# Outlook for U.S. Food Export: Navigating Hong Kong and Asia



## **Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC)**

- A Hong Kong statutory body established in 1966
- Promotes Hong Kong products and services
- Assists businesses around the world to grow their business through Hong Kong's two-way trade and investment platform



Assists international companies to expand into Mainland China and RCEP bloc, including Greater Bay Area and ASEAN



Facilitates Mainland Chinese outbound investment in both mature and emerging markets



Connects businesses worldwide with Hong Kong partners, including product suppliers and services providers



Promote international cooperation in various sectors (eg technology, creativity, healthcare, sustainability, IP trade)



### Asia is to drive 70% of global growth in 2024

## China re-opening is the key driver

Real GDP (yoy %)	2022E	2023F	2024F	CPI (yoy %)	2022E	2023F	2024F
World	3.4	2.8	3.0	World	8.7	7.0	4.9
Advanced economies	2.7	1.3	1.4	Advanced economies	7.3	4.7	2.6
Emerging economies	4.0	3.9	4.2	Emerging economies	9.8	8.6	6.5
North America	2.3	1.6	1.1	North America	7.9	4.6	2.5
US	2.1	1.6	1.1	US	8.0	4.5	2.3
Europe	2.7	0.8	1.7	Europe	15.4	10.5	6.5
Advanced Europe	3.6	0.6	1.4	Advanced Europe	8.5	5.6	3.0
Germany	1.8	-0.1	1.1	Germany	8.7	6.2	3.1
France	2.6	0.7	1.3	France	5.9	5.0	2.5
Italy	3.7	0.7	1.3	Italy	8.7	4.5	2.6
UK	4.1	-0.3	1.0	UK	9.1	6.8	3.0
Asia	3.8	4.6	4.4	Asia	3.8	3.4	2.9
China	3.0	5.2	4.5	China	1.9	2.0	2.2
Japan	1.1	1.3	1.0	Japan	2.5	2.7	2.2
India	6.8	5.9	6.3	India	6.7	4.9	4.4
South Korea	2.6	1.5	2.4	South Korea	5.1	3.5	2.3
ASEAN-5	5.2	4.5	4.6	ASEAN-5	4.8	4.3	2.9
Latin America and Caribbean	4.0	1.6	2.2	Latin America and Caribbean	14.0	13.3	6.8
Brazil	2.9	0.9	1.5	Brazil	9.3	5.0	4.8
Mexico	3.1	1.8	1.6	Mexico	7.9	6.3	3.9
Middle East and Central Asia	5.3	2.9	3.5	Middle East and Central Asia	14.3	15.9	12.0
Saudi	8.7	3.1	3.1	Saudi	2.5	2.8	2.3
UAE	7.4	3.5	3.9	UAE	4.8	3.4	2.0



# **Gateway to Mainland China and Asia**



#### **Hong Kong – The super connector**

- RCEP opportunities: further economic integration
- National strategy to develop the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and evolve Hong Kong's strategic role
- One Country Two Systems: Hong Kong's unique domestic and international connectivity arrangements



#### Hong Kong's strategic role in GBA

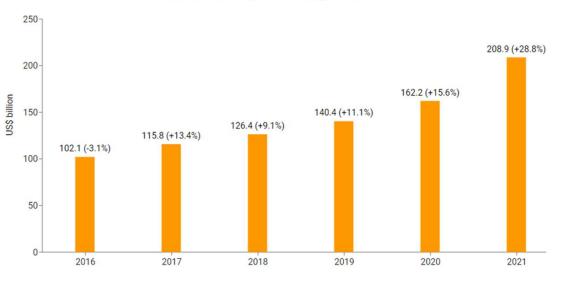
Finance, investment, trading, logistics, professional services, talent



# Hong Kong as Gateway to Southern China Markets

- Many import companies in Hong Kong also sell into Mainland China
- Two of the four "Tier 1" cities in China are in Guangdong Provence neighboring Hong Kong
- Shenzhen population 12.4 million
- Guangzhou (Canton) Pop. 13.3 million
- Hong Kong pop. 7.5 million

#### Mainland China's Food Imports, by Value



Source: General Administration of Customs of China





# Why Export to Hong Kong?

Hong Kong ranked the 7<sup>th</sup> most competitive economy globally in 2023

#### **IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2023**

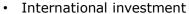


· Business legislation



 Government policies (Simple Import Regulations)





 Tax policy (Duty-Free on Most Products)



- 10<sup>th</sup> export market for U.S. consumer-ready agricultural products
- Sophisticated Consumer Base
- Shipments can clear customs in as short as 1 day
- Strong consumer demand for US brands, quality and product safety
- Hong Kong is a major trading hub where buyers for a vast range of consumer-oriented products that are transshipped to China and other parts of Asia.



# Hong Kong's Top Growing Imports of Consumer-Oriented Agricultural Products

Catanam	(Value: S	Average		
Category	2018	2022	Annual Growth	
Condiments & Sauces	294	535	16.13%	
Fresh Vegetables	448	792	15.29%	
Tea	185	241	6.73%	
Eggs	239	302	6.02%	
Fresh Fruit	3,161	3,687	3.93%	
Pet Food	134	156	3.89%	
Prepared Food	1,215	1,296	1.63%	
Processed Vegetables	539	571	1.47%	
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	944	963	0.50%	
Coffee, Roasted and Extracts	142	143	0.10%	

Source: Hong Kong Retail Food Sector Report

# **Hong Kong Retail Food Trade**

- The Hong Kong food retail market is made up of supermarkets, convenience stores, and traditional markets.
- Supermarkets account for nearly 57 percent of retail food sales.
- There are over 690 supermarkets, 1,300 convenience stores, and close to 100 traditional markets in Hong Kong, making food shopping very convenient.
- Because the population density is so high, the density of food stores is also very high





# **Hawaiian Products in Hong Kong**



USA Hawaii Papaya - 7's (1pc) 601031999

\$98.00



USA Hawaii Papaya - 8's (1pc) 601032000

\$92.00



ROYAL HAWAIIAN Sea Salt Macadamias (113g) 301382871

\$99.00



WAIAKEA Hawaiian Volcanic Water (1L) 301531103

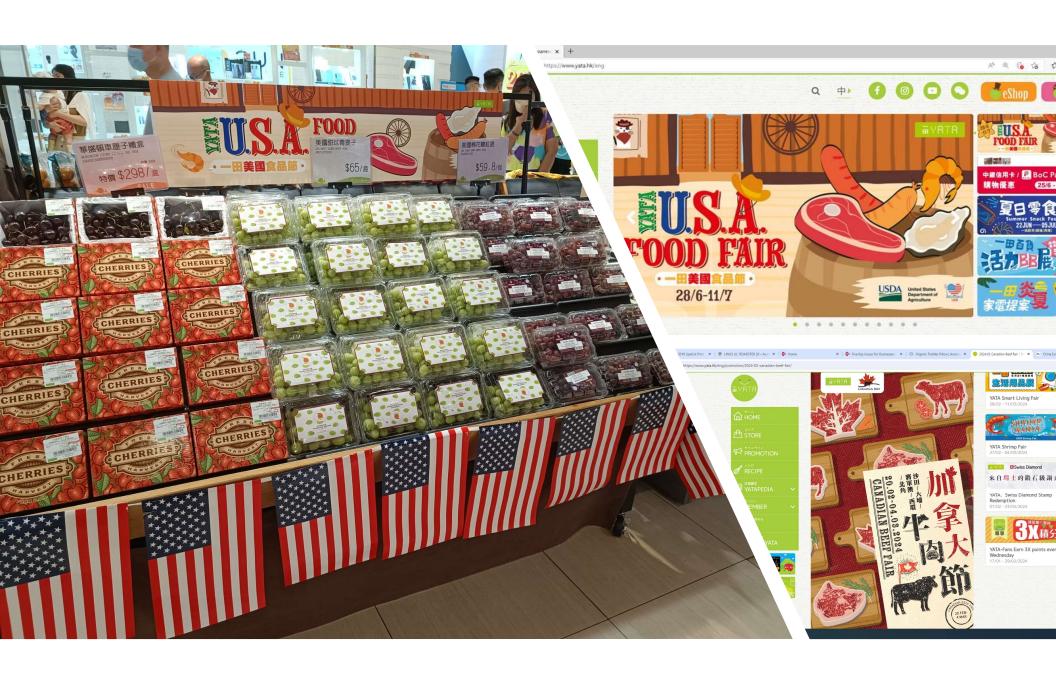
\$35.00



SALTWORKS Alaea Hawaiian-Style Fine Grain Red Sea Salt... 301485297

\$106.00









# **HKTDC Food Expo PRO**

Date: 15-17 Aug 2024 (Thu-Sat)

Venue: Hong Kong Convention &

**Exhibition Centre** 



# **HKTDC Food Expo PRO 2024**

Fair Dates 15-17 Aug 2024 (Thu-Sat) (Physical)

8-24 Aug 2024 (Click2Match)

15 Jul - 14 Sep 2024 (hktdc.com Sourcing)

Venue Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Admission Trade visitors aged 18 or above and all public visitors

Fair Opening Hours Fair Date Opening Hours Buyer Registration Hours

(Trade Buyers Only) 15-16 Aug 2024 (Thu - Fri) 10:00am - 6:00pm 9:30am - 5:30pm (Public and Trade Buyers) 17 Aug 2024 (Sat) 10:00am - 5:00pm 9:30am - 3:30pm

In 2023, Food Expo PRO attracted over 20,100\* buyers from 69 countries and regions. More than 20 international pavilions from around the world were also hosted in this first edition, including Japan, Korea, Mexico, Poland, etc.

To allow exhibitors to explore retail opportunities and instant market response, the last day of the Expo will be open to public.

<sup>\*</sup> Figures for the two concurrent trade fairs (Food Expo PRO and Hong Kong International Tea Fair)

## 5 Reasons

why you should join us

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Asia's prevailing F&B trade hub



International influence through HKTDC network

5 Flexible hybrid participation model



One-Stop Access to Asia & Mainland China markets



B2B + B2C for firsthand market responses

# **Snapshot of Food Expo PRO 2023**











# **Snapshots of International Pavilions**













# **Snapshots of Business Matching and Discussions**





# **Important Buyers from Around the World**

























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# **EXHIBITION PLUS**

#### 1 Month Before

Before 1 Week Before

# Physical Exhibition

1 Week After

1 Month After

Year-round

- Start your visit browse products and shortlist exhibitors on fair website
- >> Check out AI-recommended leads and search buyers and exhibitors proactively on Click2Match
- Send messages, schedule and conduct online meetings using Click 2 Match
- Meet at the physical fair or online on Click2Match
- >>> Continue to schedule and conduct more online meetings on Click2Match
- >>> Browse more products and make enquiries on fair website
- Continue the sourcing journey on hktdc.com Sourcing

- >> Use Scan2Match to connect with buyers and exhibitors online
- >>> For **buyers**: Bookmark your favourite exhibitors at the physical fair, browse product info, and chat with exhibitors during / after fair
- >>> For **exhibitors**: Gather buyers' information and chat with buyers during / after fair