



3 China is leading industrial automation adoption

China has been the biggest buyer of robots each year since 2014. Chinese regulators are likely to continue to provide a supportive political and financing environment for robotics aligned with the country's “Made in China 2025” plan.²

China is forecast to buy 45% of the global supply of industrial robots by the end of 2020:

China's estimated consumption of global industrial robots, 2008-2020F (in thousands)



F = Forecast
 Source: IFR World Robotics 2017

4 There is a ‘Big 4’ in the global robotics industry