

## **UAE Container Glass - Market Share Analysis, Industry Trends & Statistics, Growth Forecasts (2025 - 2030)**

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### **Report description:**

The UAE Container Glass Market size in terms of shipment volume is expected to grow from 0.48 million tonnes in 2025 to 0.59 million tonnes by 2030, at a CAGR of 4.38% during the forecast period (2025-2030).

### **Key Highlights**

- In the United Arab Emirates, consumers are increasingly opting for glass containers, such as bottles, due to their sustainability, durability, and aesthetic appeal. Glass distinguishes itself from other packaging materials by not absorbing stains or odors. This characteristic ensures that jars remain clean and residue-free, subsequently boosting product demand.
- Data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) underscores the UAE's position as the second-largest economy in the region. Thanks to its strategic location, robust infrastructure, and business-friendly policies, the UAE has cemented its role as a pivotal food trade hub. In 2023, a surge in tourism significantly bolstered the country's food and beverage industry.
- The rising popularity of non-alcoholic beverages in the UAE is attributed to its flourishing tourism sector, the rapid expansion of cafes and restaurants, and a notable shift in consumer preferences towards flavored drinks. These trends are propelling the increased adoption of glass containers in the nation.
- For years, the UAE has positioned itself as a significant player in pharmaceutical manufacturing, diminishing its dependence on imported medicines. Data from the Dubai World Trade Center (DWTC) indicates that the country boasts 23 manufacturing centers, producing approximately 2,500 locally made medicines through advanced manufacturing processes. This burgeoning pharmaceutical landscape is driving the demand for container glass.
- Despite the benefits of container glass being non-toxic, all-natural, and adept at protecting products from harmful chemicals over extended durations, the market encounters challenges. The lightweight and durable nature of plastic, which makes it a favored choice for packaging in the beverage, food, and cosmetic sectors, poses a significant threat to the growth of the glass container market.

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## United Arab Emirates Container Glass Market Trends

### Beverages Segment to Hold Significant Market Share

- According to the USDA, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), strategically positioned at the heart of the Arabian Peninsula, boasts a sophisticated infrastructure that facilitates the seamless import, export, and transit of goods on both regional and global scales. Capitalizing on its advantageous location, cutting-edge infrastructure, and business-friendly policies, the UAE has firmly established itself as a pivotal hub for the food and beverage trade, leading to a heightened demand for glass packaging.
- The UAE's thriving beverage industry is largely fueled by an influx of tourists and expatriates. A report from the UAE Food & Beverage Business Group (F&B Group) reveals that the food and beverage sector accounts for 25% of the nation's total manufacturing GDP, highlighting its significance in driving market growth. Additionally, local manufacturers focus on producing container glass specifically for the food and beverage sectors, further propelling the market's growth.
- With strict regulations governing alcohol production and sales, the UAE has seen a notable rise in non-alcoholic beverage enterprises. The growing popularity of non-alcoholic beers like Corona Cero, Moussy, and Fayrouz has intensified the demand for glass bottle packaging. Moreover, a nationwide shift towards healthier choices, combined with a broadening range of product offerings and regulatory influences, is driving the increased consumption of non-alcoholic beverages. This trend not only signifies long-term lifestyle changes but also amplifies the demand for these products.
- The UAE's expanding palate for a variety of premium alcoholic drinks is reflected in its escalating imports of distilled spirits. USDA data indicates a jump in distilled spirit imports, climbing from USD 569 Million in 2022 to USD 594 Million in 2023, highlighting the surging demand.

### Pharmaceutical Segment is Expected to Grow Significantly

- The Middle East is rapidly emerging as a key player in the pharmaceutical industry. Through ambitious initiatives, strategic partnerships, and substantial investments, the region is poised to spearhead healthcare innovation. The UAE's pharmaceutical sector is evolving swiftly, influenced by economic strategies like the Dubai Industrial Strategy 2030 and the Abu Dhabi Vision 2030, all aimed at addressing the needs of its growing population. This upward trajectory is significantly driving the demand for glass packaging in the pharmaceutical sector.
- In the UAE, a bustling center for pharmaceuticals, medicine manufacturers are boosting production to satisfy rising consumer demands. For instance, in August 2024, OZON Pharmaceuticals secured a deal to establish a vast 150,700 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Dubai Industrial City. The initial phase of this plant, with an investment of AED 110 million (USD 29.95 Million), aims to produce over 300 million tablets each year, further intensifying the country's demand for glass containers.
- RAK Ghani Glass LLC, a leading manufacturer in the UAE, provides pharmaceutical glass containers to clients spanning the GCC, Middle East, Asia, and Europe. Additionally, major players in the UAE are placing a stronger focus on sustainable manufacturing and emission-free production, further enhancing the appeal of glass packaging in the region.
- The UAE stands out not only as a producer but also as a global exporter of glass bottles, jars, and flasks designed for pharmaceutical applications. According to the International Trade Center (ITC), the UAE's glass product exports were valued at an impressive USD 192.48 Million in 2021, with expectations to climb to USD 212.35 Million by 2023. France, Brazil, and South Africa emerge as the primary markets for these exports.

## United Arab Emirates Container Glass Industry Overview

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The United Arab Emirates Container Glass Market is consolidated, with major players such as RAK Ghani Glass LLC, Al Tajir Glass Industries, Saverglass LLC, and Global Packaging operating in the market and vying for higher market share. These players aim to develop new products, merge and acquire, and expand to cater to the growing consumer demand in the United Arab Emirates market.

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