

Introduction

The chemicals industry is a new industry when compared to others, but it is a very important one. It plays a vital part in the smooth functioning of any industry that involves manufacturing, or that uses chemicals in the creation of a final product. Despite the slump around 2002, it is a relatively high growth industry.



Industry Leaders and Fragmentation

Fig. amounts are given in Billion USD

Company	Country	Sales	Profits	Market Value
Air Liquide	France	\$17.16	\$1.76	\$31.49
Air Products & Chemis.	United States	\$9.23	\$2.81	\$14.67
Airgas	United States	\$3.88	\$0.21	\$5.38
Alcoy Global	Netherlands	\$19.98	\$0.81	\$11.88
ALFA	Mexico	\$8.68	\$0.15	\$3.80

Industry Composition



Profitability and Demand Drivers

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| <p>Primary Demand Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic health of domestic country | <p>Profitability Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficient operations and distribution Adherence to regulations |
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