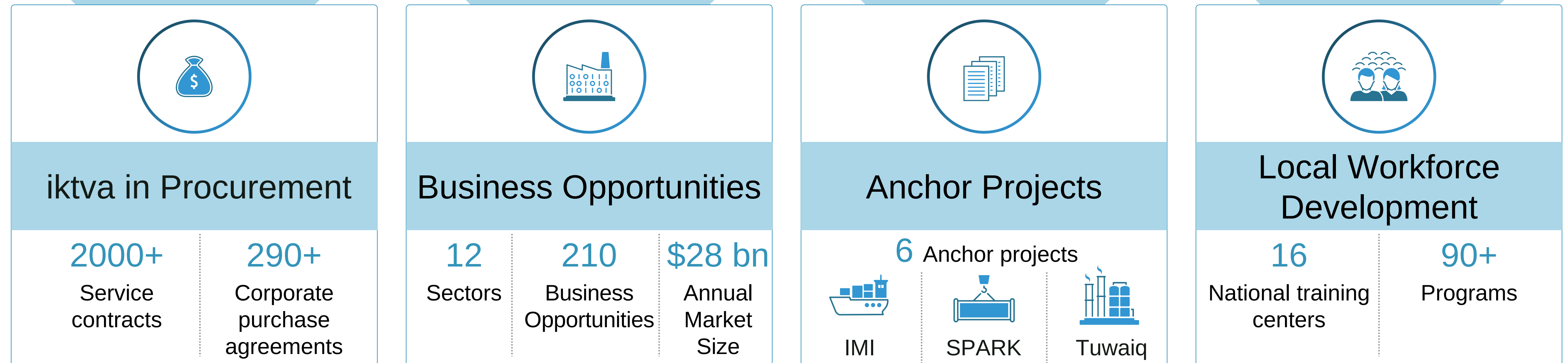
Workshop Agenda

No.	Title of the Investment Opportunity	Presenters
-	Opening remarks	Fares Alotaibi
1	DC Power Equipment	Badr Aljehani
2	Battery Storage Systems	Abdullah Alharbi
3	Internet of Things	Rosa Rubui
Break		
4	Cybersecurity	Maha Aldhamadi
5	Cloud Computing	Salma Alali
6	Data Center Services	Maram Alotaibi
Break		
7	Network Switches	Fares Alotaibi
8	Routers	Rotana Mashat
9	Optical Fibers	Hisham Bin Dayel
10	Microwave Communication Dish	
-	Closing remarks	Fares Alotaibi

iktva Program Overview (1/2)

The In-Kingdom Total Value Add (iktva) program is designed to drive increased investment, economic diversification, job creation, and workforce development within the Kingdom

Saudi Aramco aims to achieve 70% localization of all spending



iktva Business Development Team Support

Government/Semi-government key enablers

Market Analysis

Technical Engagement

Operational Support and Advisory Services¹



Financial Support

Fiscal Incentives

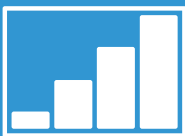
Land Solutions

HR Development

Regulatory Enablers

Why invest in KSA?

Non-exhaustive

 Strong GDP growth and healthy economy	 Big market and game-changing opportunities	 Government incentives and enablers	 Ease of doing business	 Strategic global location	 Favorable demographics
Top 20 economies globally	5 Special Economic Zones drive innovation	\$1.3T+ invested in private sector by 2030	 one of world's most rewarding tax systems	12-15% of global trade passes via Red Sea	17% population growth from 2013-2023
GDP growth among highest projected in 2025 in top economies	6 giga projects driving urbanization and industry	5.7% contribution of FDI to GDP by 2030	Top 5 in the MENA region for ease of doing business	 KSA container ports are among the most efficient globally	67% of population below the age of 35

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Note: FDI = Foreign Direct Investment
Source: IMF; MISA; Vision 2030 Key Performance Indicators; Shareek Program; World Bank

IT Market Overview

KSA IT

\$10218MM
15% CAGR¹

2024 KSA market size for opportunities
 in today's workshop

Ten opportunities to be discussed today

- 1 DC Power Equipment
- 2 Battery Storage Systems
- 3 Internet of Things
- 4 Enterprise Cybersecurity
- 5 Cloud Computing
- 6 Data Center Services
- 7 Network Switches
- 8 Routers
- 9 Optical Fiber
- 10 Microwave Communication Dish

How do we define what is an opportunity?



Growing market

High growth high spend markets



**Limited local players
& import driven**

*Markets with few local contributors and
high import resilience*



**Technological
& labor feasibility**

*Markets with accessible or
standardized technology and available
skilled labor*

DC Power Equipment

Badr Al-Jehani

Opportunity profile – DC Power Equipment

1

KSA demands scalable DC Power solutions ensuring uninterrupted operations and support growing digital and industrial ecosystem

Types



Rectifier



Inverter



UPS

2

DC Power Equipment market is substantial with significant growth prospects, and KSA holds the largest share in the region

\$187_{MM}

Estimated 2024 KSA market size

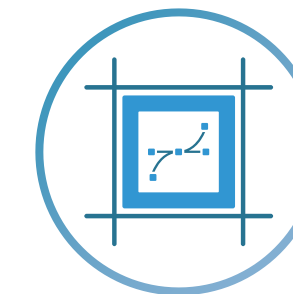
20%

Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

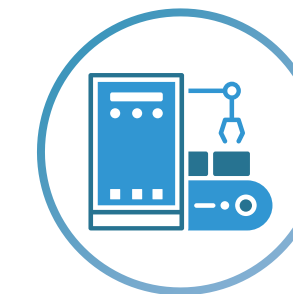
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Attractive investment opportunities in the DC Power Equipment value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Design & Development



Mfg.



Lifecycle management

KSA enablers

- Guaranteed export credits
- Corporate tax exemptions
- Labor upskilling support

DC Power Equipment categories for localization

Non-exhaustive

Rectifier¹



Inverter²



Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)³



Applications

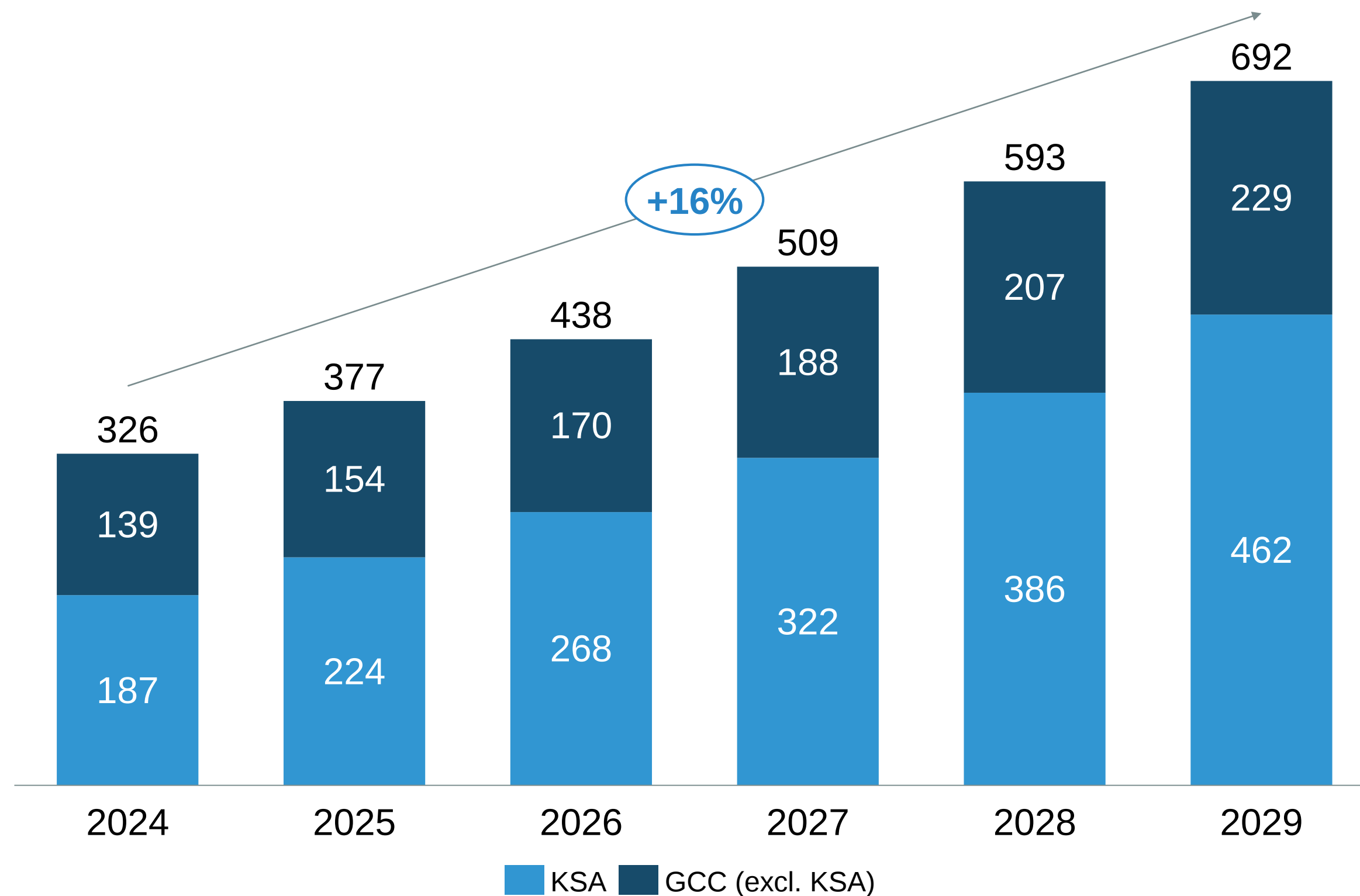
- DC power supply units
- Battery charging
- HVDC transmission

- Renewable energy system
- Electrical vehicles
- Telecommunications

- IT and data centers
- Healthcare equipment
- Critical infrastructure

DC Power Equipment demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted GCC DC Power Equipment market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



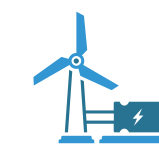
Typical customers in KSA



Oil & Gas facilities



IT and data centers



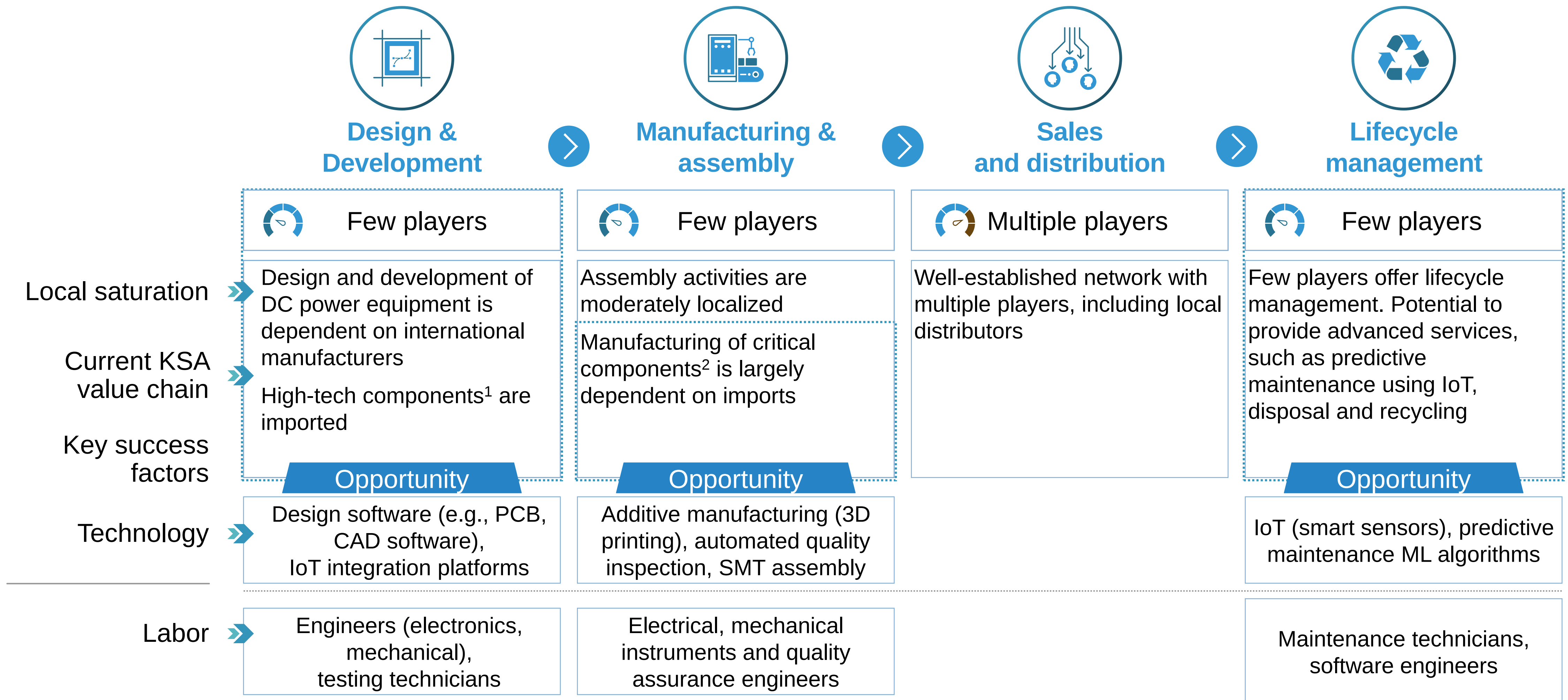
Energy and utilities

KSA demand drivers

- **Industrial Expansion:** Key sectors like oil, gas, telecom, and transport rely on DC power for critical operations
- **Growing Data Centers and IT needs:** Increasing demand for reliable power systems in data centers and IT facilities
- **Renewable energy growth:** Rising solar and wind projects require DC equipment for storage and grid integration

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Value chain and key localization opportunities



Battery Storage Systems

Abdullah Al-Harbi

Opportunity profile–Battery Storage

1

KSA needs battery storage to boost ICT, and provide backup power for industry and infrastructure

Types



Lead
Acid



Nickel-
Cadmium



Lithium-
ion

2

Battery Storage market is sizeable with forecasted growth

\$140MM

Estimated 2024
KSA market size

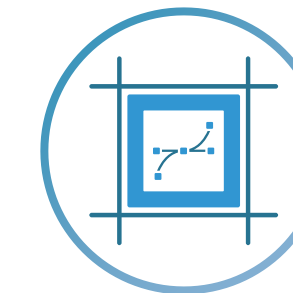
36%

Forecasted KSA
5-year CAGR

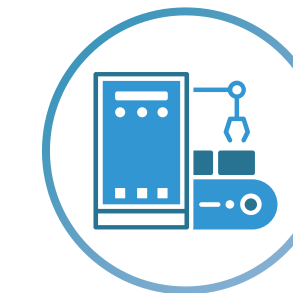
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Attractive investment opportunities in the Battery Storage value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Design &
Development



Manufacturing
& Assembly



Lifecycle
management

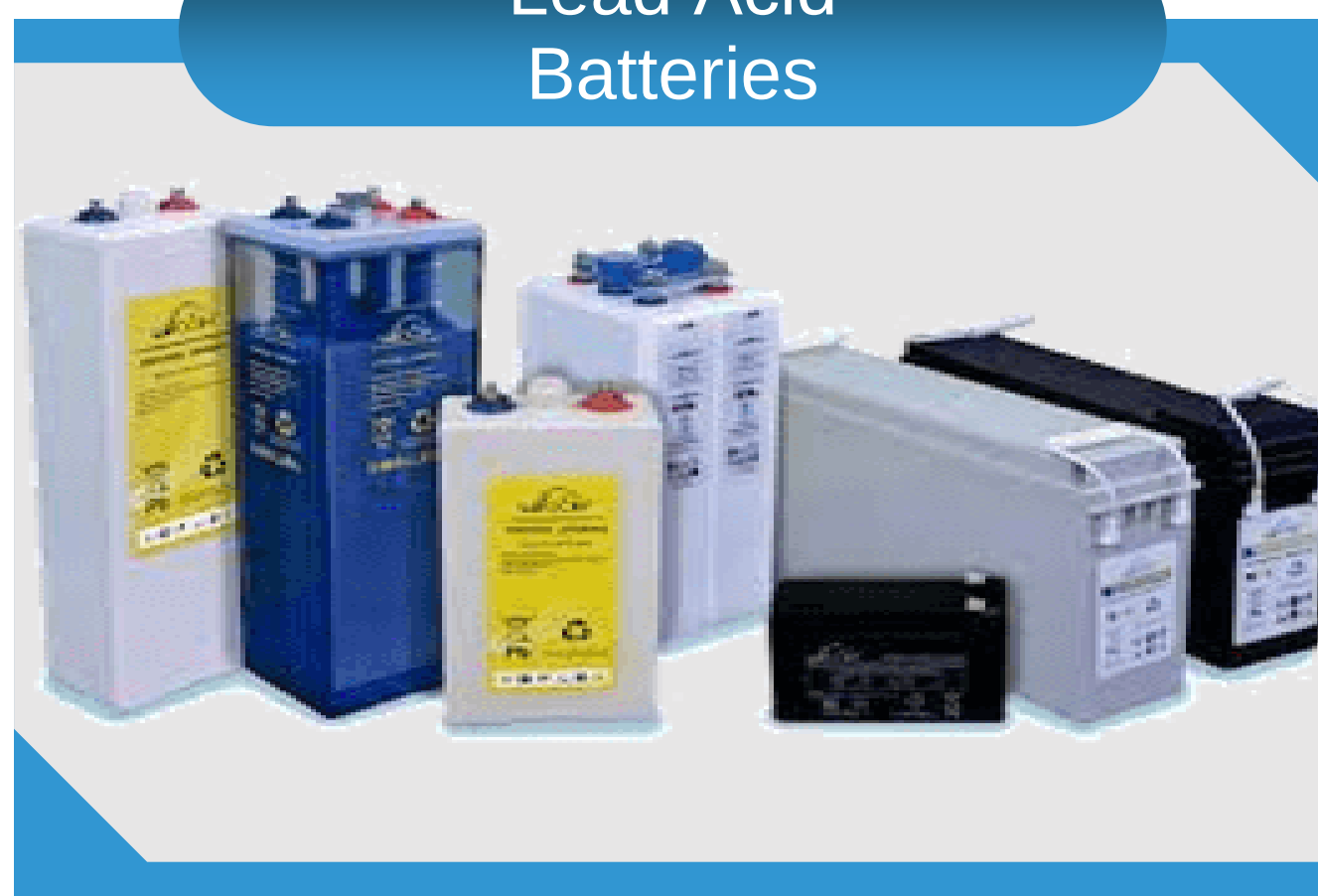
KSA enablers

- Investment Grants
- Corporate tax incentives
- Labor upskilling support

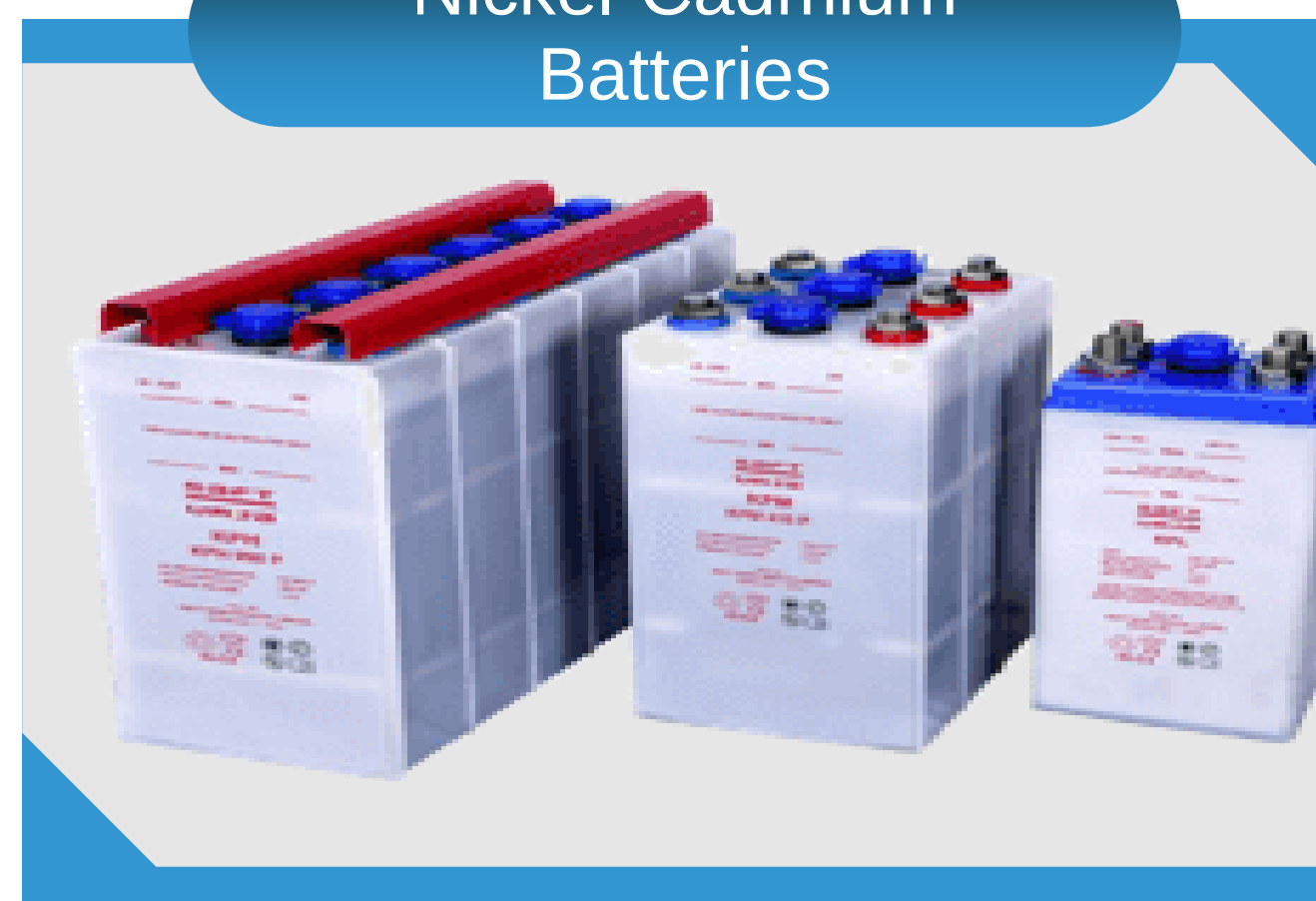
BESS localized categories

Non-exhaustive

Lead Acid
Batteries



Nickel-Cadmium
Batteries



Lithium-ion
Batteries



Applications

- Backup power (UPS, telecom, etc.)
- Off-grid renewable energy storage

- On-grid utility energy storage
- Portable devices

- Electric vehicles
- Emergency systems

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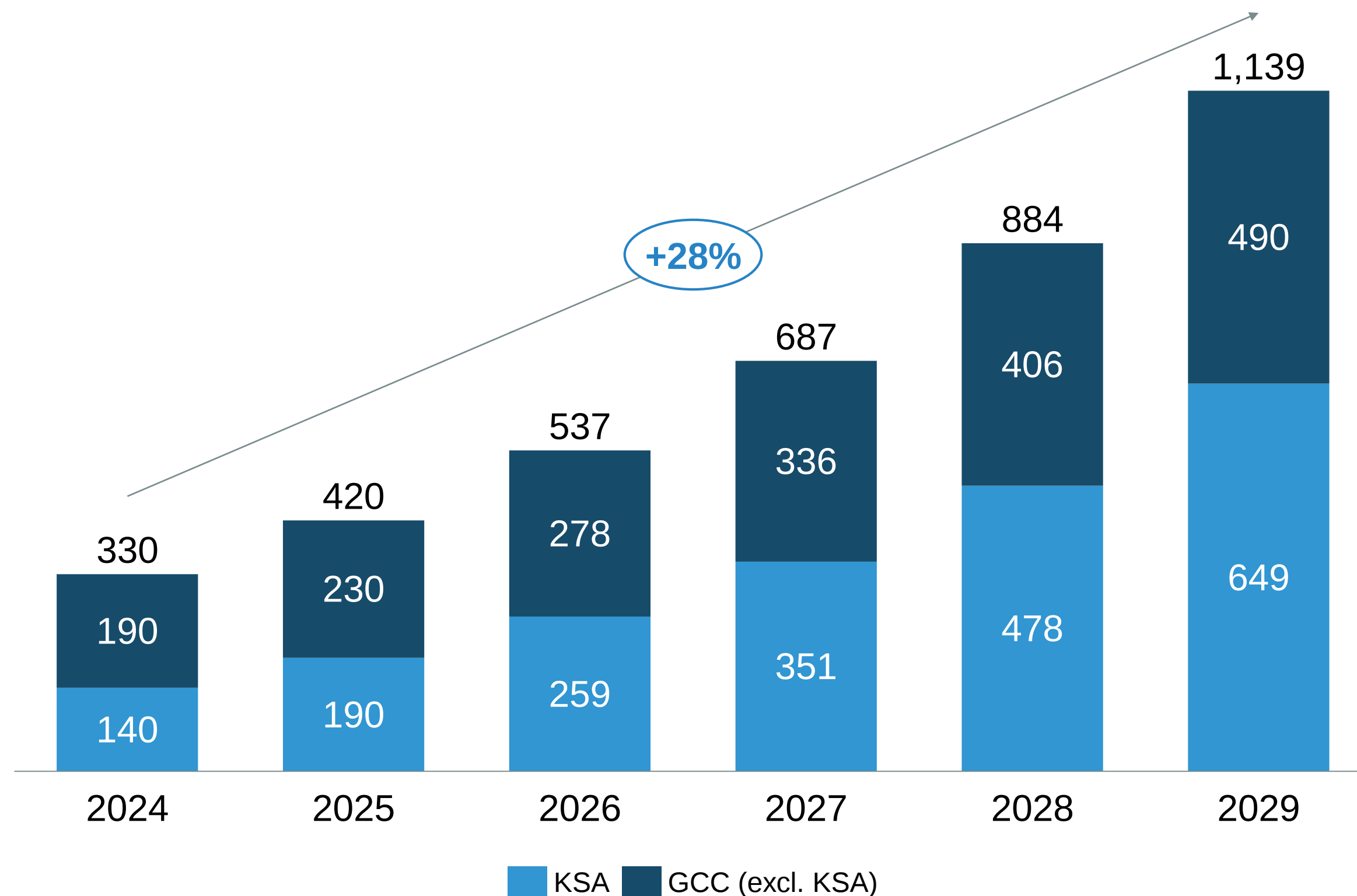
Lead Acid Batteries 9COM#6000000951 | 9COM#6000001075 ; Nickel-Cadmium Batteries 9COM#6000001076 ; Lithium-ion Batteries 9COM#1001545025

Saudi Aramco Engineering Standards: SAES-T-151; SAES-P-103; Saudi Aramco Material Specification: 17-SAMSS-511

Source: Team analysis

Battery Storage demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted GCC Battery Storage market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



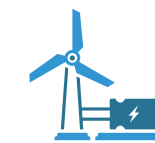
Typical customers in KSA



Industrial facilities



Transportation and logistics

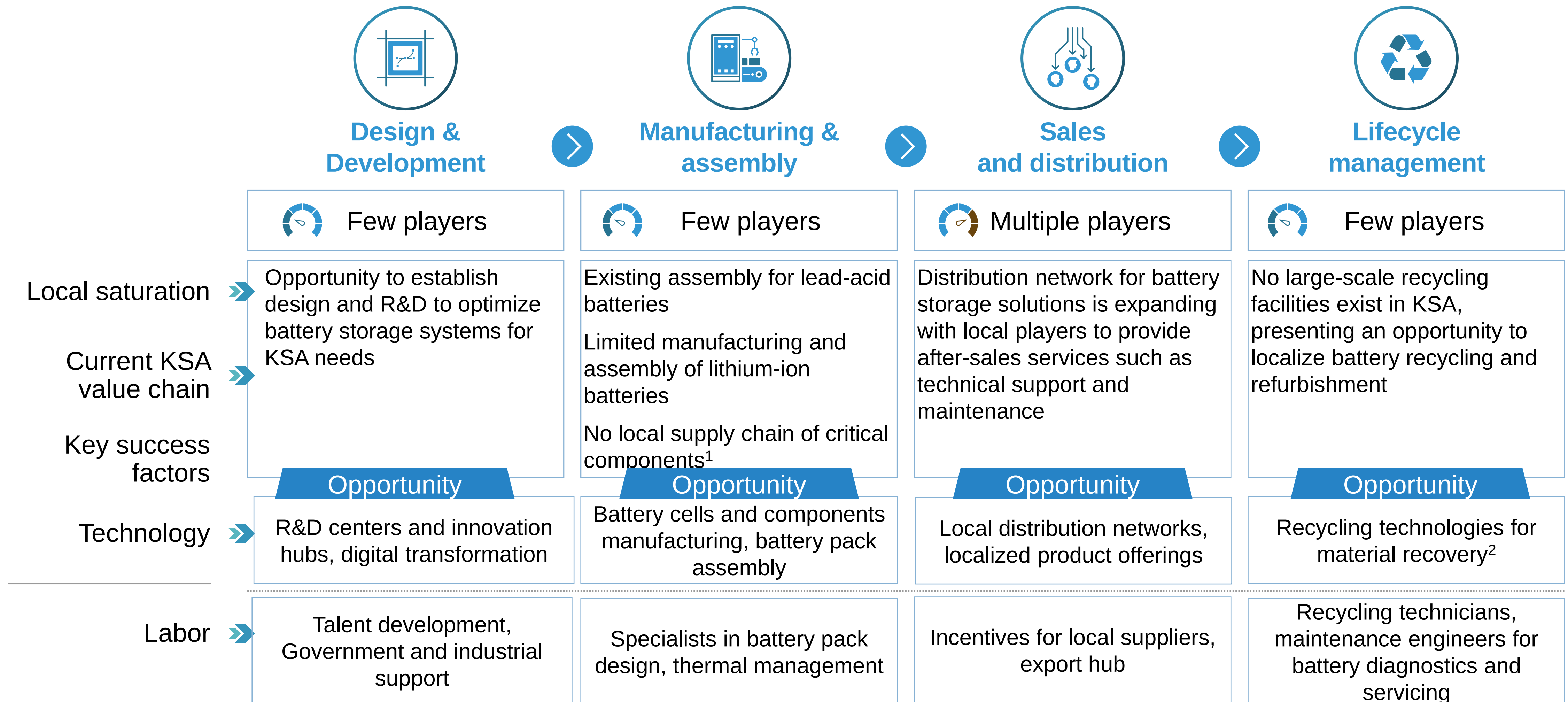


Power generation facilities

KSA demand drivers

- **Renewable projects:** Large-scale solar and wind initiatives like NEOM require battery storage for energy reliability and grid integration
- **Industrial growth:** Expanding sectors require backup and storage
- **Grid stability:** Batteries help balance supply and prevent outages

Value chain and key localization opportunities



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1. Electrodes, separators, electrolytes; 2. Pyrometallurgy and hydrometallurgy
Source: Team analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Investment Grants: R&D project financing from KACST for target sectors including electrical systems



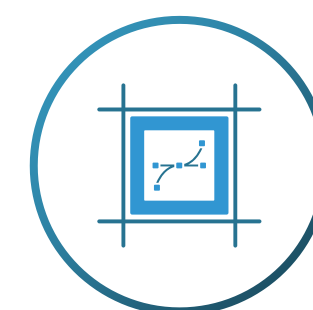
Corporate tax incentives: Tax exceptions on earning from exports



Labor upskilling support: Qualified talent pool for IT field, coming from NIT

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Where is the opportunity



Design & development

Localize design and R&D of battery storage systems to meet local requirements



Manufacturing & Assembly

Localize production of lithium-ion batteries, and critical components such as electrodes, separators and electrolytes



Lifecycle management

Establish battery recycling and refurbishment facility

Internet of Things

Rosa Rubui

Opportunity profile–Internet of Things (IoT)

1

KSA needs localization of IoT devices to support rapid digitalization across the Kingdom

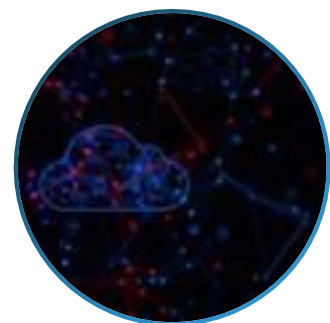
Types



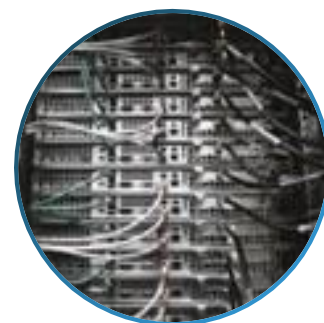
IoT Sensors



IoT Connectivity



Cloud Connectivity



Others¹

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2

IoT market is sizeable with strong forecasted growth

\$1620_{MM}

Estimated 2024
KSA market size

14%

Forecasted KSA
5-year CAGR

3

Attractive investment opportunities in the IoT value chain

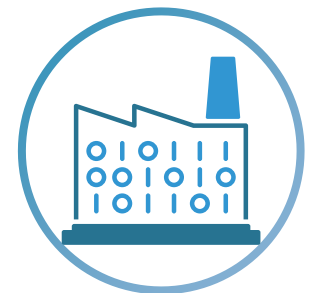
KSA value chain opportunities



R&D



Supplier &
Ecosystem
Mfg.



OEM Mfg.

KSA enablers

- Corporate tax exemptions
- Subsidized loans
- Accelerated licensing and setup

Internet of Things devices and potential use case overview

Non-exhaustive

Devices



IoT sensors

- Non-intrusive
- Power harvesting
- Analytics



IoT Connectivity

- Lorawan, Industrial WiFi
- Bluetooth, RFID, etc.



Cloud connectivity

- In-kingdom CITC approved cloud
- On premises

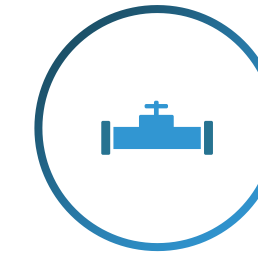


Edge Devices, Routers, Repeaters, Gateway

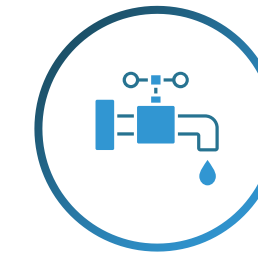
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Potential use cases

Monitoring, Performance Detection, and Prediction for:



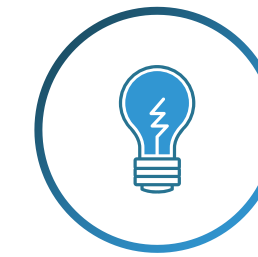
Irrigation



Water consumption and leakage



Parking



Power consumption



Worker safety



Use case: Smart Water Conservation



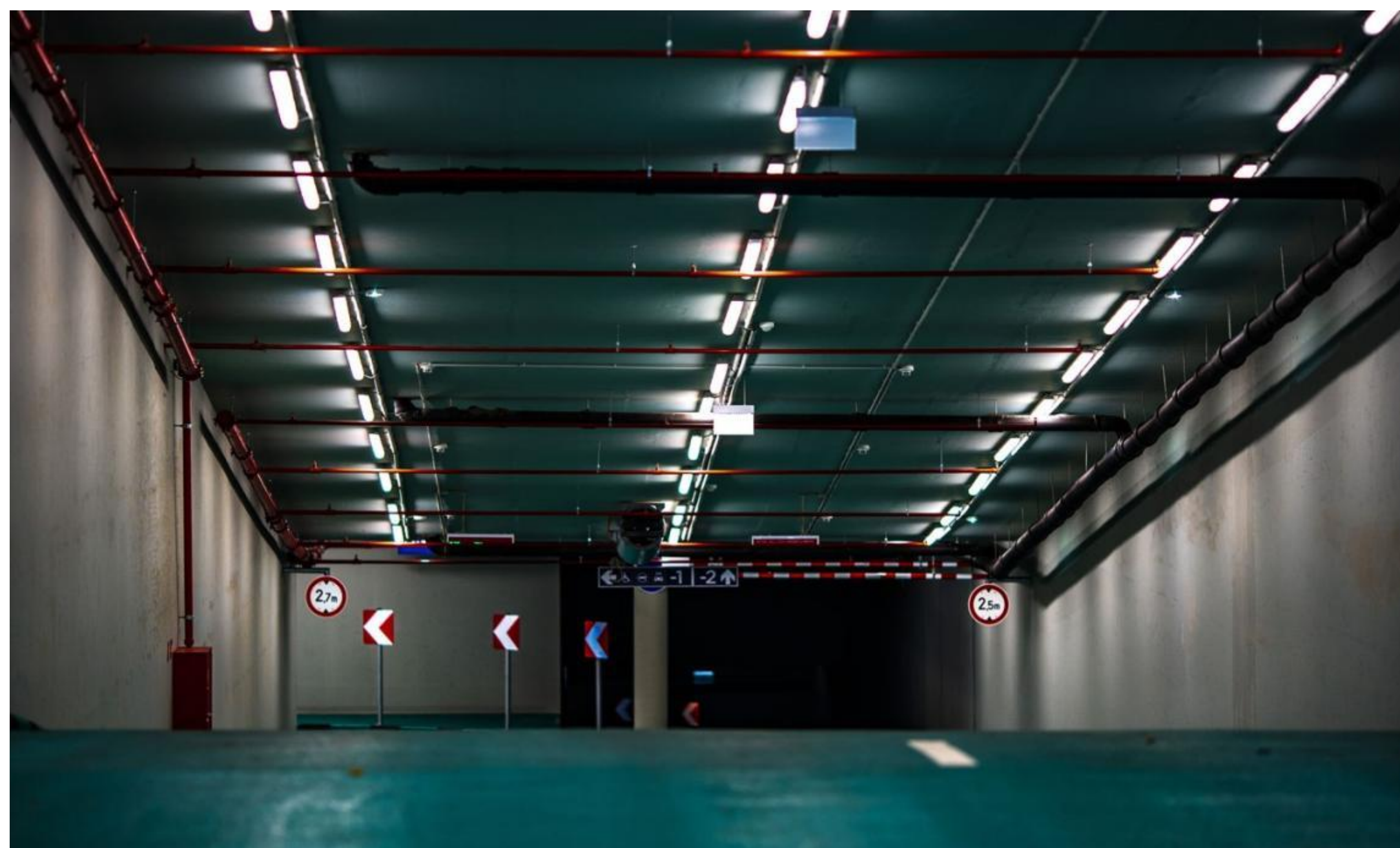
Applications

- Irrigation system automation and management
- Water consumption and leakage monitoring
- Smart BTU monitoring for HVAC systems

Benefits

- Support scalability and maintainability
- Aid circular economy (limit water waste)

Use case: Facility Management and Power Optimization



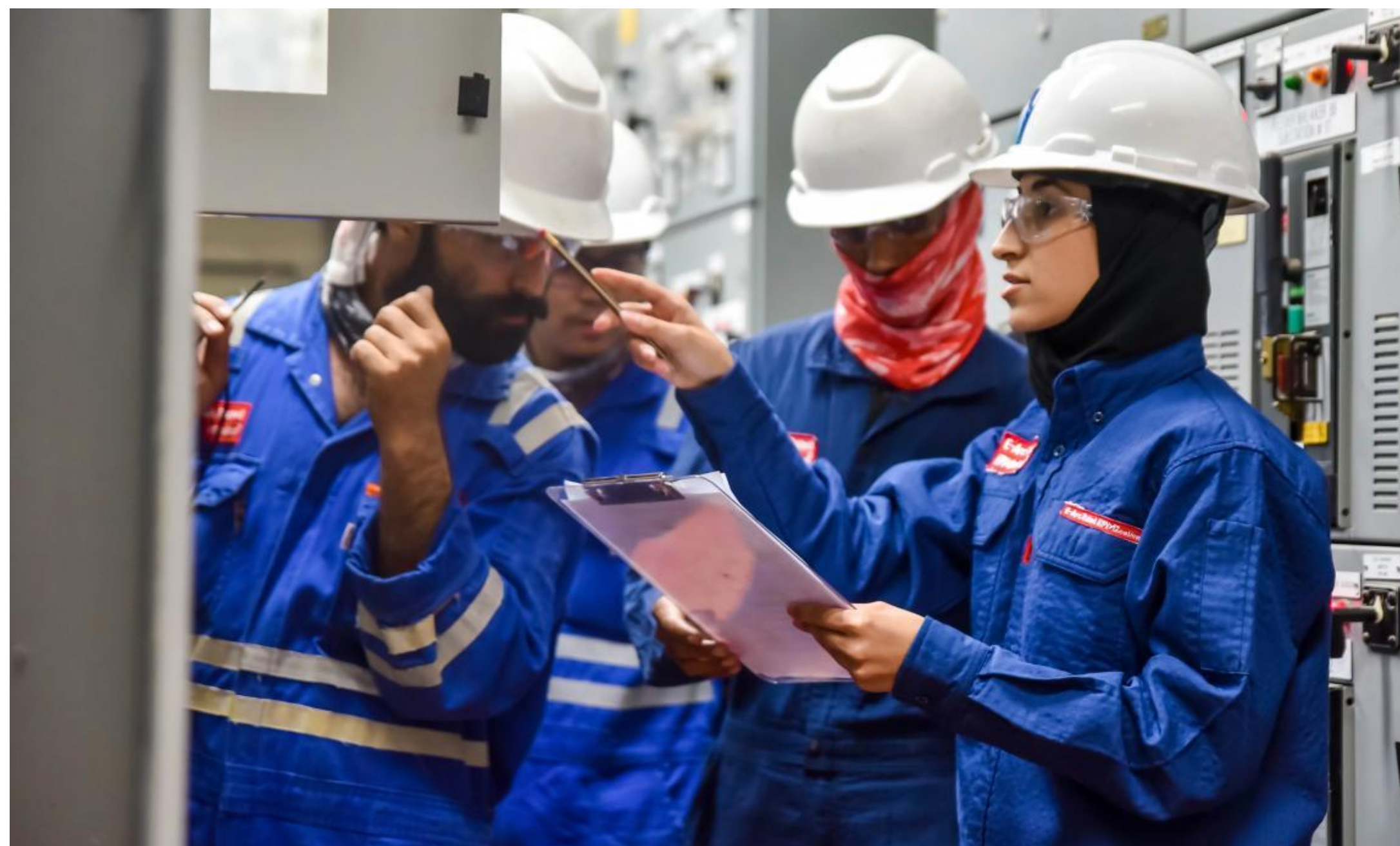
Applications

- Fully automated smart parking (incl. empty space detection, violation identification)
- Power consumption management with smart metering

Benefits

- Improve ease-of-use for everyday facilities
- Aid circular economy (reduce power waste, emissions from stationary vehicles)

Use case: Industrial Worker Safety



Applications

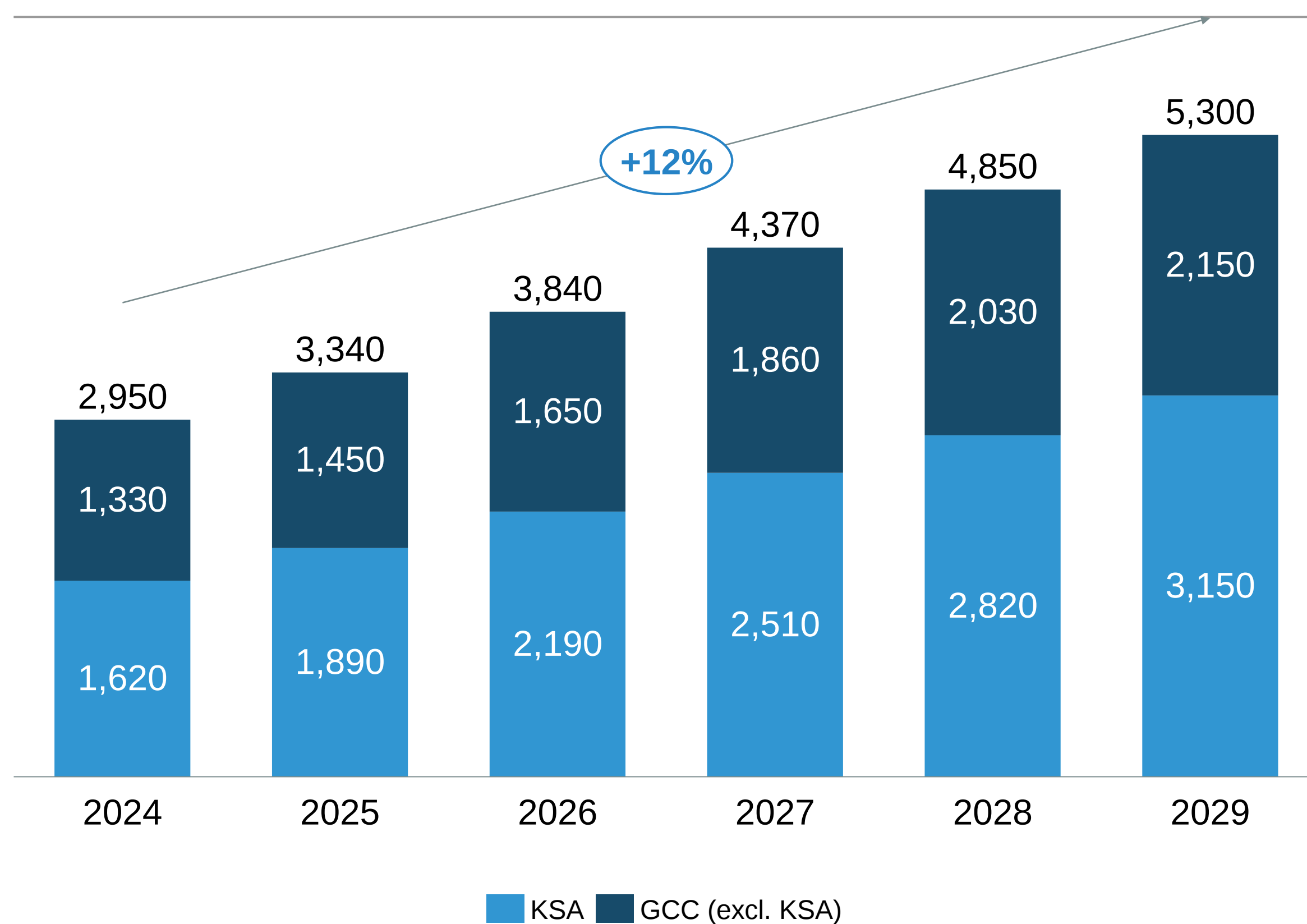
- Location tracking (10,000+ sensors in SAO)
- SoS functionalities (10,000+ sensors in SAO)
- Gas detection (4000+ sensors in SAO)
- Zoning (3500+ sensors in SAO)
- Remote monitoring (1500+ sensors in SAO)

Benefits

- Support scalability and maintainability
- Aid circular economy

Internet of Things demand, customers, and drivers

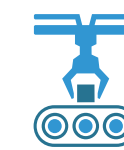
Forecasted GCC IoT market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA



Oil & Gas



Manufacturing

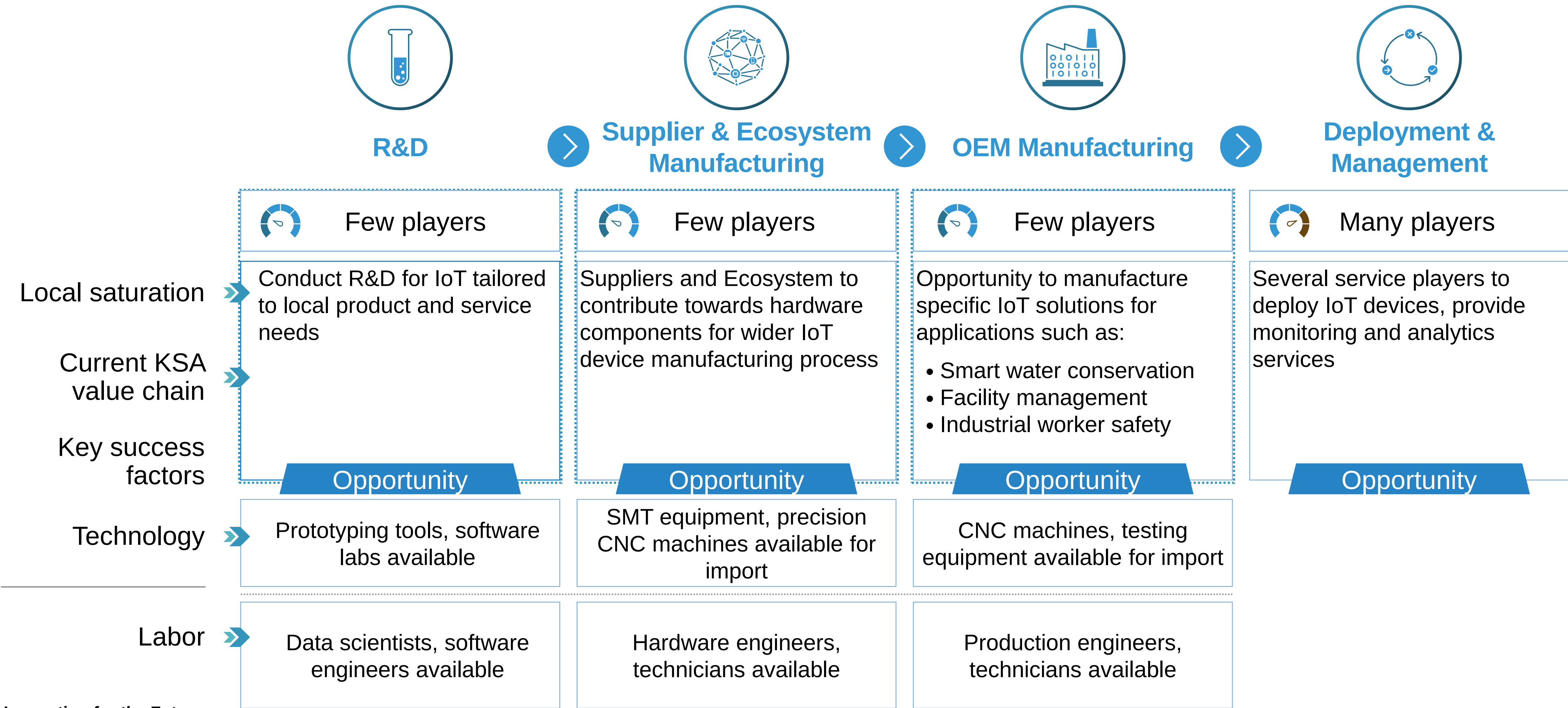


Energy and utilities

KSA demand drivers

- **Technological Growth:** Expansion of e-governance and smart city projects like NEOM drives data service demand
- **Industry 4.0:** Additional IoT devices required due to KSA push towards industrial digitalization requires additional IoT components

Value chain and key localization opportunities



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Note: IoT = Industrial Internet of Things; SMT = Surface Mount Technology; CNC = Computer Numerical Control
Source: Team analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Non-exhaustive

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Corporate tax incentives: Custom duty exemption on materials, machinery & equipment for industrial establishments



Subsidized loans: Land and Loan program in KSA provides integrated solutions for land allocation with financial assistance



Accelerated licensing and setup: Streamlined setup and licensing process with investor support through MISA

Where is the opportunity



R&D

Design and build KSA-tailored IoT solutions accounting for industry demands and local environment



Supplier &
Ecosystem Mfg.

Establish manufacturing for high-tech IoT device components



OEM Mfg.

Localize industry-tailored software and hardware IoT solutions

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Note: Detailed list of all enablers in the backup; NIT = National Information Technology Academy
Source: NIT; Local Content & Government procurement authority; Team analysis

Cybersecurity

Maha Al-Dhamadi

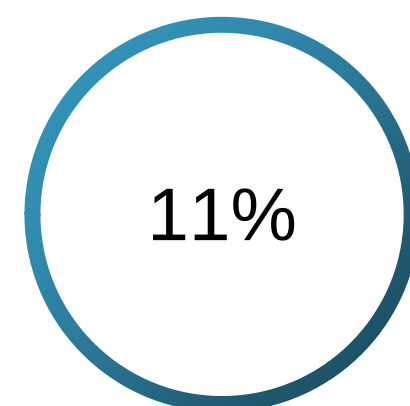
Opportunity profile - Cybersecurity

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Cybersecurity market is sizeable with forecasted growth



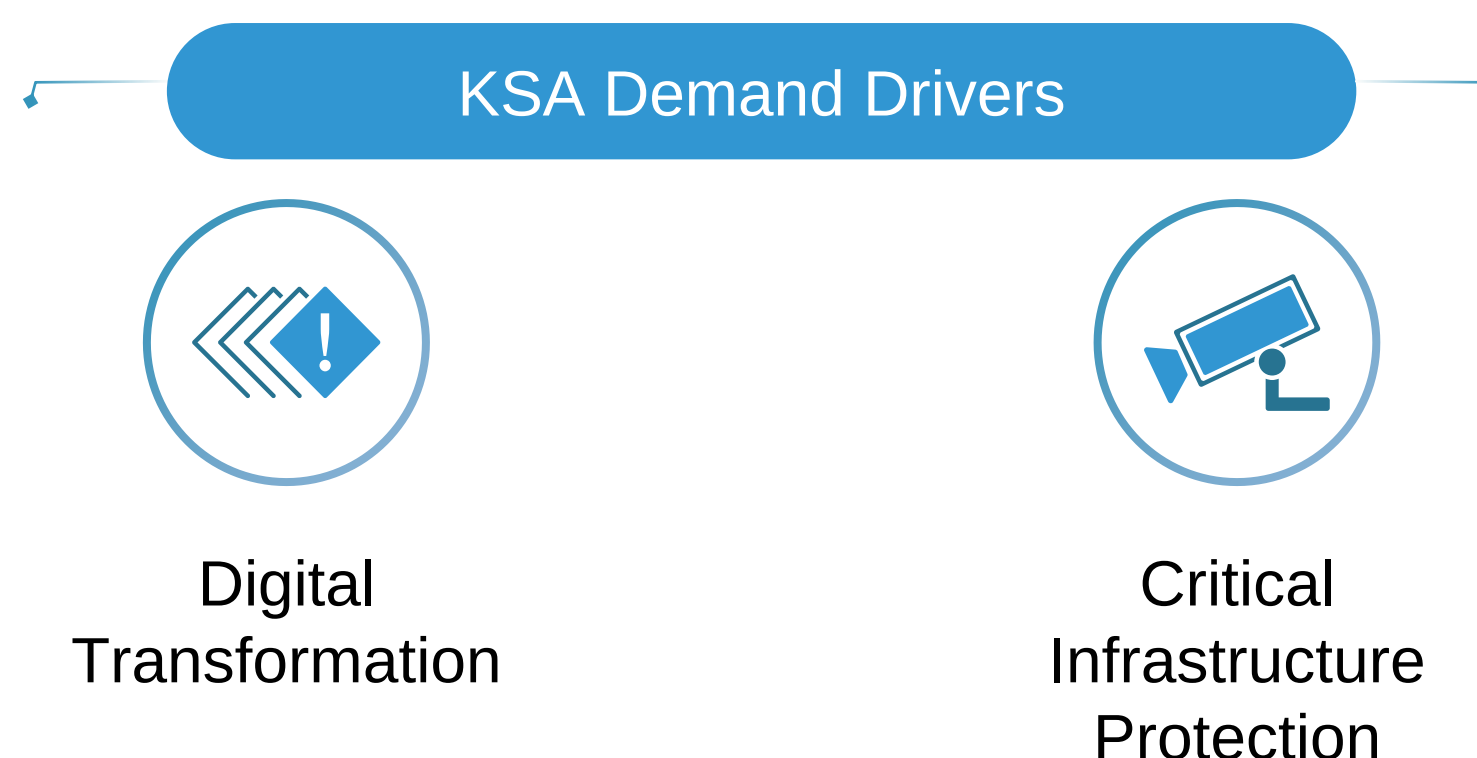
Estimated 2024
KSA market size



Forecasted KSA
5-year CAGR

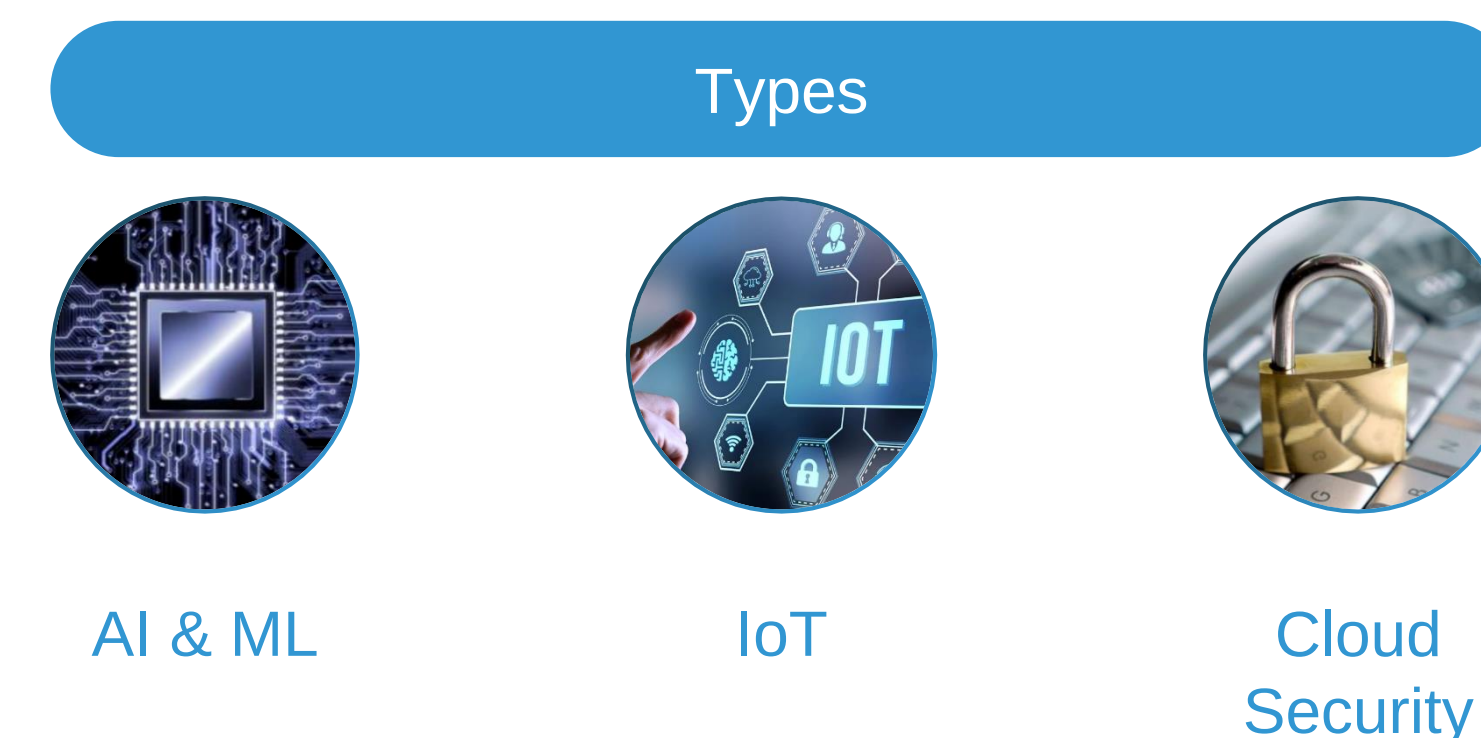
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Demand Drivers of the Cybersecurity market in the KSA



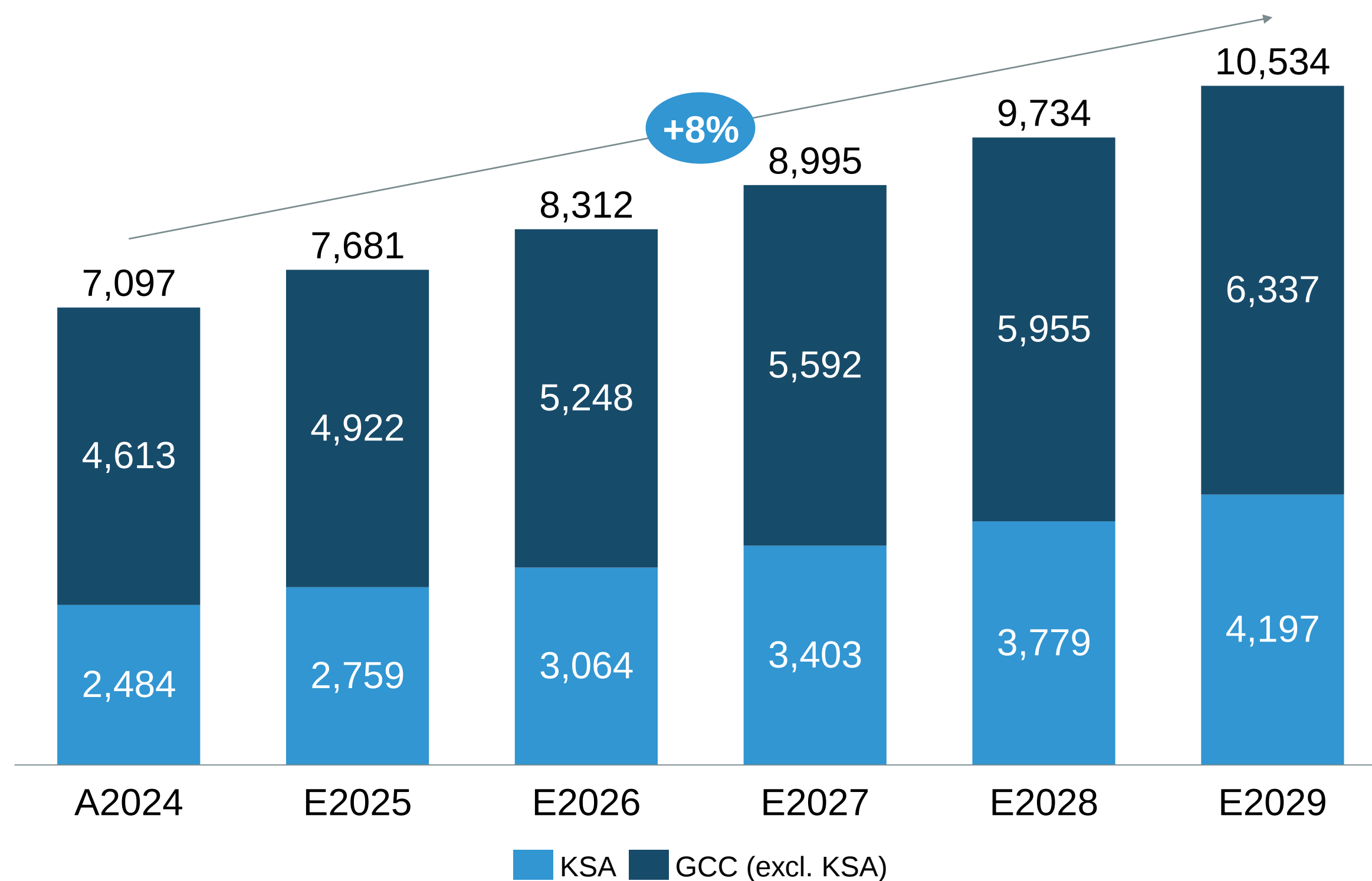
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Attractive investment opportunities in the Cybersecurity industry



Cybersecurity market, customers, and demand

Forecasted GCC Enterprise Cybersecurity market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



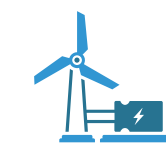
Typical customers in KSA



Oil & Gas facilities



Telecommunications companies



Power energy generators

KSA demand drivers

- **Critical Infrastructure Protection:** Safeguarding vital sectors like oil, gas, and energy against cyber threats
- **Digital Transformation:** Increased reliance on cloud computing, IoT, and digital services heightens vulnerability to attacks
- **Regulatory Requirements:** Compliance with national cybersecurity frameworks and data protection laws drives demand

Cybersecurity Industry Top Threats

90%

Of organizations have experienced a **Cloud Security breach**

\$1.3
trillion

The estimated global cost of **AI-powered attacks** by 2025

70%

Of organizations use **IoT devices** in their operations

\$1.5
trillion

The estimated global cost of **IoT security breaches** by 2025

61%

Of organizations have experienced a data breach caused by a **third-party vendor**

\$1.2
million

The average cost of a **third-party** data breach.

Cybersecurity - Global Industry Market Forecast

Cloud Security



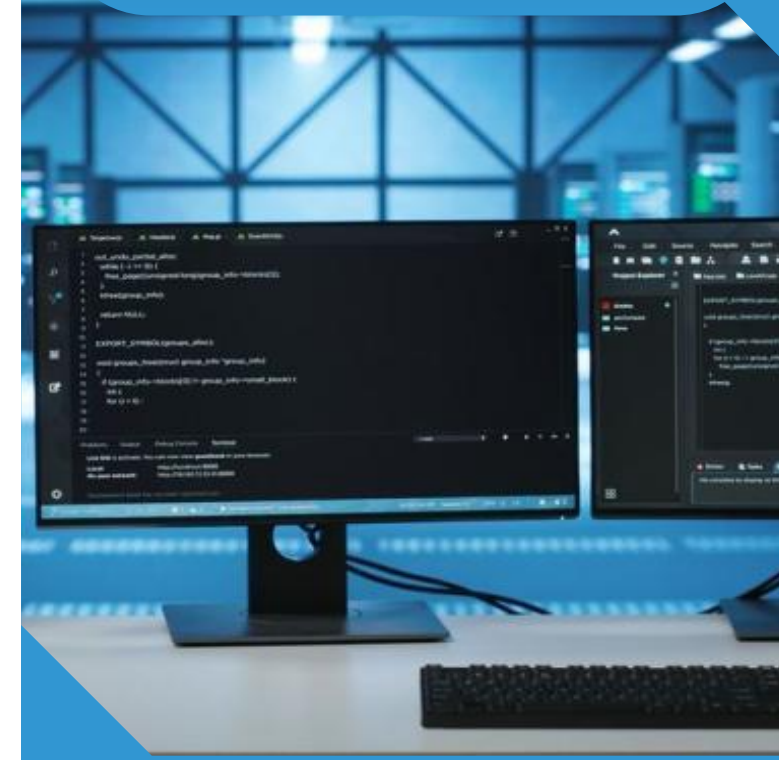
The cloud security market is forecasted to grow to \$13.4 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 13.4%.

Managed Security Services



The managed security services market is forecasted to grow to \$43.8 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 13.6%.

cybersecurity awareness & training



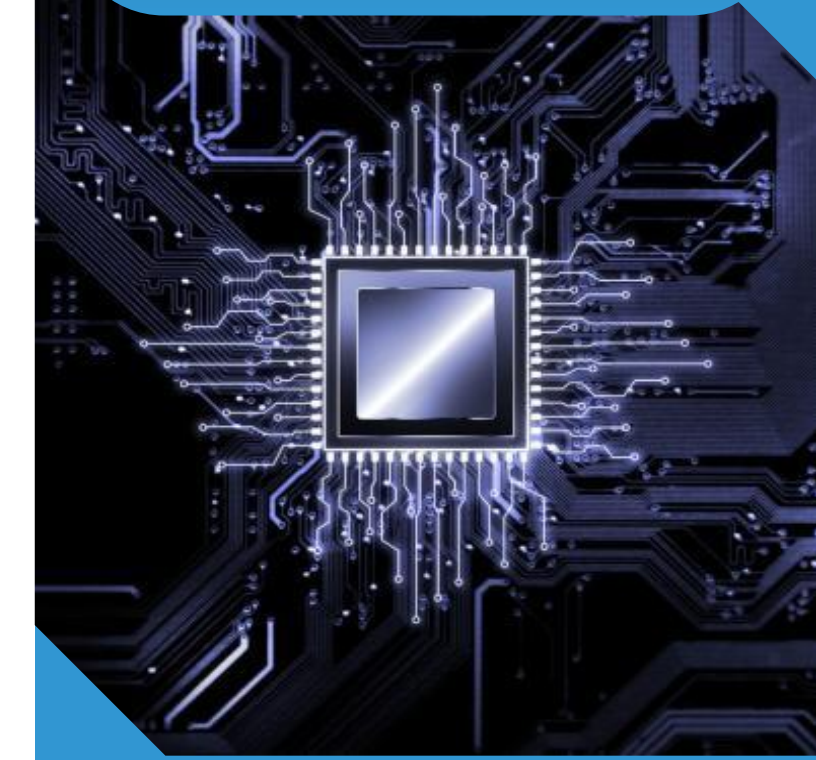
The cybersecurity awareness and training market is forecasted to grow to \$2.5 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 14.1%.

IoT



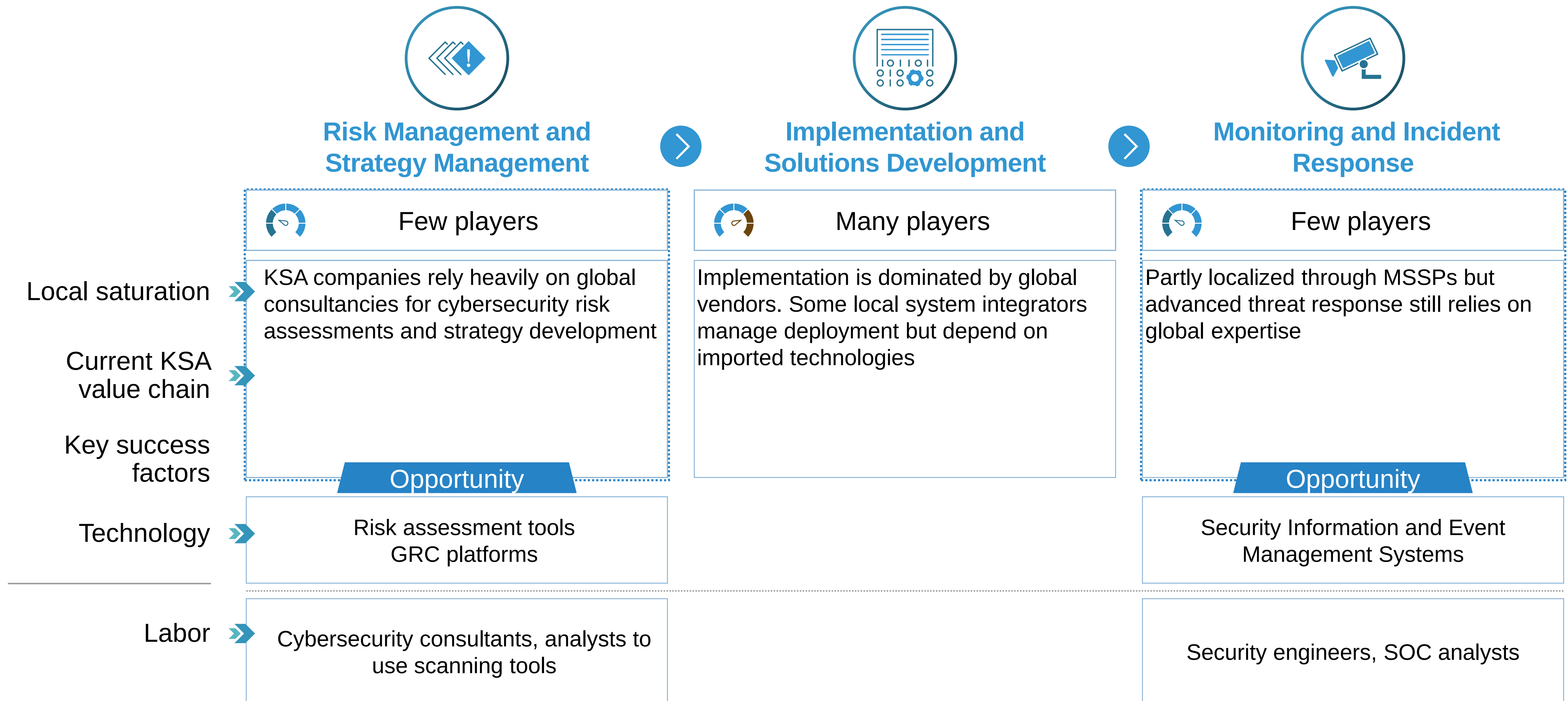
The IoT security market is forecasted to grow to \$38.7 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 20.6%.

AI & ML



The AI-powered cybersecurity market is forecasted to grow to \$4.5 billion by 2027, at a CAGR of 25.1%.

Value chain and key localization opportunities



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Saudi Aramco Cybersecurity Compliance Certification (CCC) Program

To ensure secure engagement with the vendors and address one of the challenging risks, supply chain cybersecurity risk, Saudi Aramco has established the Cybersecurity Compliance Certification program.



Elevate cybersecurity posture of Saudi Aramco third parties



Building local capacity and expertise in cybersecurity advisory and audits



Improve overall cyber resilience of the energy supply chain and ecosystem



Contributing to local cybersecurity business opportunities and job creation



Ensure secure engagement before conducting business with Saudi Aramco

Saudi Aramco Cybersecurity Compliance Certification Program



1

The certificate must be obtained by vendors that are registering with Saudi Aramco and aiming to have business engagement.

2

The obtained certification varies from general cybersecurity requirements to advance cybersecurity level requirements

3

Obtained from a list of Authorized Audit Firms/Certification Bodies & Renewed every 2 years

Saudi Aramco Cybersecurity Compliance Certification Program

14 Authorized Audit Firms



3 ICS Certification Bodies



Localizing cybersecurity is not just a business opportunity, but a chance to build a safer, more resilient future.

Cloud Computing

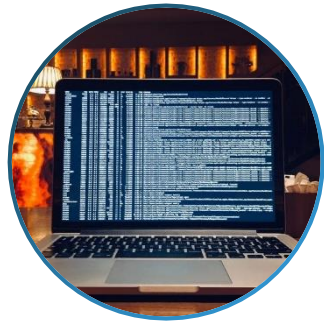
Salma Alali

Opportunity profile – Cloud Computing

1

KSA needs Cloud Computing to realize Vision 2030 initiatives

Types



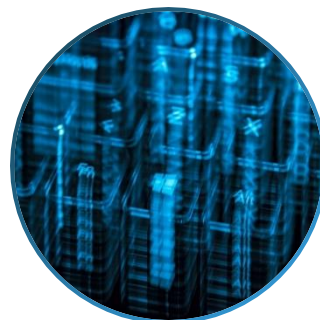
SaaS



PaaS



IaaS



QaaS

2

Cloud Computing market is sizeable with forecasted growth

\$4040_{MM}

Estimated 2024 KSA market size

17%

Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

3

Attractive investment opportunities in the Cloud Computing value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Hardware



System integration



Software



Support services

KSA enablers

- Investment Grants
- Corporate tax incentives
- Labor upskilling support

Cloud Computing categories for localization

Non-exhaustive

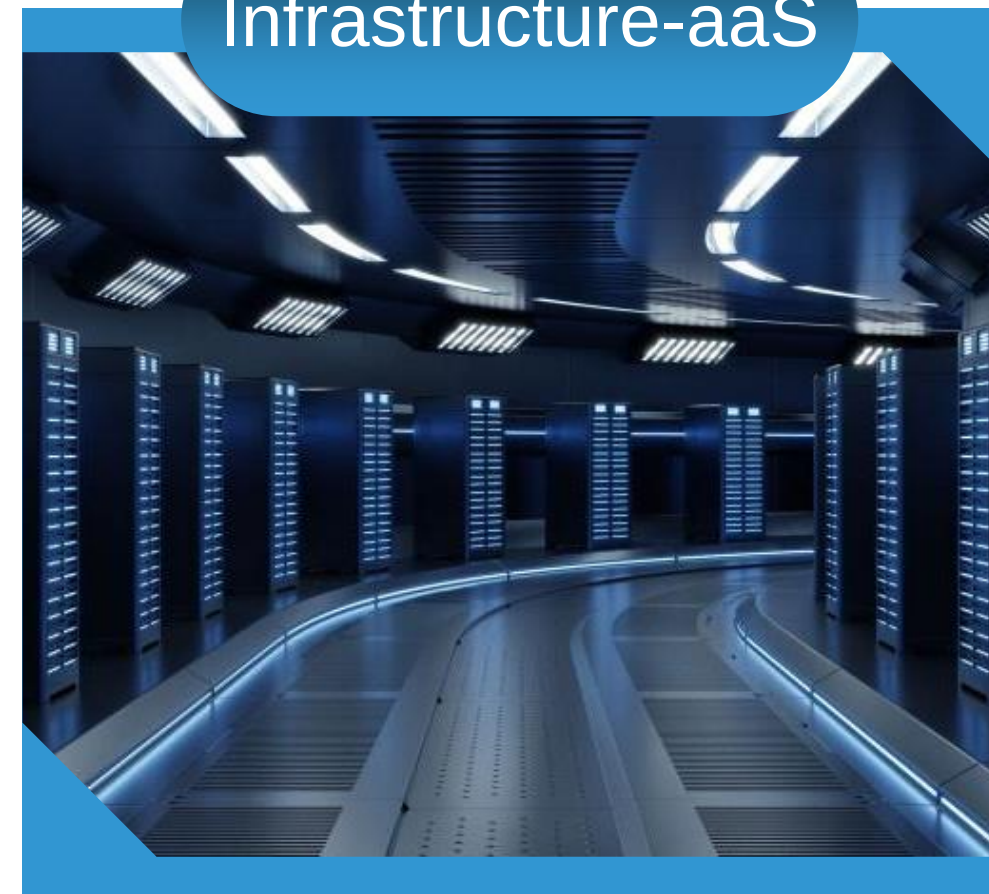
Software-aaS



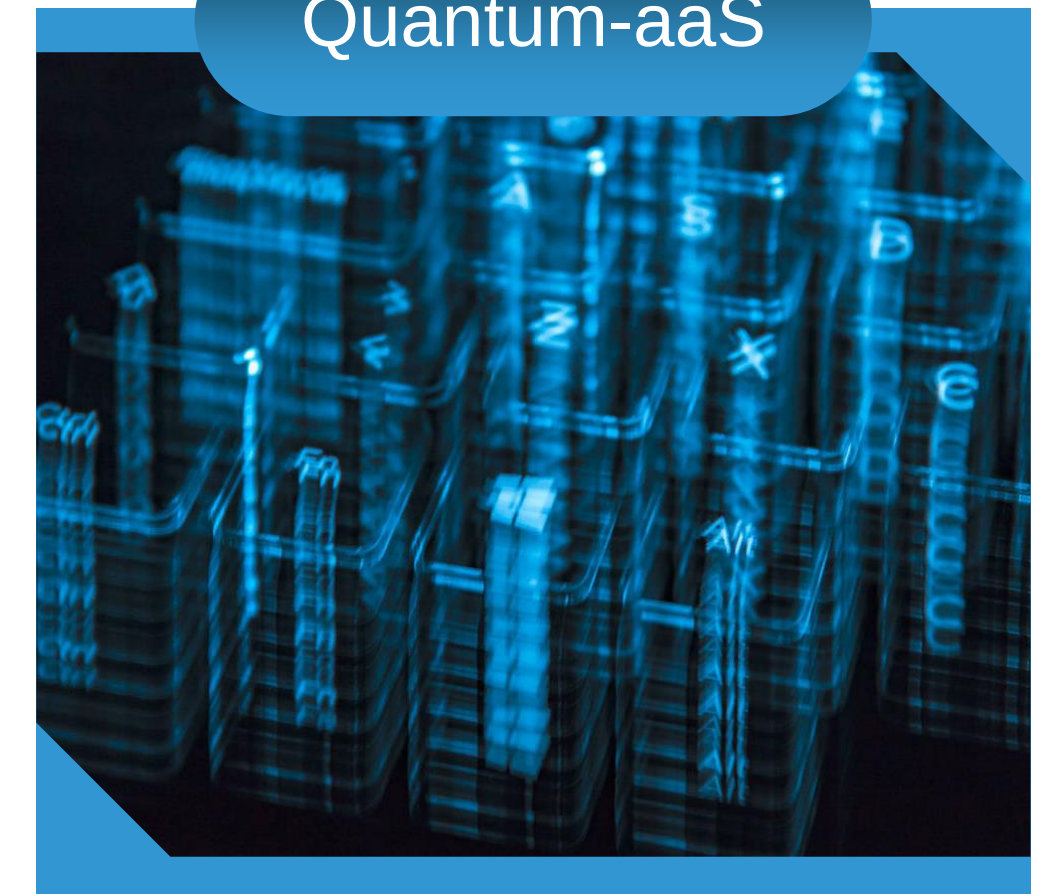
Platform-aaS



Infrastructure-aaS



Quantum-aaS



Applications

- Productivity tools (MS 365)
- CRMs
- eLearning platforms

- Application Development
- IoT Development
- ERP Integration

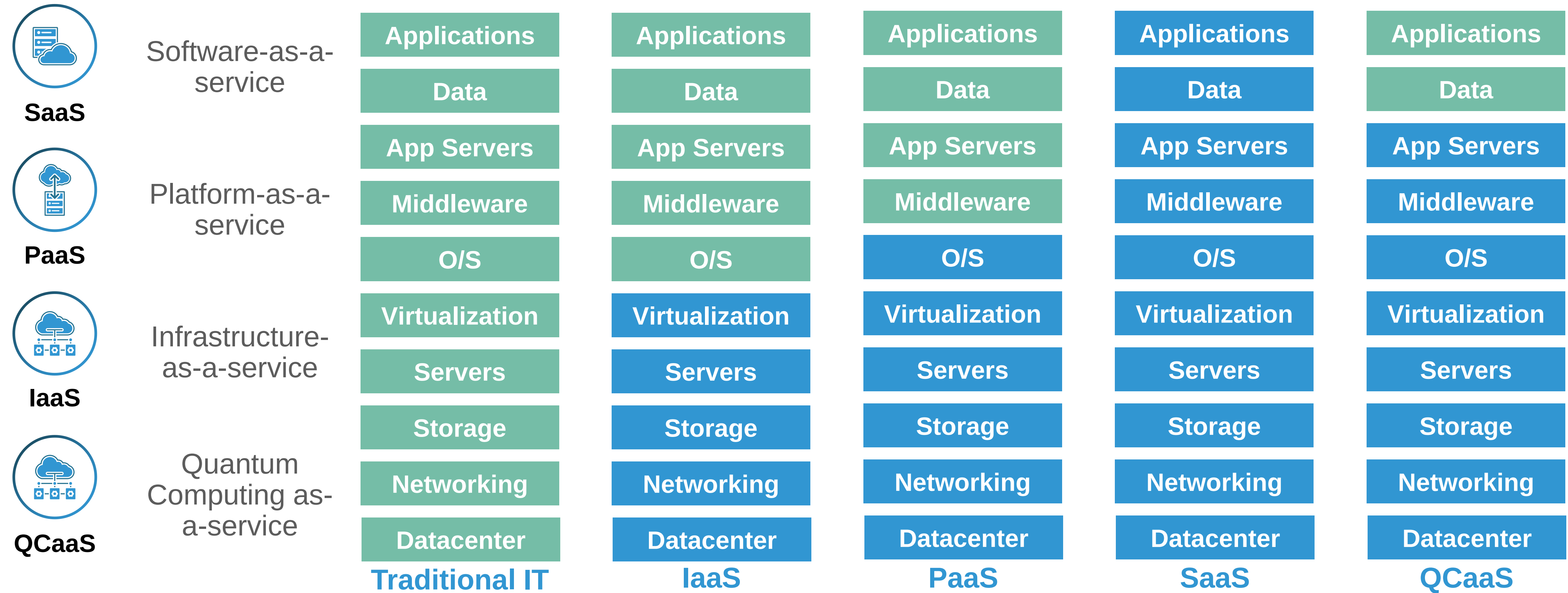
- Website Hosting
- Gaming Servers
- Virtual Desktop Infra.(VDI)

- Portfolio optimization
- Pharmaceuticals research
- Data analysis

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A Quick Glimpse Into The Cloud

Cloud service Models



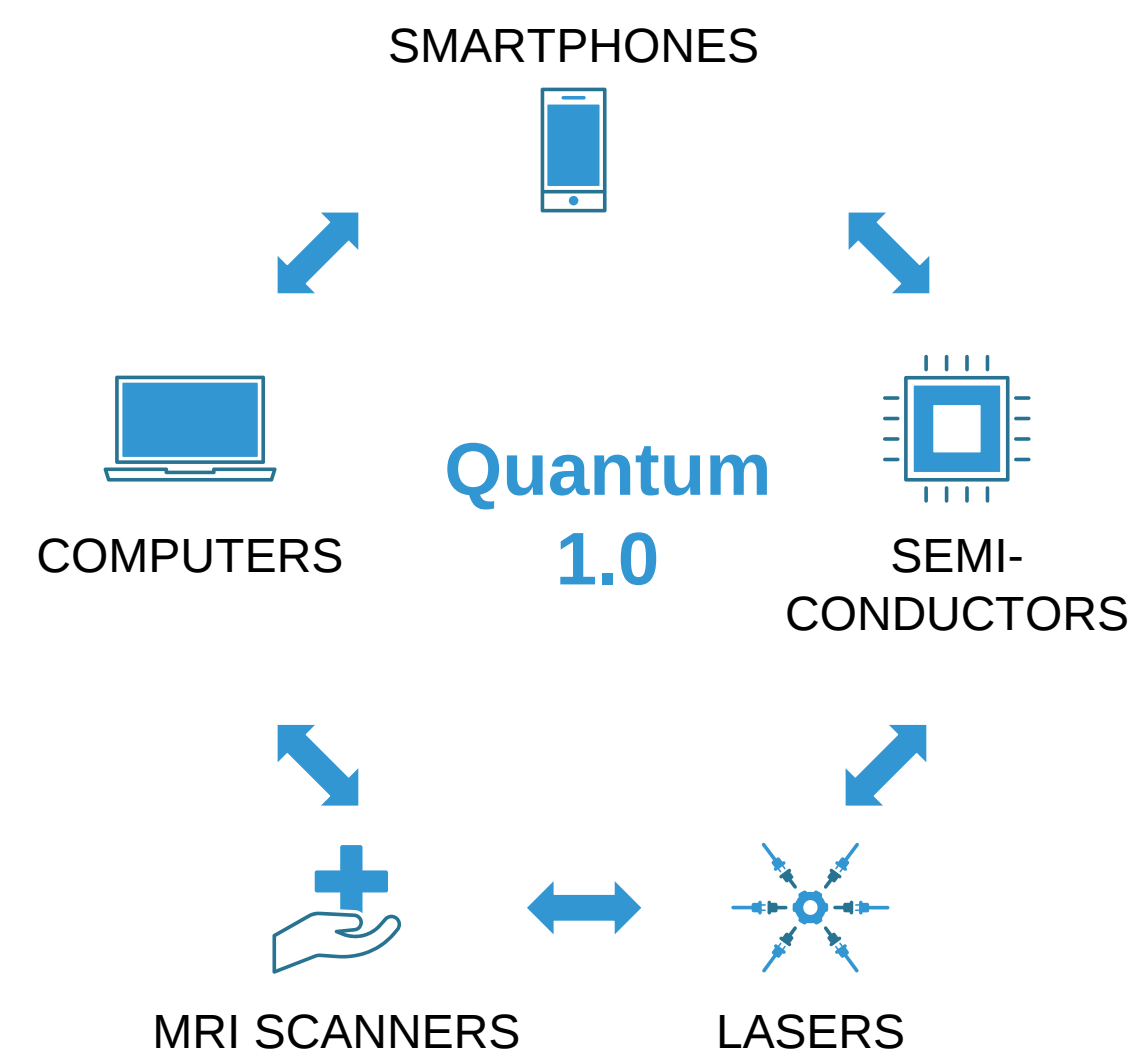
Managed by the Organization

Managed by the Cloud Provider

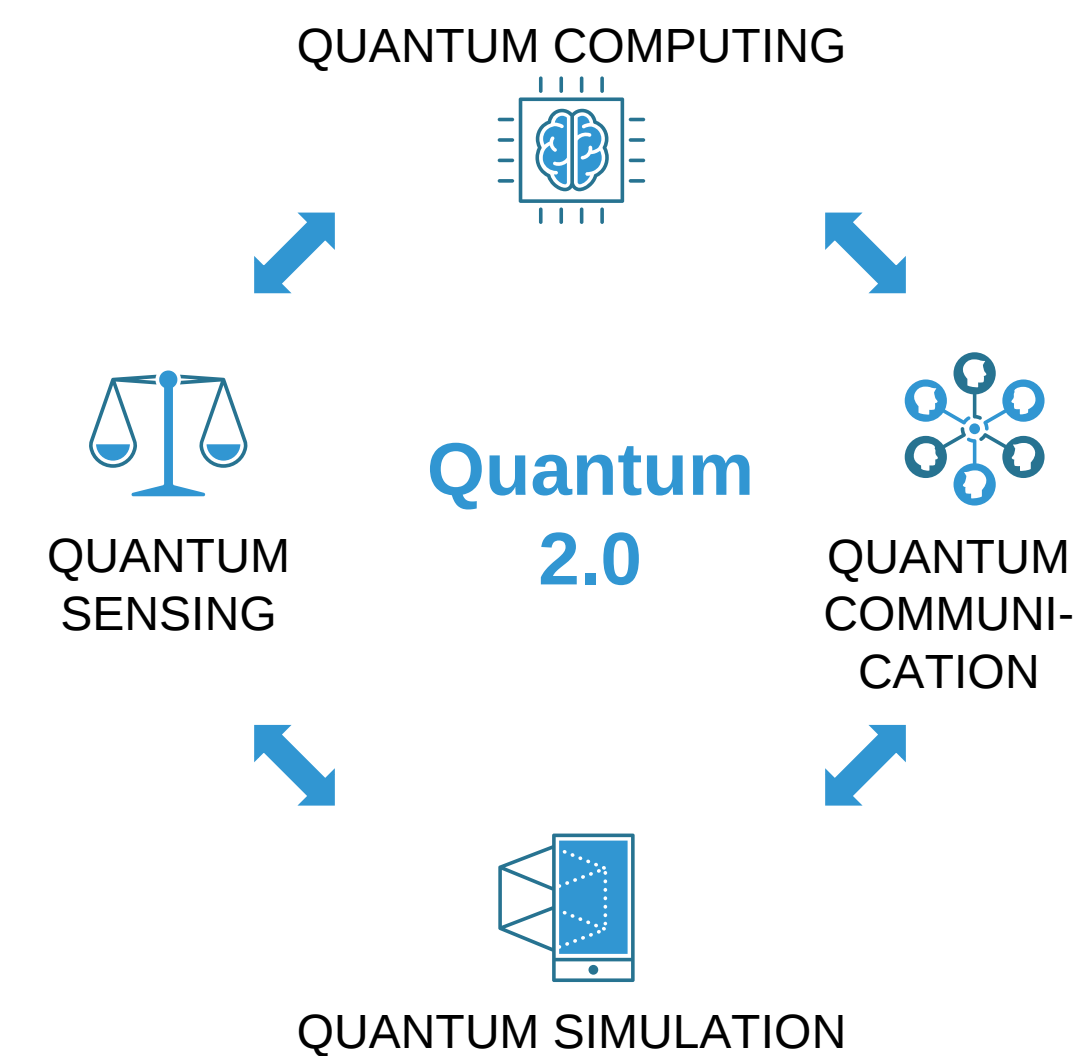
Quantum Technology



Advanced technology leveraging quantum mechanics to process information at atomic and subatomic levels



First quantum revolution introduced rules that govern physical reality



We are in the second quantum revolution, applying these rules to create new technologies

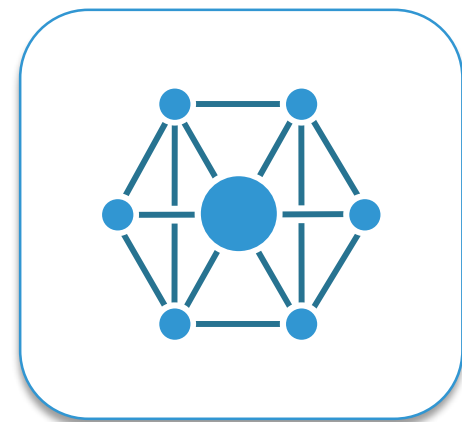
Quantum Technology



Quantum Computing



- Nonclassical computers outperforming supercomputers for certain tasks
- Using properties of quantum physics to store data and perform computations



Quantum Communication



- Using Quantum properties to create secure communication network
- Detecting interception or eavesdropping



Quantum Sensing



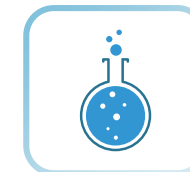
- Utilizing nature of sensitivity of subatomic particles
- Providing higher accuracy and performance than conventional sensors



Machine Learning



Optimization Problems



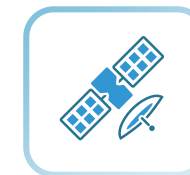
Simulation Materials



Cybersecurity



Quantum Key Distribution



Quantum Internet



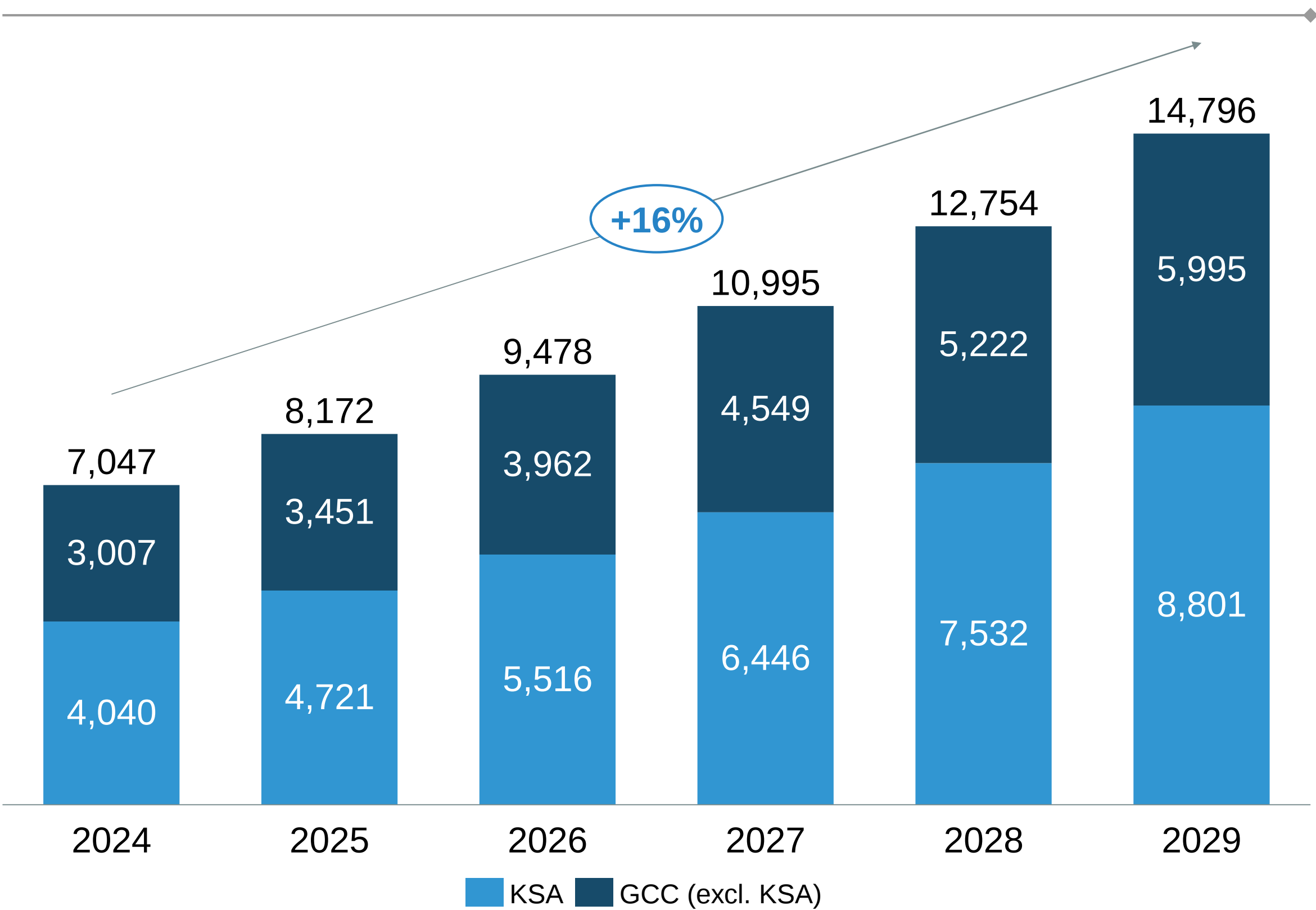
Navigation Systems



Imaging Radar

Cloud Computing demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted GCC Cloud Computing market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA

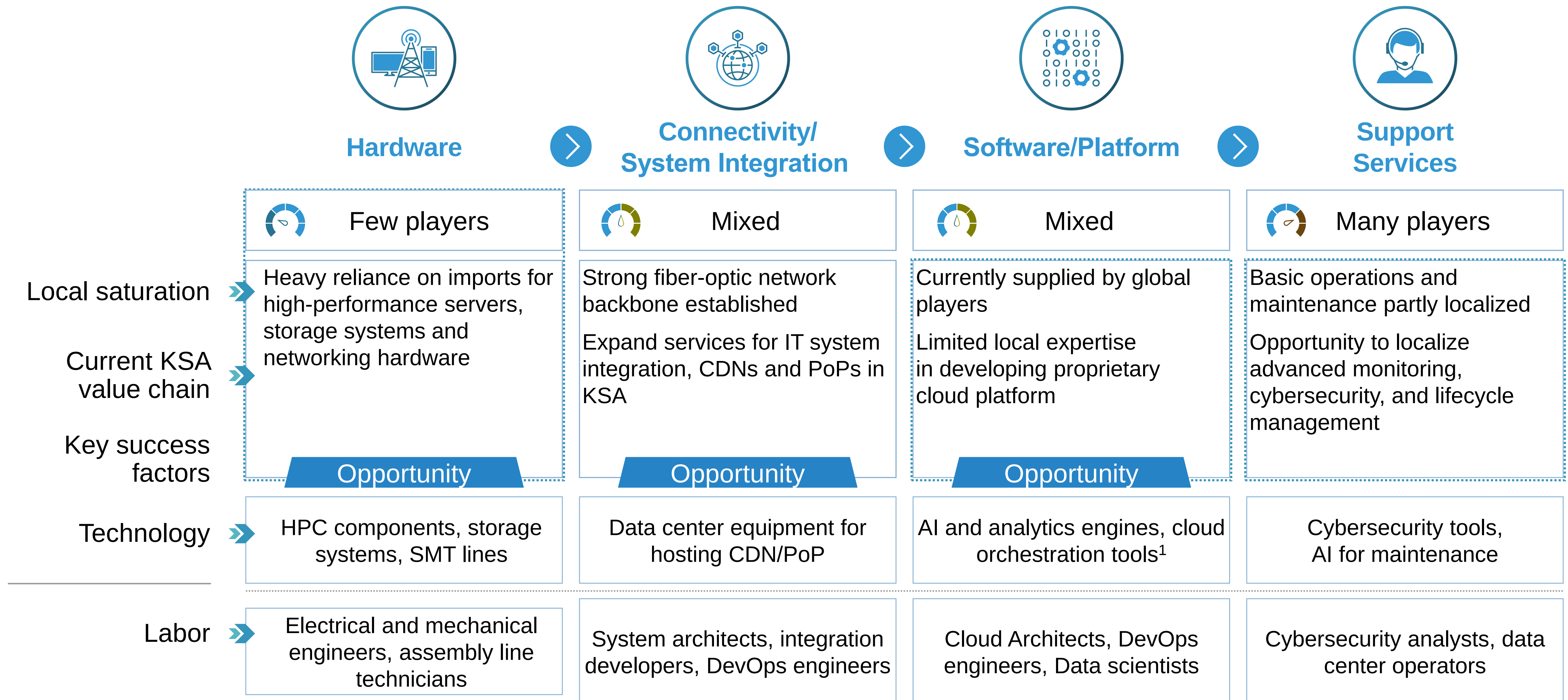
- Healthcare
- Transportation and logistics
- Public Sector

KSA demand drivers

- Consumer Industry trends:** Growth of e-commerce and sectors reliant of this tools
- Regulatory Frameworks:** Policies that encourage public and private sectors to prioritize cloud adoption (Cloud 1st Policy)
- Investment in infrastructure:** New government projects such as NEOM demand advanced IT Infrastructure such as cloud

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Value chain and key localization opportunities



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1. Tools like Kubernetes and OpenStack; HPC = High-performance computing components like processors; SMT = Surface-Mount Technology; CDN = Content Delivery Network;

PoP = Point-of-Presence

Source: Team analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Investment Grants: Financial support for R&D projects in target sectors, including technology



Corporate tax incentives: Tax exemptions on income generated from exports



Labor upskilling support: Development of a qualified talent pool in the IT sector, with contributions from institutions such as NIT

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Where is the opportunity



Hardware



Sys.
integration



Software/
Platform



Support

Localize server and storage assembly

Expand integration services and CDN/PoP

Create localized SaaS tailored for government, healthcare other sectors

Localize advanced cybersecurity, AI-driven monitoring

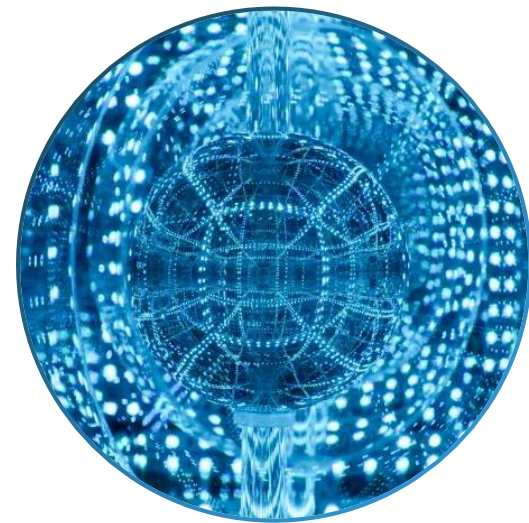
Data Center Services

Maram Al-Otaibi

Opportunity profile–Data Center Services

1

KSA's industrial growth and digital transformation are driving demand for data center services to support IT infrastructure, localized data storage, and advanced technologies



Data Center Construction



IT collocation management services

2

Data Center Services market is sizeable with forecasted growth

\$769_{MM}

Estimated 2024 KSA market size

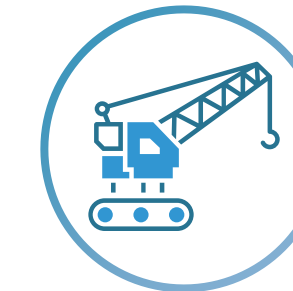
23%

Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

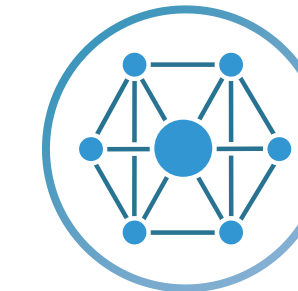
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Attractive investment opportunities in the Data Center services value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Construction



Physical infra.



Support services

KSA enablers

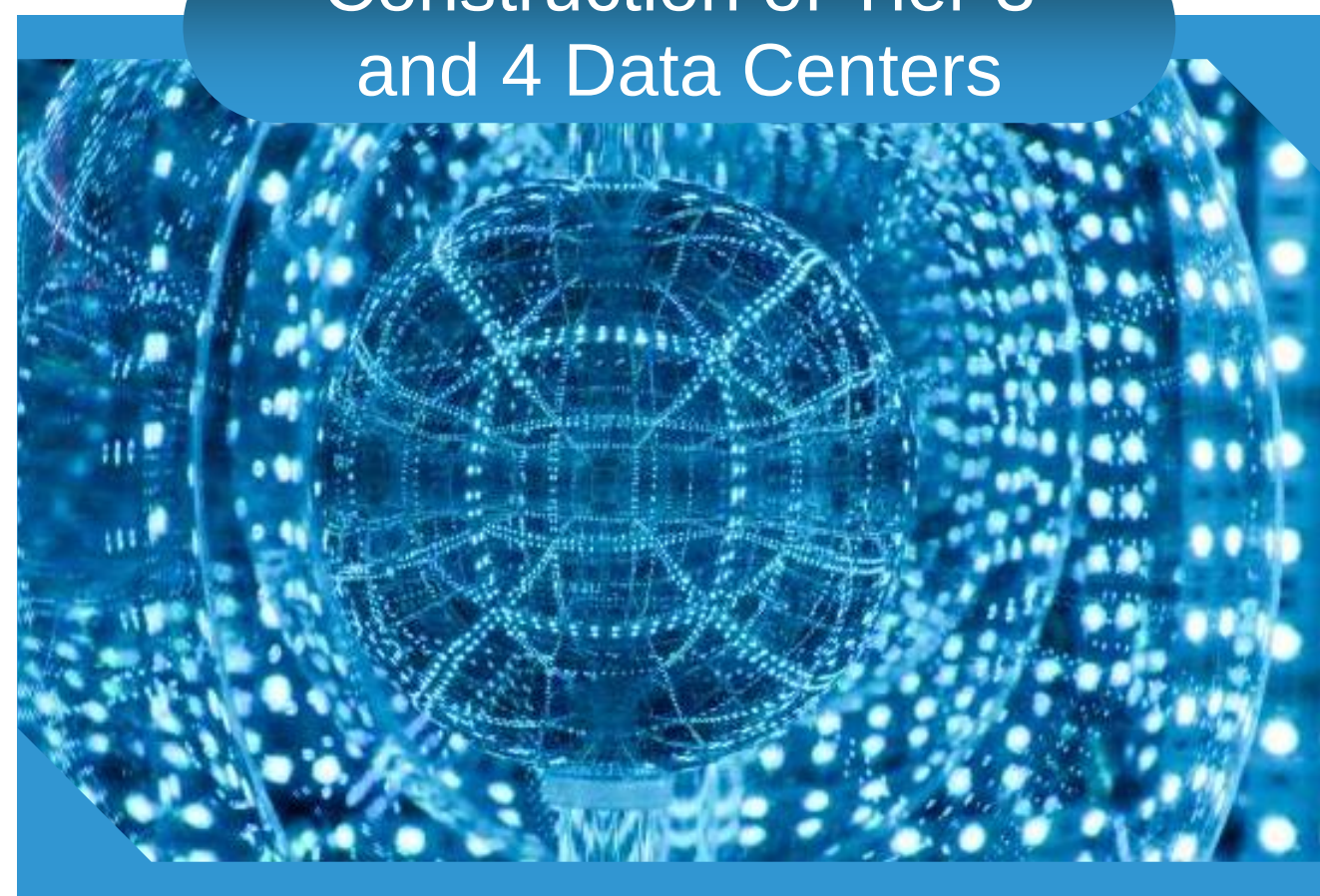
- Cost of electricity and power tariffs
- Subsidized loans
- Corporate tax exemptions

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Key commercial activities for the Data Center Services

Non-exhaustive

Construction of Tier 3 and 4 Data Centers



- Ensure high availability, fault tolerance, and redundancy for critical industries and large-scale digital infrastructure

IT Colocation Management Services



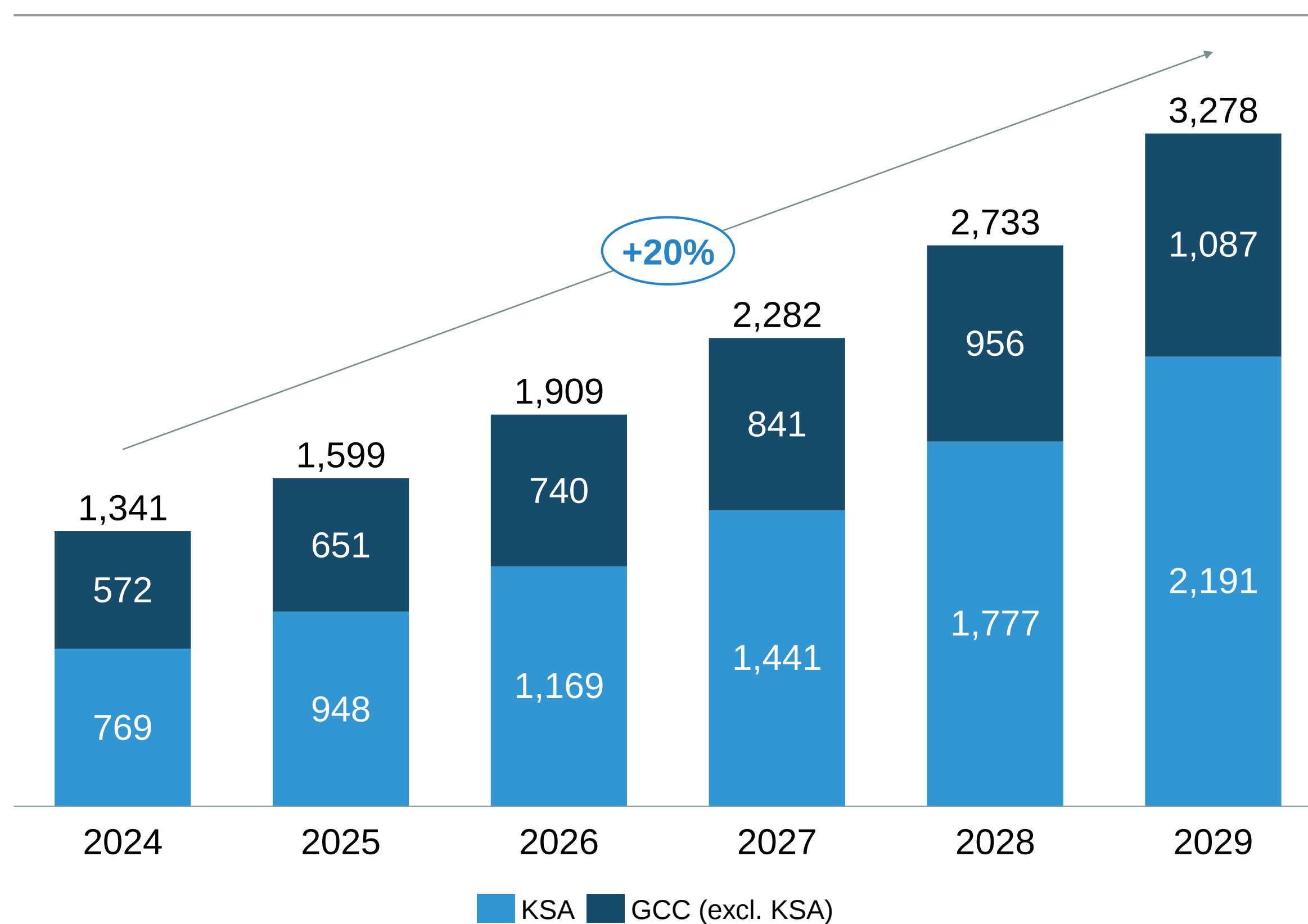
- Provide scalable, secure infrastructure and management for hosting IT equipment in shared data center facilities

Data Center for AI

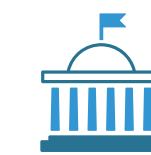
	Traditional	VS	AI
Hardware	CPU		GPU, Specialized AI processors
Example Energy Consumption	Simple Google query–0.3 watt-hour		AI query–2.9 watt-hour
Rack Density (KW/rack)	5-20 Air Cooling is sufficient		40-140 Requires Liquid Cooling
IT Capacity (MW)	5-15		30-100
Data Center Total Capacity (MW)	10-25		60-200

Data Center Services demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted GCC Data Center Services market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA



Government and Public sector



E-commerce platforms



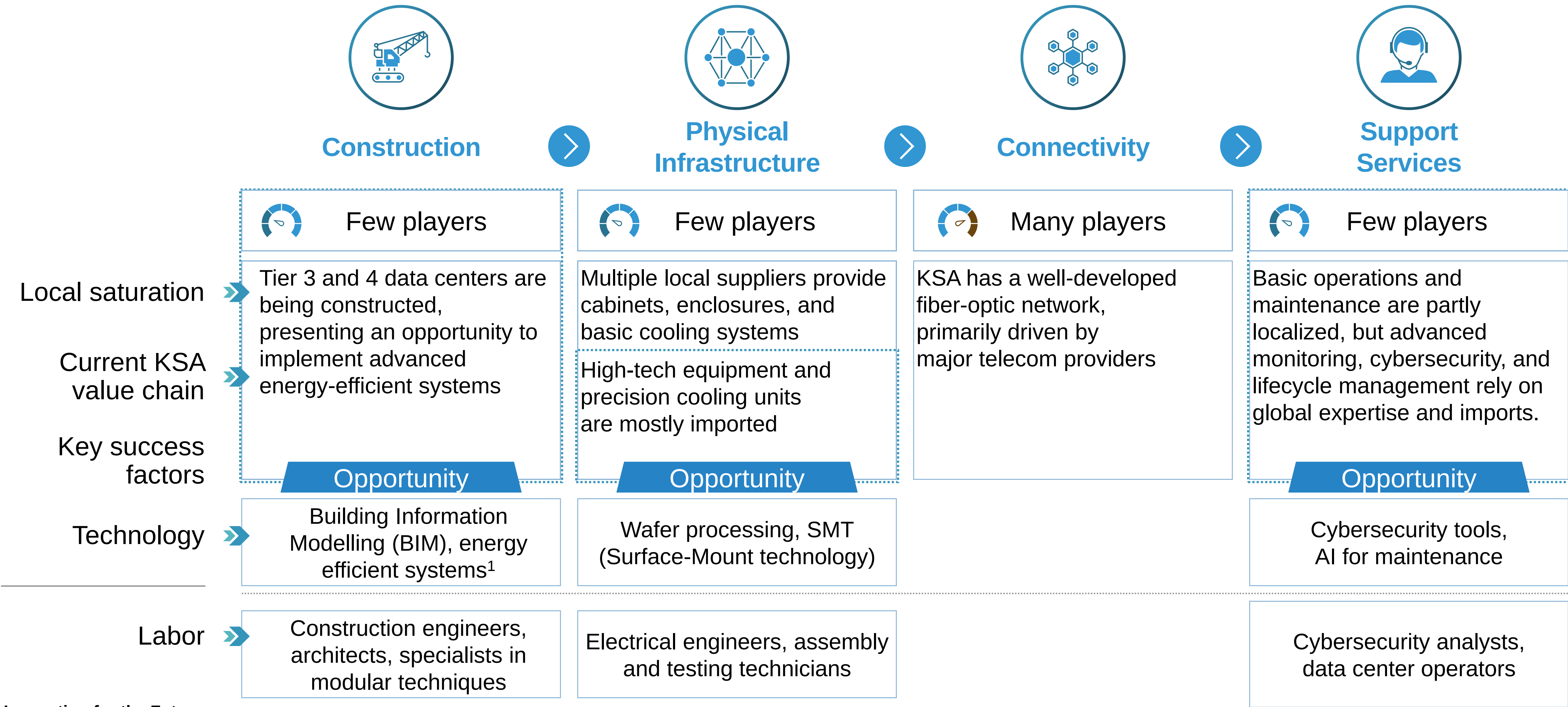
Cloud Service providers

KSA demand drivers

- **Technological Growth:** Expansion of e-governance and smart city projects like NEOM drives data service demand
- **Population Trends:** A young, tech-savvy population boosts demand for digital services
- **Industry 4.0:** IoT, AI, and ML in manufacturing and healthcare require advanced data solutions

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Value chain and key localization opportunities



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1. Modular cooling infrastructure
Source: Team analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Non-exhaustive

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Cost of electricity and power tariffs :
Competitive electricity tariffs in Saudi Arabia provide companies with low operational costs



Subsidized loans: Land and Loan program in KSA provides integrated solutions for land allocation with financial assistance



Corporate tax incentives: Custom duty exemption on materials, machinery & equipment for industrial establishments

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Where is the opportunity



Construction

Design and build energy-efficient facilities with advanced systems (e.g., smart power management)



Physical Infrastructure

Establish manufacturing for high-tech equipment



Support services

Localize support services for: maintenance, cybersecurity and AI-driven monitoring

Network switch

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Opportunity profile – Network Switch

1

Network Switches needed to meet demand from networking expansion



Unmanaged



Lightly managed



Fully managed

2

Network Switch market is sizable with significant growth prospects

\$129MM

Estimated 2024 KSA market size

7%

Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

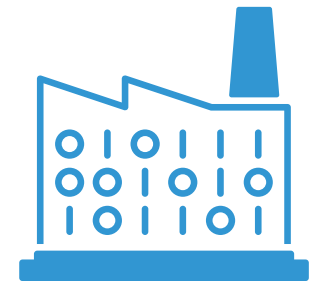
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Attractive investment opportunities in the Network Switch value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Raw materials



Design & Manufacturing

KSA enablers

- Financial support programs available
- Favorable tax legislation
- Widely available technical labor

Network switches categories for localization

Unmanaged



Applications

- Plug and play, no configuration required
- Small networks or consumer use

Lightly managed



- Configurable for simpler setups needing VLANs or QoS
- Medium-to-large enterprise networks
- Includes Layer 3 switches

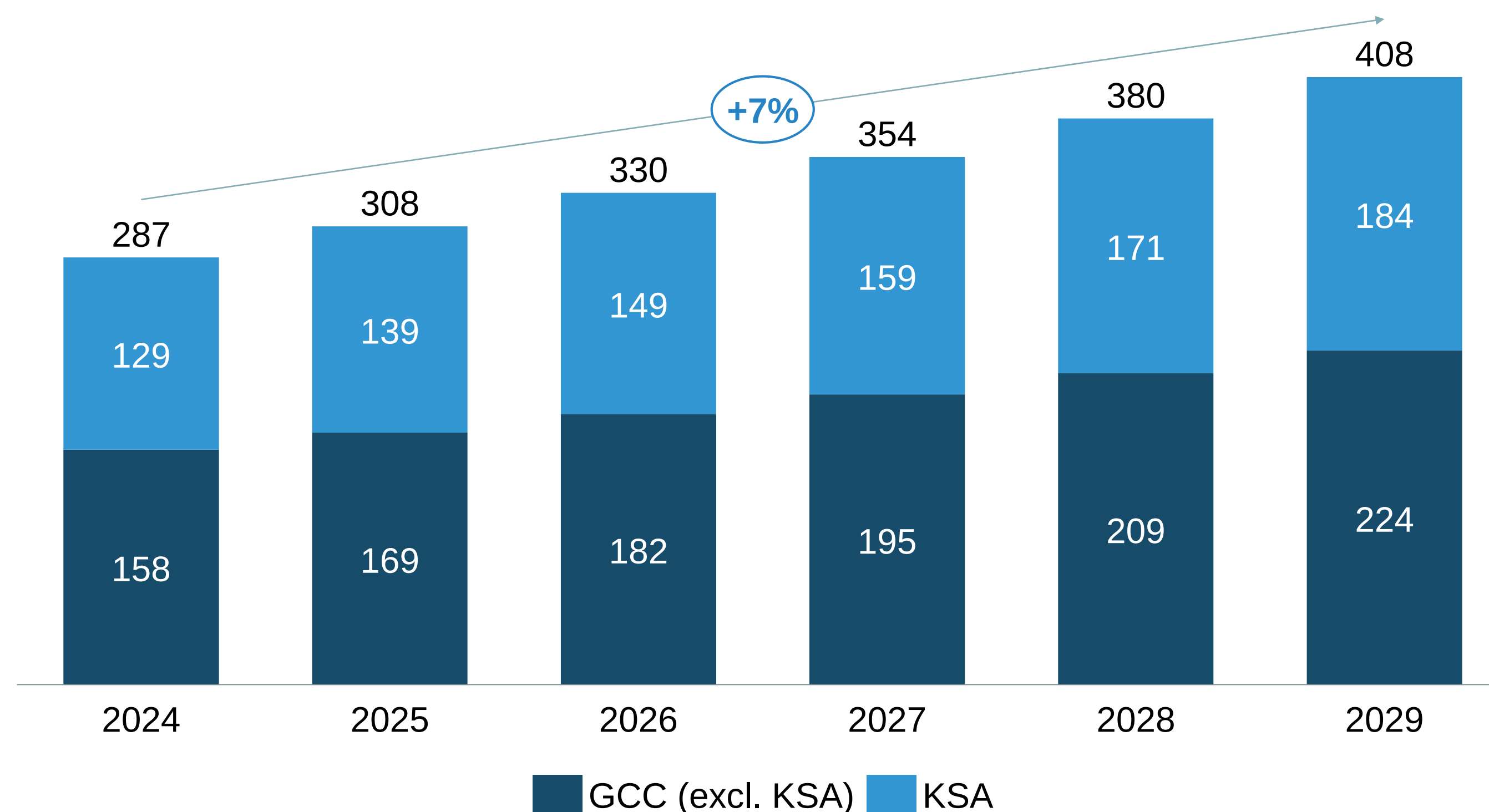
Fully managed



- Fully configurable for complex setups
- Medium-to-large enterprise networks
- Includes Layer 3 switches

Network switches demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted KSA and rest of GCC MCD market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA

-  Telecommunications
-  Enterprises and data centers
-  Government
-  Oil & Gas

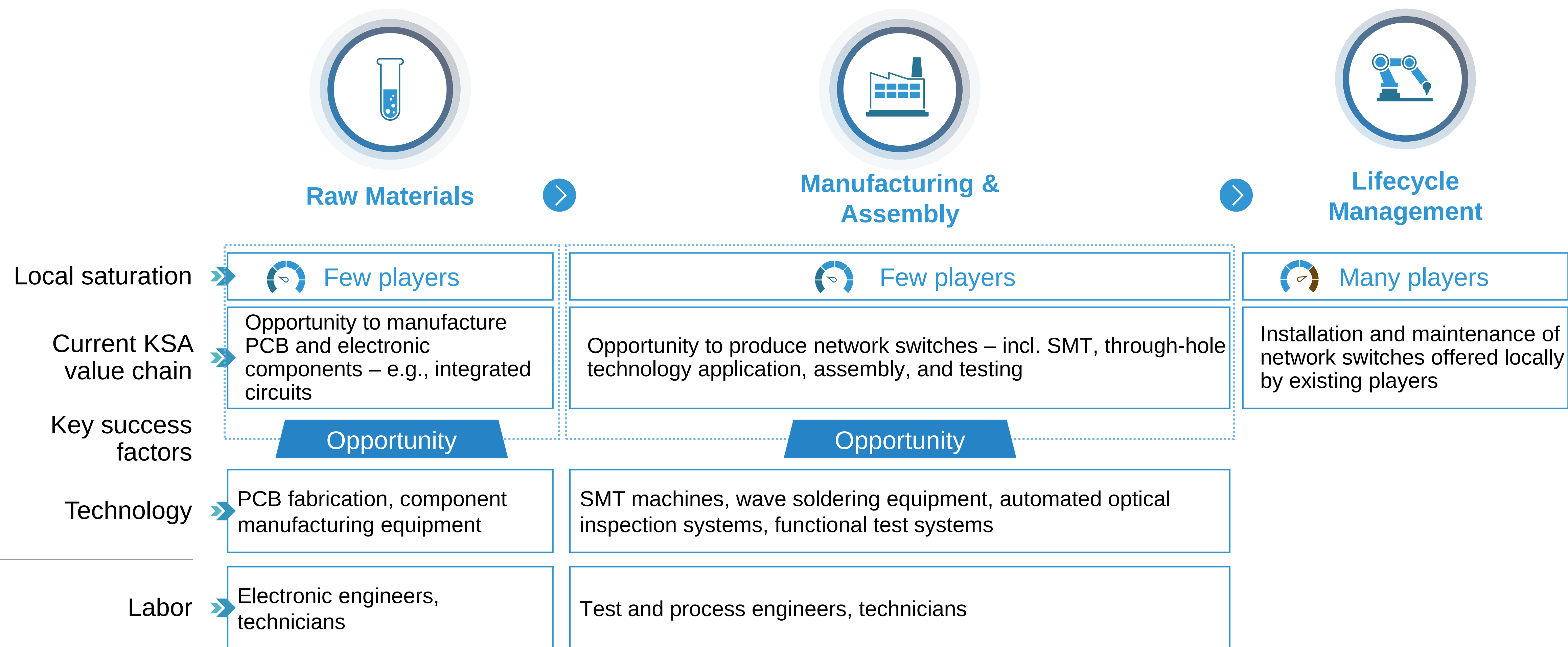
Key KSA demand drivers

- **Expansion of oil and gas activities:** Further network switches needed to match communication and data transfer needs from additional O&G drilling sites
- **5G Rollout:** Additional network switches required to support 5G network expansion

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Note: O&G = Oil & Gas
Source: Cognitive; TechNavio; Argaam; Team analysis

Value chain and key localization opportunities



Investment opportunity and enablers

Where is the opportunity



Financial enablers: SIDF working capital and CAPEX loans up to 75% of setup costs¹



Tax exempt exports: Export revenue is not subject to tax



Widely available specialized labor: NCTC provides machinists, maintenance technicians, and equipment operators who can support manufacturing



Raw material

Manufacture PCB and electronic components – e.g., integrated circuits



Manufacturing & Assembly

Produce network switches – incl. SMT, through-hole technology application, assembly, and testing

Routers

Rotana Mashat

Opportunity profile - Routers

1

Routers needed to meet demand from private and commercial customers



Home routers



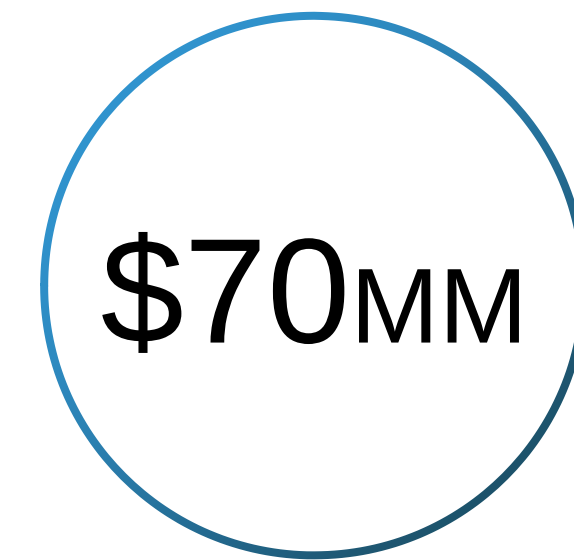
Enterprise routers



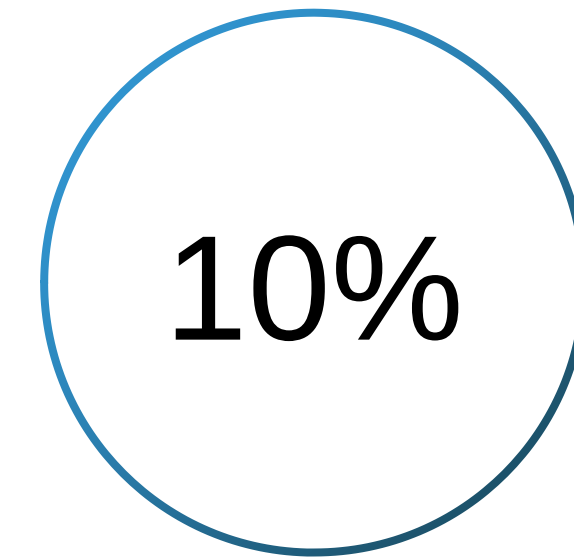
Industrial routers

2

KSA routers market is sizable with significant growth prospects



Estimated 2024 KSA market size

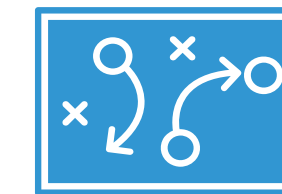


Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

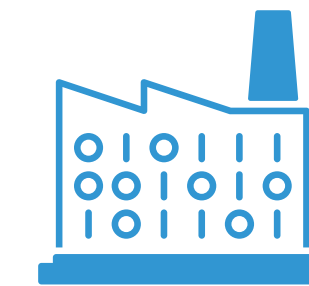
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Attractive investment opportunities in the routers value chain

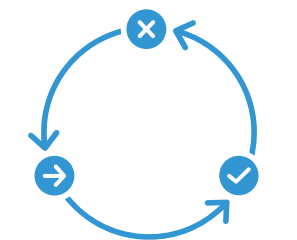
KSA value chain opportunities



Raw materials



Manufacturing



Lifecycle Management

KSA enablers

- Access to CAPEX financing programs
- Skilled visa processing for expats with technical expertise
- Tax credits on R&D investments to encourage local innovation

Routers categories for localization

Home routers



Applications

- Designed for consumer use, supporting smaller device counts
- Often include features like parent controls and guest networks

Enterprise routers



- Advanced routers for businesses supporting VPNs, multiple connections, enhanced security

Industrial routers



- Made for harsh environments like factories or outdoor setups
- Support IoT and M2M (Machine-to-Machine) communication
- E.g., Edge & Core Industrial Routers

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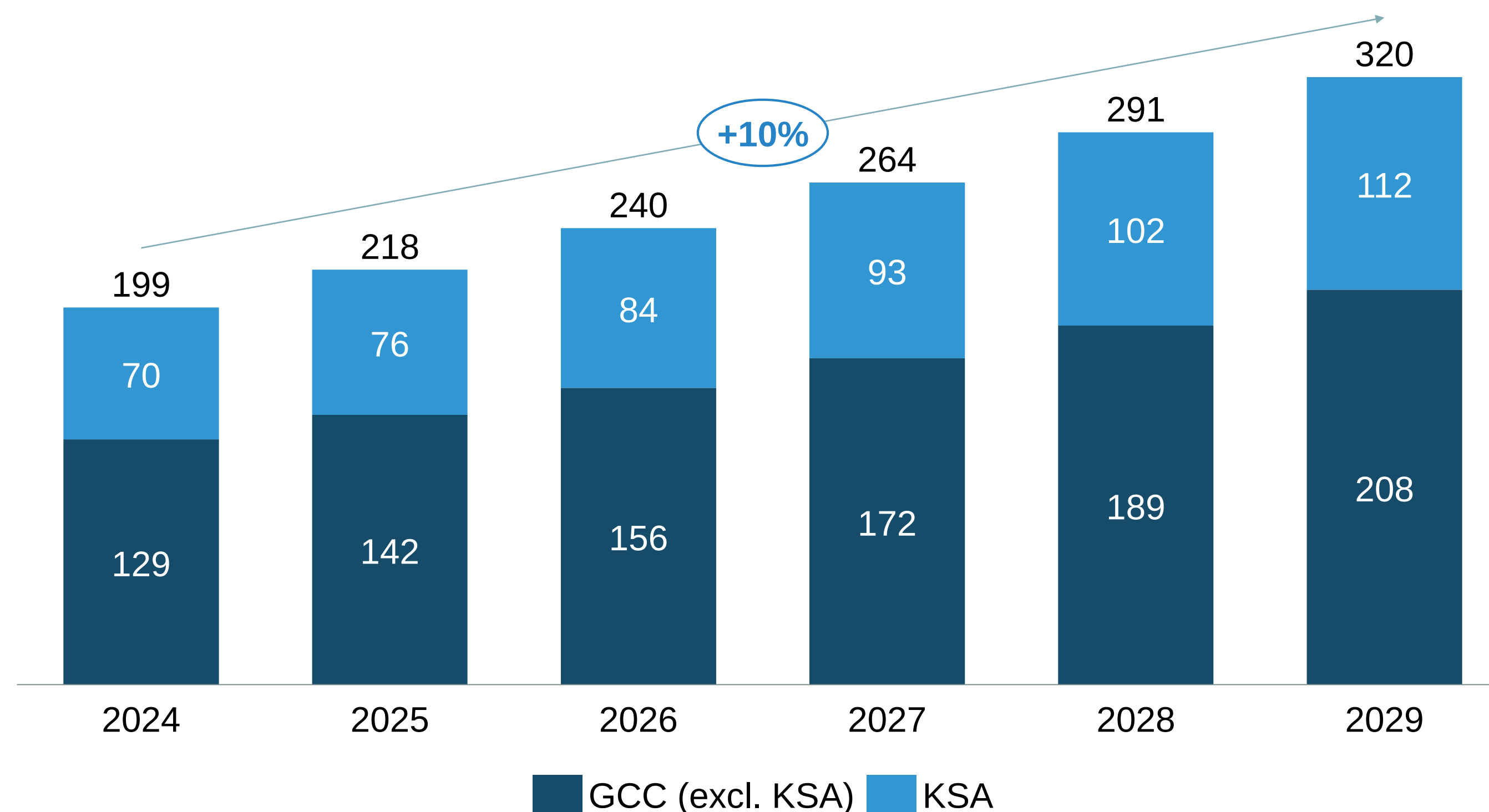
Note: Note: Power over Ethernet (PoE) and bandwidth are key considerations for all categories of switches; Edge and Core routers are primarily targeted towards Medium to ISP

Level applications; ISP = Internet Service Provider

Source: Allied Market Research; Cognitive Market Research; Team analysis

Routers demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted KSA and rest of GCC router market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA

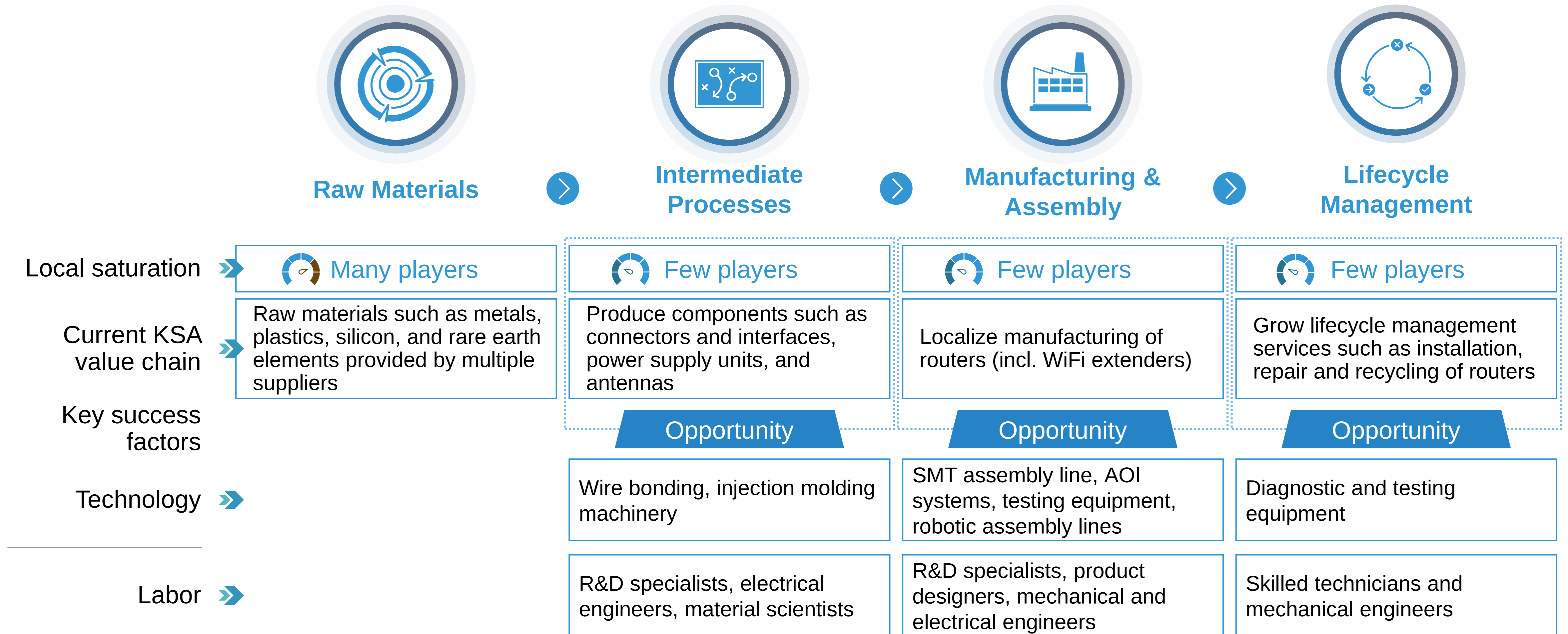
-  Residential
-  Enterprises
-  Telecommunications
-  Industrial

Key KSA demand drivers

- **5G Rollout:** Introduction of 5G networks drives demand for high-performance routers capable of handling increased data speeds and connectivity requirements
- **Government Programs:** Vision 2030 emphasizes digital transformation across various sectors, driving need for advanced networking solutions to support new technologies and services

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Value chain and key localization opportunities



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Note: SMT = Surface Mount Technology; AOI = Automated Optical Inspection
Source: Allied Market Research; Cognitive Market Research; Team analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Financial enablers: Access to CAPEX financing programs from SIDF to purchase production equipment and machinery



Skilled visa processing: MHRSD facilitates hiring expats with technical expertise via streamlined visa processes



Corporate tax reduction: Tax credits on R&D investments to encourage local innovation capabilities for specialized production

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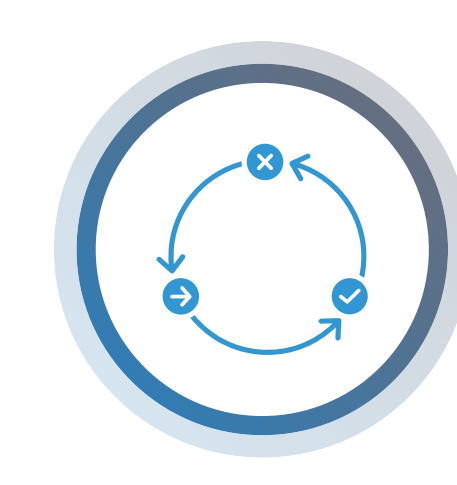
Where is the opportunity



Intermediate Processes
Produce components such as connectors and interfaces, power supply units, and antennas



Manufacturing & Assembly
Localize manufacturing of routers (incl. WiFi extenders)



Lifecycle Management
Grow lifecycle management services such as installation, repair and recycling of routers

Optical Fiber

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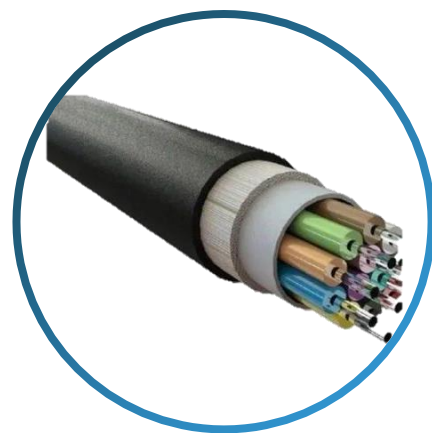
Opportunity profile – Optical fiber

1

Optical fiber in need to enable existing digital & infra. transformations



Single-mode fiber



Multimode fiber

2

Optical fiber is a sizeable market with moderate growth

\$689_{MM}

Estimated 2024 KSA market size

8%

Forecasted KSA 5-year CAGR

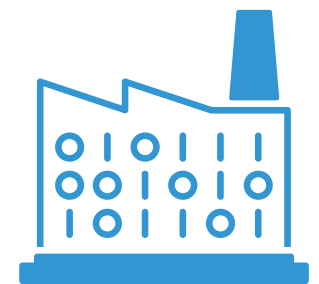
3

Attractive investment opportunities for optical fiber value chain

KSA value chain opportunities



Raw materials



Design & Manufacturing

KSA enablers

- Regional land and loan programs
- Custom duty exemptions on machinery and equipment
- Subsidized industrial training programs

Potential optical fiber categories for localization

Single-mode fiber



Applications

- Communication networks
- Fiber-to-the-Home deployment
- Submarine cables
- Oil & gas pipeline monitoring

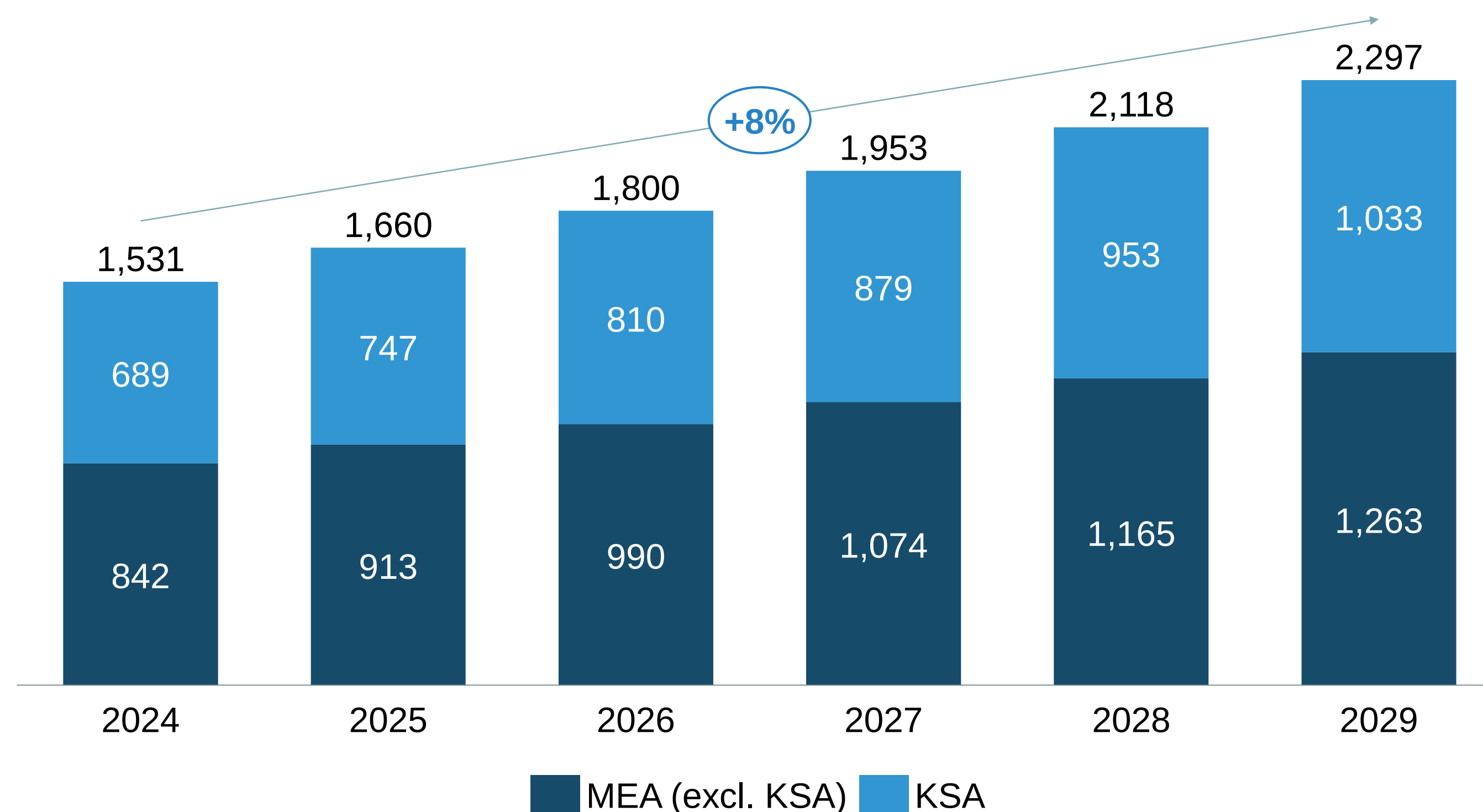
Multimode fiber



- Local area networks (LAN)
- Short distance automation and control system
- Medical imaging system
- Building automation systems

Optical fiber demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted KSA and rest of GCC optical fiber market
2024-2029 (Million USD)



Typical customers in KSA

-  Telecommunications
-  Commercial & residential real estate
-  Oil & Gas
-  Critical infrastructure¹

Key KSA demand drivers

- **Industry demand:** Growth of 5G network is expected to drive the demand for optical fiber, backbone for building the needed infrastructure
- **Government Programs:** Ongoing megaprojects such as Qiddiya and NEOM utilizes optical fiber networks for enhanced connectivity, IoT applications, and data transfer

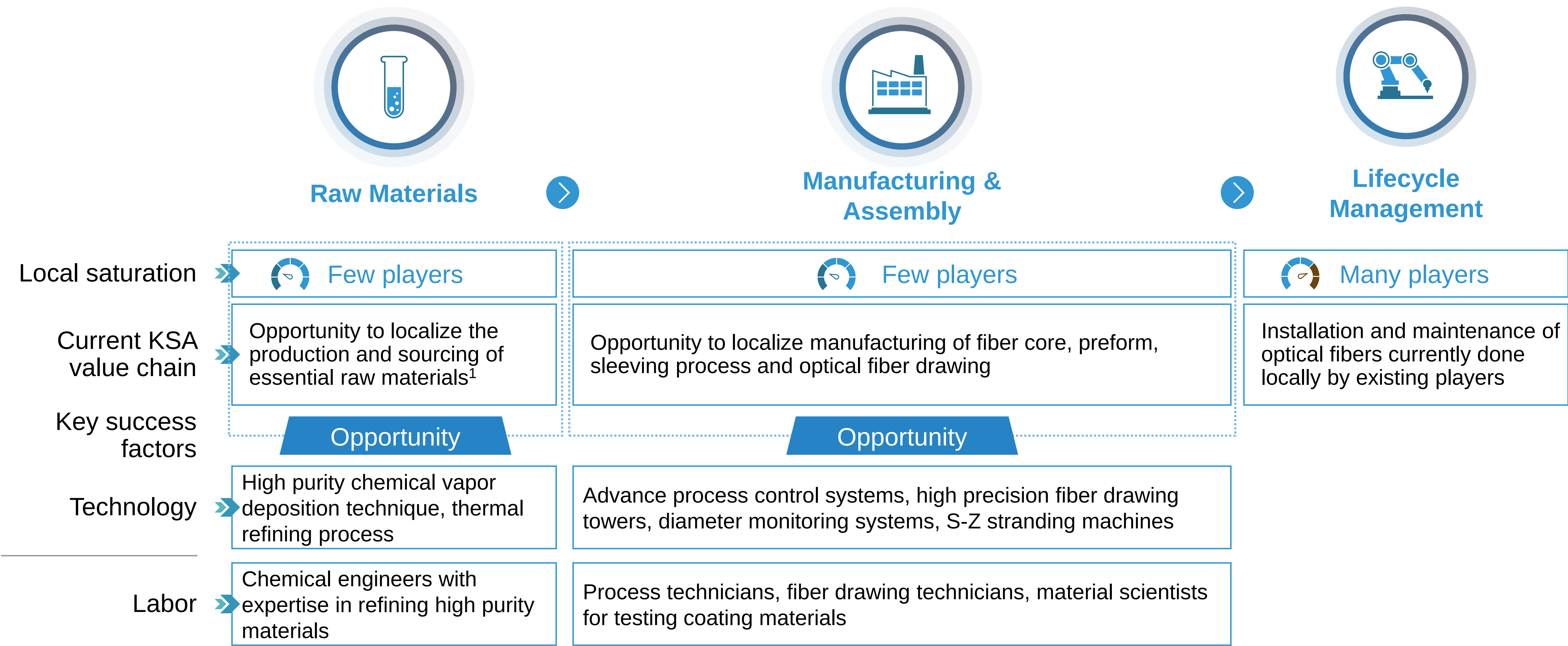
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1. Defense, aerospace, hospitals, transportation hubs, data centers

Notes: IoT = Internet of things

Source: Grandview; IMARC; Expert interviews; Team analysis

Value chain and key localization opportunities



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1.Including but not limited to silicon tetrachloride and germanium tetrachloride
Source: Grandview; IMARC; Expert interviews; Team Analysis

Investment opportunity and enablers

Key enablers in KSA to drive success



Financial enablers: Regional land and loan programs from SIDF and industrial land authorities for plant setup



Customs enablers: Custom duty exemptions from MoCI on machinery and equipment for establishment of optical fiber manufacturing



Human capital enablers: NITI offers specialized courses covering intermediate processes and manufacturing

Where is the opportunity



Raw material

Establish facility to produce raw materials such as silicon tetrachloride and germanium tetrachloride



Manufacturing & Assembly

Setup manufacturing plants for production of fiber core, preform, sleeving process and optical fiber drawing

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1. Includes specialized equipment procurement and facility setup

Note: SIDF = Saudi Industrial Development Fund; MoCI = Ministry of Commerce and Industry; NITI = National Industrial Training Institute

Source: Grandview; IMARC; Expert interviews; Team Analysis

Microwave Communications Dish

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Opportunity profile – Microwave Communication Dish (MCD)

1

MCD needed to meet demand from private and commercial customers

2

KSA MCD market is sizable with significant growth prospects

3

Attractive investment opportunities in the MCD value chain



Low Frequency
(L-band, S-band)



Mid Frequency
(C-band, X-band)



High Frequency
(Ku-band, Ka-band)

\$90MM

Estimated 2024
KSA market size

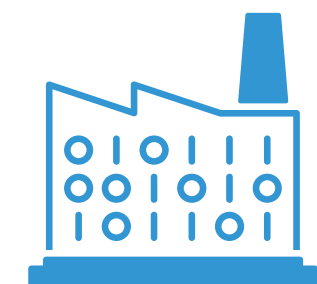
9%

Forecasted KSA 5-
year CAGR

KSA value chain opportunities



Raw
materials



Design &
Manufacturing

KSA enablers

- Financial support programs available
- Favorable tax legislation
- Widely available technical labor

MCD categories for localization

Low Frequency



Applications

- Low bandwidth, long distance communication
- Satellite and maritime communications

Mid Frequency



- Moderate range and bandwidth
- Broadcasting and satellite link usage (e.g., Telecommunications backhaul, offshore O&G communication)

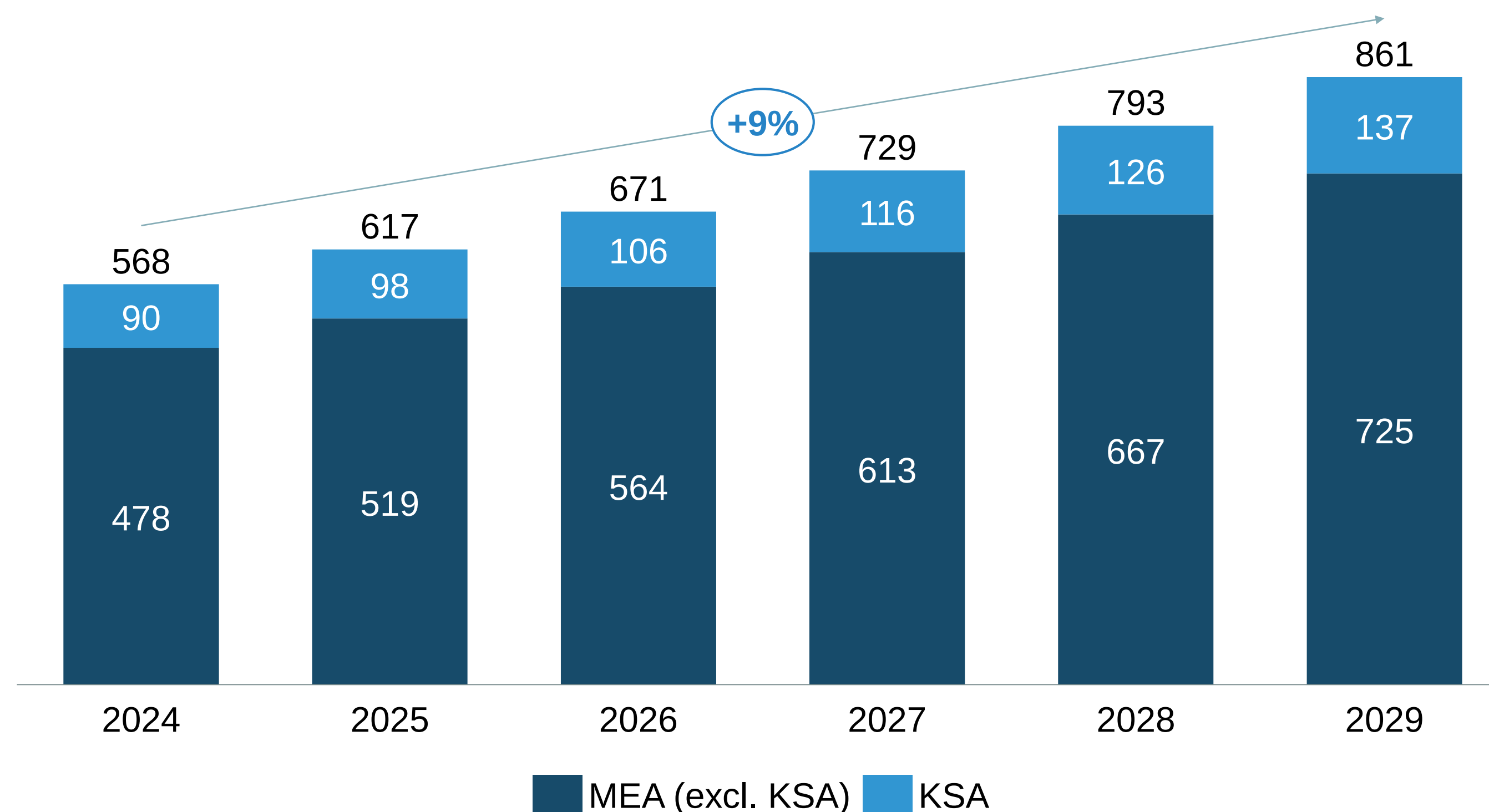
High Frequency



- High bandwidth for data-intensive applications
- Modern satellite internet and high-resolution broadcasting

MCD demand, customers, and drivers

Forecasted KSA and rest of MEA MCD market 2024-2029 (\$MM)



Typical customers in KSA

-  Telecommunications
-  Government & Defense
-  Oil & Gas
-  Media & Broadcasting

Key KSA demand drivers

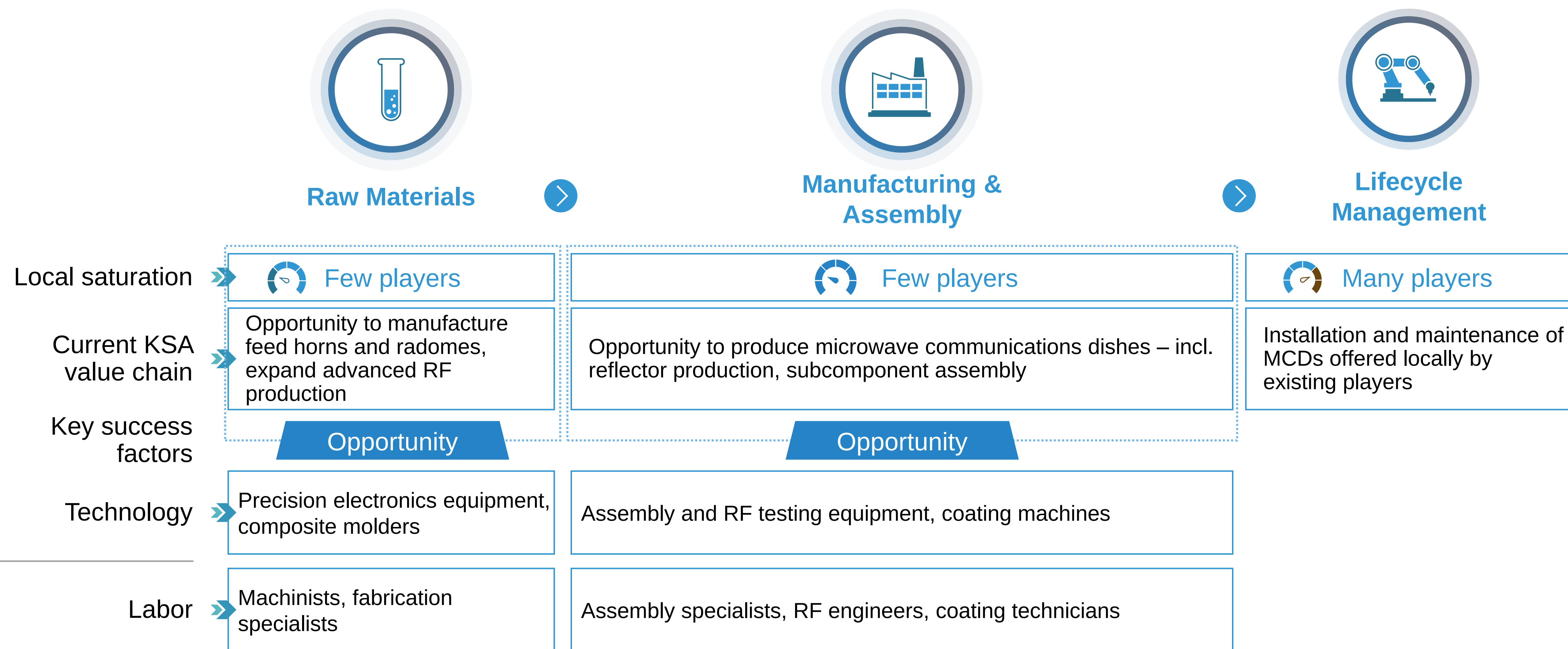
- **Expansion of oil and gas activities:** Further microwave communications dishes needed to match communication and data transfer needs from additional O&G drilling sites
- **5G Rollout:** Additional microwave communications dishes required to support high speed, low latency 5G networks as backhaul solutions

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Note: O&G = Oil & Gas

Source: GSMA Intelligence; Aramco; Future Market Insights; Allied Market Research; Databridge; Grandview; Mordor Intelligence; Team analysis

Value chain and key localization opportunities



Investment opportunity and enablers

Where is the opportunity



Financial enablers: SIDF working capital and CAPEX loans up to 75% of setup costs¹



Tax exempt exports: Export revenue is not subject to tax



Widely available specialized labor: NCTC provides machinists, maintenance technicians, and equipment operators who can support manufacturing



Raw material

Manufacture feed horns and radomes, expand advanced RF production



Manufacturing & Assembly

Produce microwave communications dishes – incl. reflector production, subcomponent assembly

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