

# OVERCOMING BARRIERS

The Middle East region urgently needs to implement unified and streamlined customs procedures and regulations to improve throughput at its ports



# 13%

Merchandise exports value growth (GCC and North Africa), 2016-2017

# 70 million TEUs

Middle East and North Africa ports container capacity\*

# 7%

Middle East container capacity average annual growth, 2011-2016

# 4%

Middle East container throughput average annual growth, 2011-2016

# 10 days

Average customs clearance time at Saudi ports

# \$10bn

Value of seaport projects under way

# \$35bn

Value of planned seaport projects in the region

\*=MEED estimate as of December 2018; TEUs=20-foot equivalent units.  
Sources: Boston Consulting Group; UNCTAD; MEED; MEED Projects; King Abdullah Port