

Is SA's fast food market still growing?

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It is clear from the addition (e.g. Popeyes) and expansion of several fast food brands in the South African fast food market, that a large appetite for quick meals and indulgence exists amongst South African consumers. However, given the challenging economic environment, will the South African fast food market continue to grow in 2017?

Insight Survey's latest **South African Fast Food Industry Landscape Report 2017** provides a dynamic synthesis of industry research, examining the local and global fast food industry from a uniquely holistic perspective, with detailed insights into the entire South African value chain.

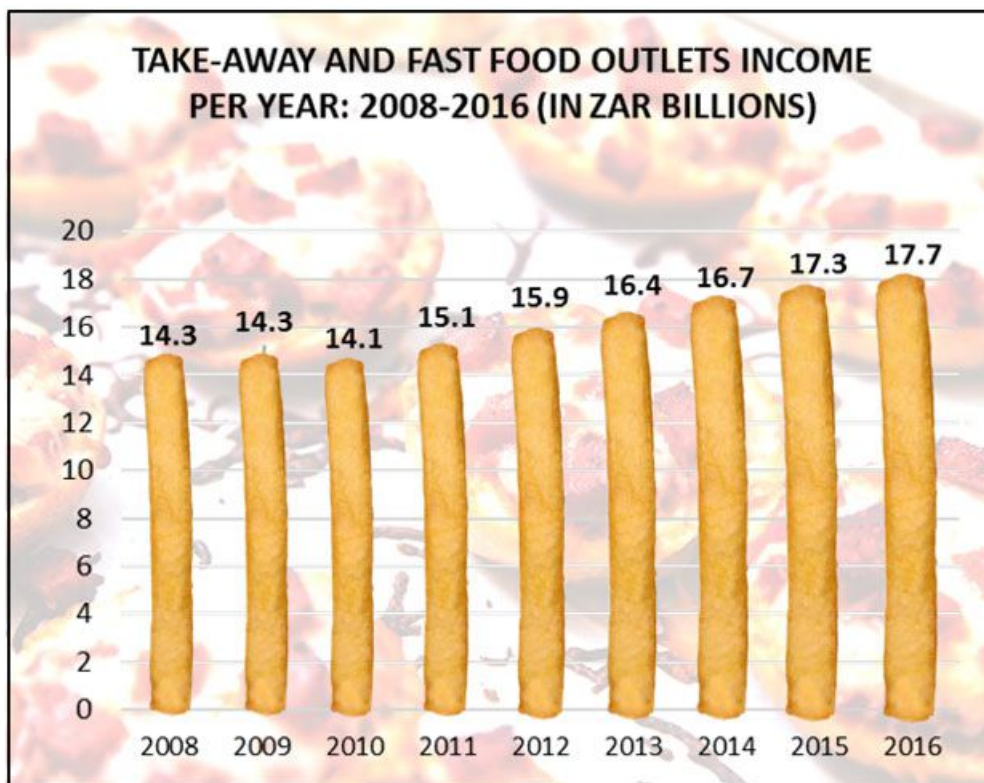
Valued at over US\$539.6 billion in 2016, the global fast food industry is estimated to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.2% between 2017-2022 to increase to approximately US\$ 690.8 billion in 2022. In terms of brands, McDonald's was the most valued fast food brand globally with an estimated brand value of approximately US\$97.7 billion in 2017 (as illustrated in the graph below), followed by Starbucks (US\$44.2 billion) and Subway (US\$21.7 billion).



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Although the US is currently the largest consumer of fast food globally, this market is expected to witness growth at a slower pace between 2017-2025 in comparison to emerging markets like Asia-Pacific. In terms of consumption frequency, for example, 69% of people in China consumed fast food more than once per week in 2016 compared to an estimated 20% of South Africans.

In South Africa, takeaway and fast food outlets have seen steady growth since 2010 with the last four years bringing in more income than the average for the period, however, growth is slowing. The growth between 2015 and 2016 was just 2.3% compared to the 7% achieved between 2010 and 2011, as seen from the graph below.



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Of concern for the industry, is that since the beginning of 2017, takeaway and fast food outlets have not recorded positive growth. The market remains highly competitive with local and international brands fiercely competing for consumers' share of wallet (and stomach!) amid declining disposable incomes. Furthermore, the rising popularity of in-store food services either in the form of in-store cafés (at supermarkets and retailers) or convenience foods is slowly placing further pressure on this highly competitive market. Local fast food companies have responded by partnering with local retailers to offer in-store food services, for example Made Café which is a partnership between Edgars and Famous Brands.

The industry is being forced to evolve around the ever-changing needs of the consumer. Considering continuing economic constraints, consumer needs of value-for-money and affordability will be key determinants directing the market environment. Offering cheaper menu items allows fast food outlets to cater to a broader range of demographics, and is sound advice for all fast food industry players to consider throughout 2017. Other key trends and drivers that will help stimulate growth include the health food trend, mobile ordering and delivery services (like UberEats, Mr D and NOW-NOW), and creating more engaging customer experiences.

The ***Fast Food Industry Landscape Report 2017*** (135 pages) provides a dynamic synthesis of industry research, examining the local and global fast food industry from a uniquely holistic perspective, with detailed insights into the entire value chain – from manufacturing to retailing, competitor positioning, latest marketing and advertising news for each competitor, pricing and promotions analysis, consumption and purchasing trends.

Some key questions the report will help you to answer:

- What are the key factors that are driving the growth of the local and global markets?
- What are the local and global industry challenges currently restraining market growth?
- What are the latest South African fast food and street food trends (food trucks, on-demand mobile ordering)?
- How did fast food companies perform in 2016/17, what is the strategic focus and expansion plans?
- How are each of the fast food competitors positioned in the market?
- What is the latest marketing and advertising news for each of the fast food competitors?
- What is the pricing and recent promotions by category: Burgers, Chicken, Pizza, Pies?
- What are the local consumption and purchasing trends in the fast food industry?

Please note that the 135-page PowerPoint report is available for purchase for R25,000 (excluding VAT). Alternatively,

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For a full brochure please go to: [SA Fast Food Landscape Report 2017](#).

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