

## How will Future Megatrends affect Steel Demand and Products?

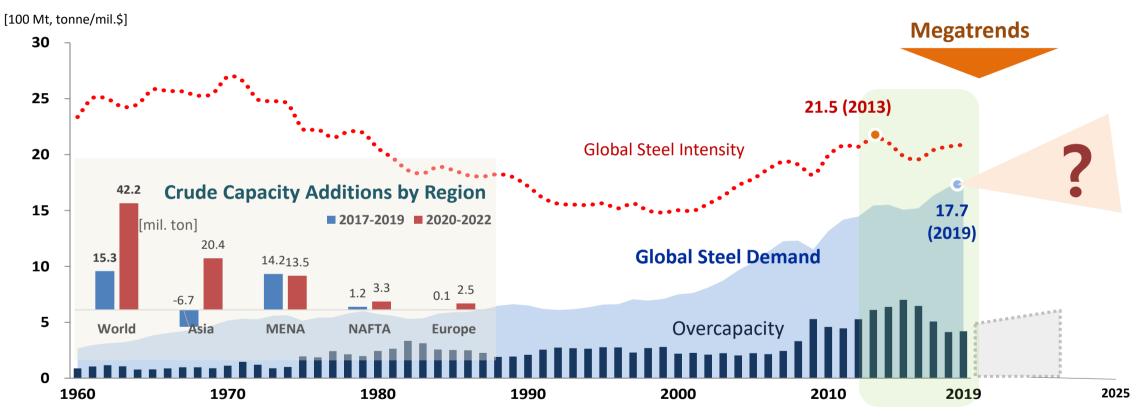
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#### **Overview**

## Facing stagnant global economy and faltering steel intensity under excess capacity, will steel demand continue to increase with new and innovative products?

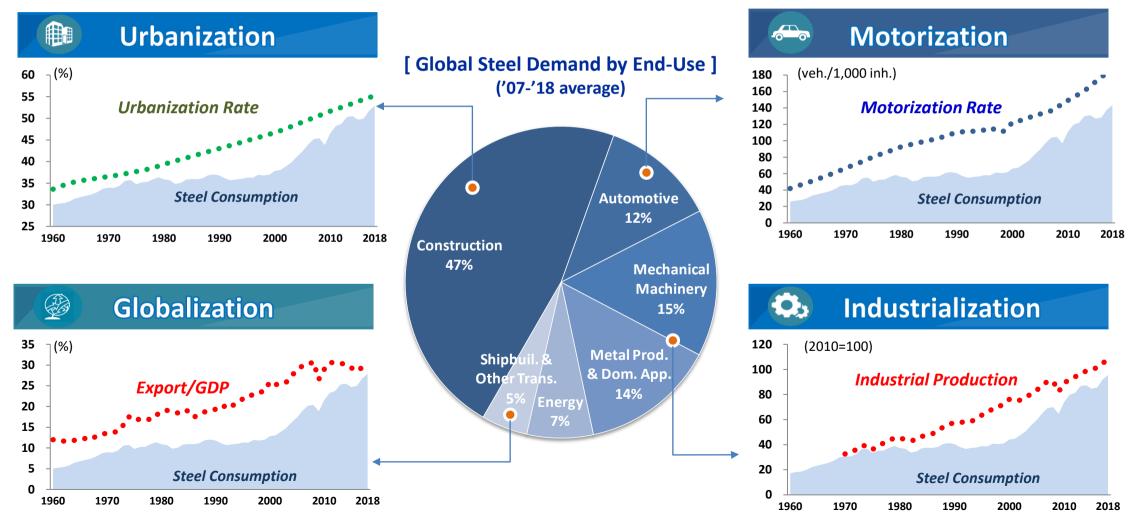


\* Global Steel Intensity = Global Steel Demand/World GDP, Overcapacity = Crude Steel Capacity – Crude Steel Production Source: worldsteel, OECD Steel Committee, World Bank, POSRI

### ⇒ How will megatrends affect steel demand and products in the future?

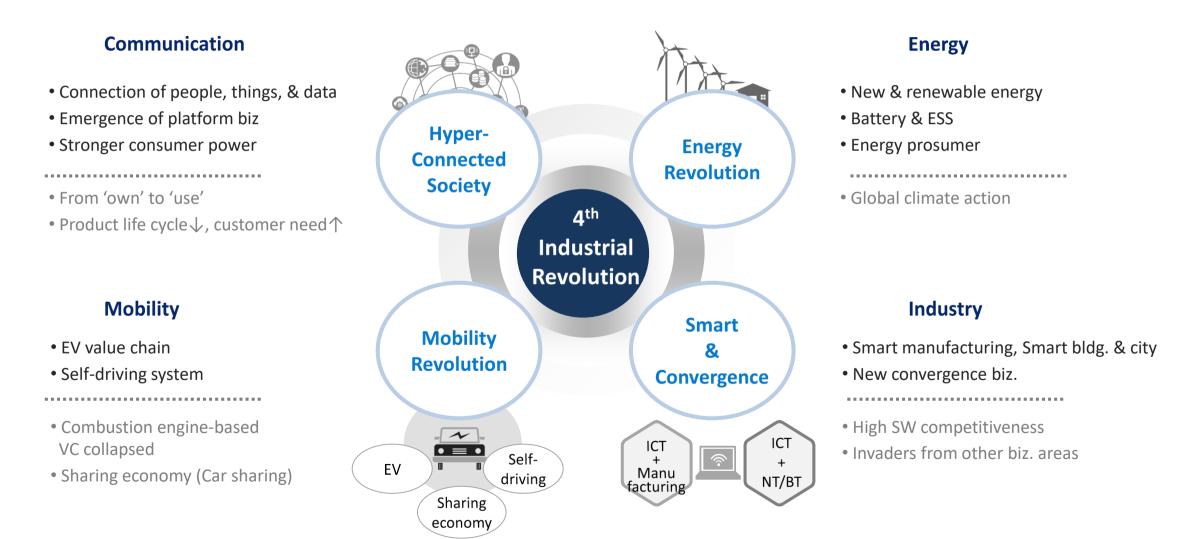
2. Megatrends

Steel demand growth and development of the global steel industry has been led by four main drivers (trends) of steel-consuming industries



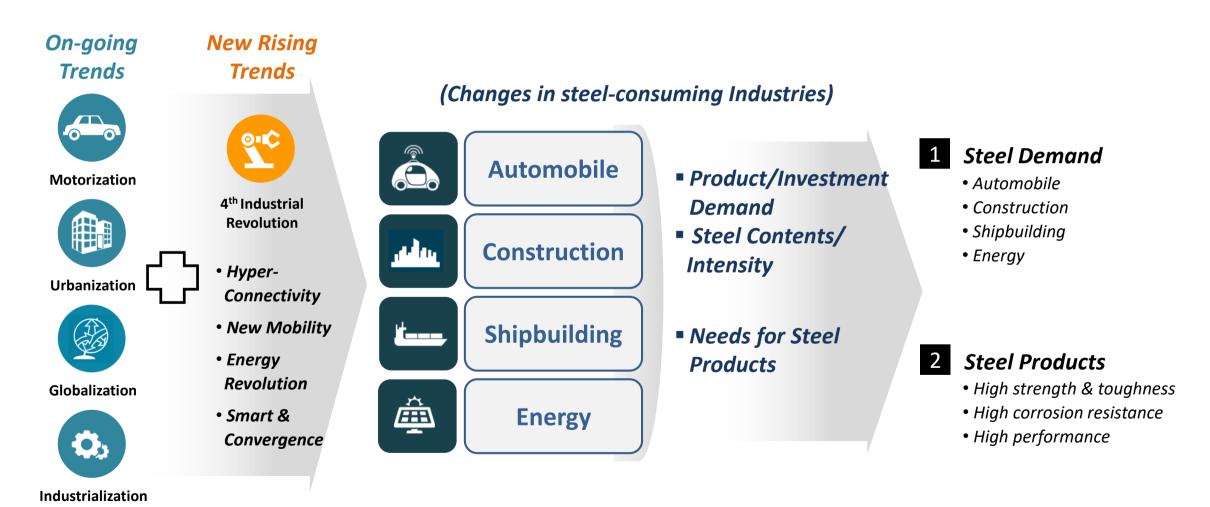
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## Hyper-connected and hyper-intelligent Society will require steel-consuming industries to be smart with new biz. models and capabilities, as well as the steel industry



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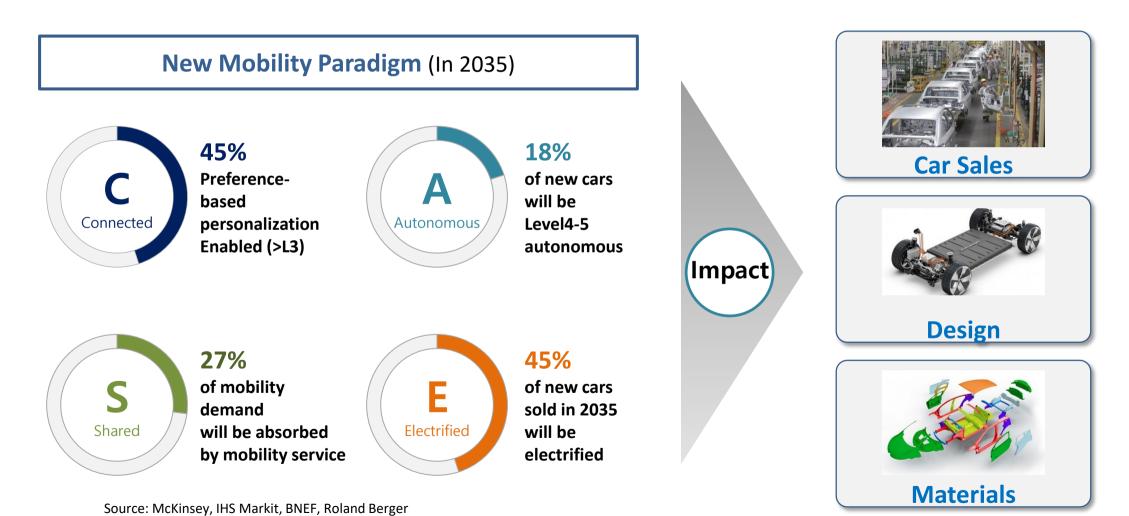
## On-going trends and new rising trends will bring changes to the landscape of steel-consuming industries and steel demand & products



#### New Mobility Paradigm - C·A·S·E

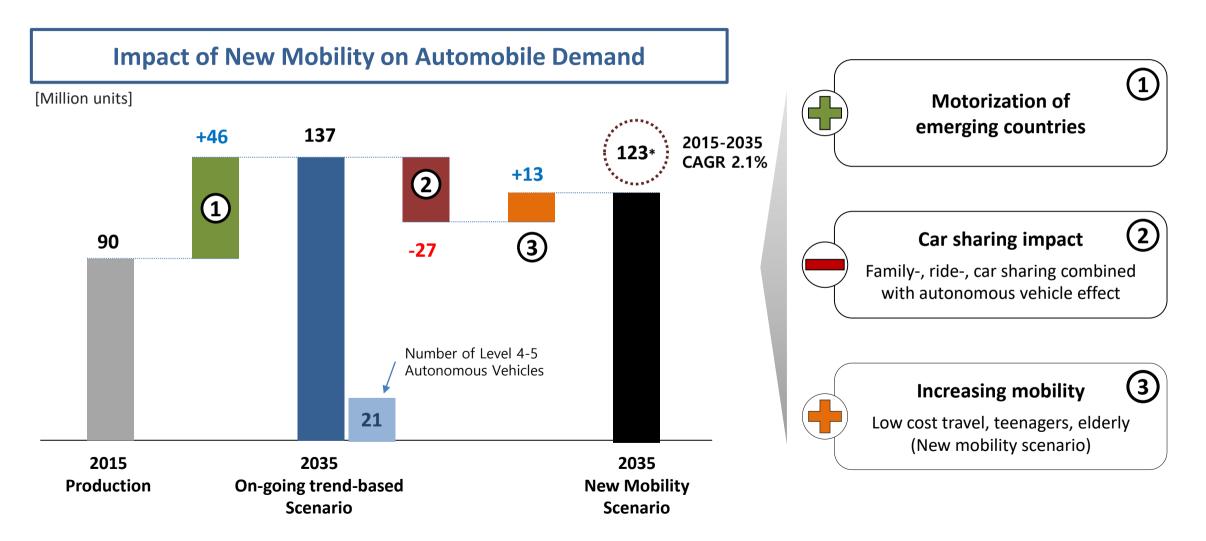
3. Automobile

New mobility paradigm (EVs, autonomous cars, car sharing) brings changes to automobile demand, design and materials

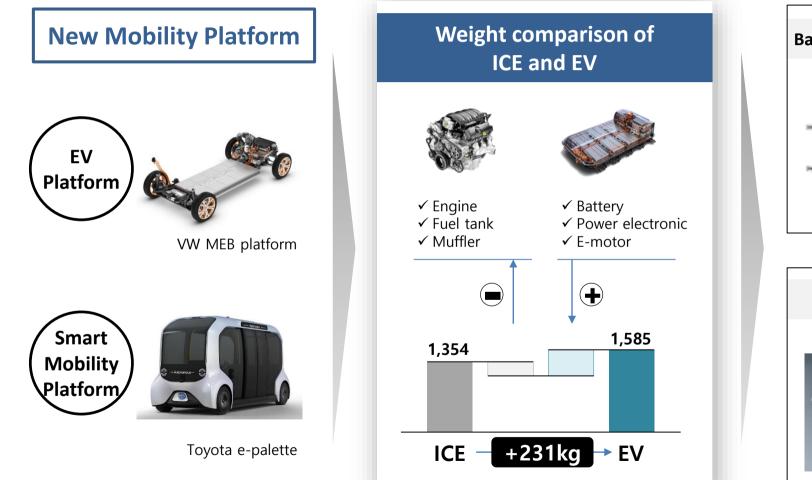


### Demand for new cars will rise less than expected

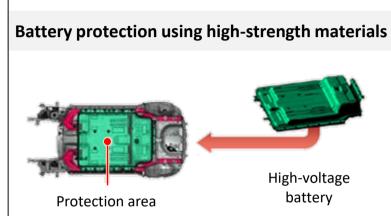
as the market gradually adopts autonomous driving technology and car sharing



## New mobility platform design will emerge as electrification and mobility service develop – Newer passenger shell design, battery protection strategy



Source: RolandBerger, VW Golf example



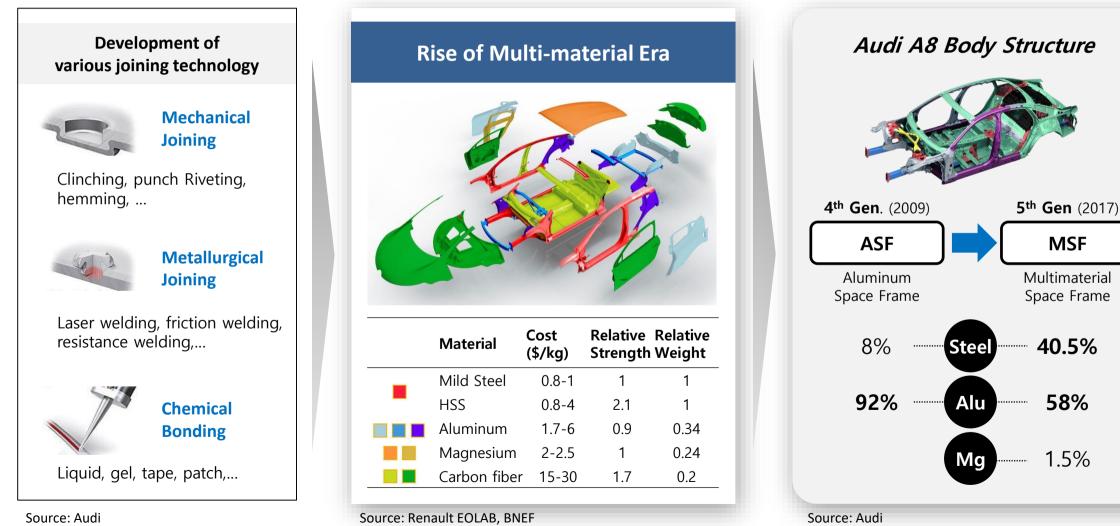
#### Changes in passenger/cargo shell design



- New protection strategy
- Light modular cabin design

3. Automobile

Advanced joining and forming technology allows automakers to use the right material at the right place which will bring the rise of the multi-material era

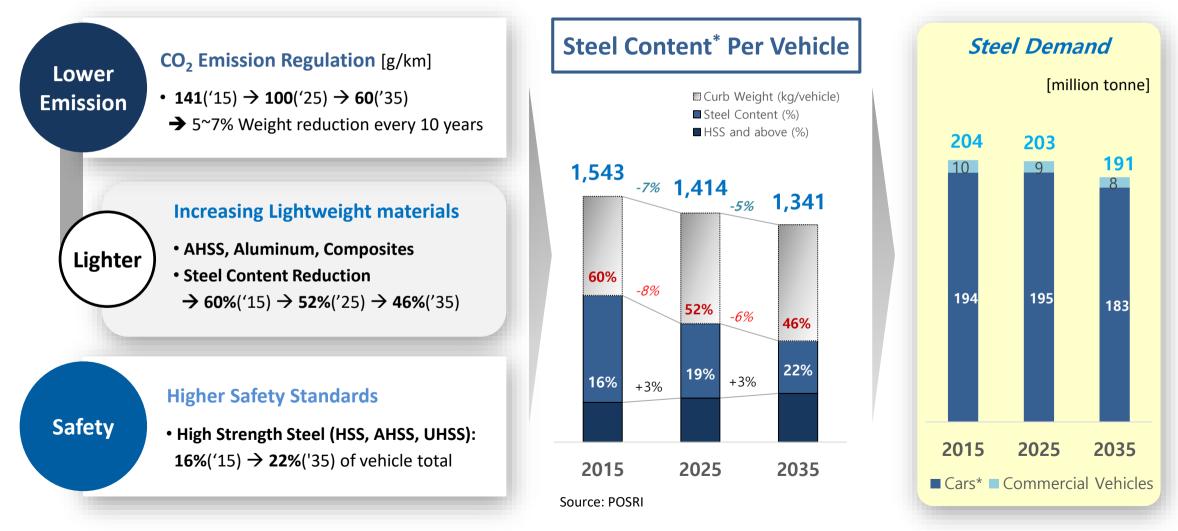


#### **Steel Contents & Demand**

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### Steel intensity declines as automobile materials become lighter and stronger owing to stricter standards for fuel efficiency, electrification and safety issue

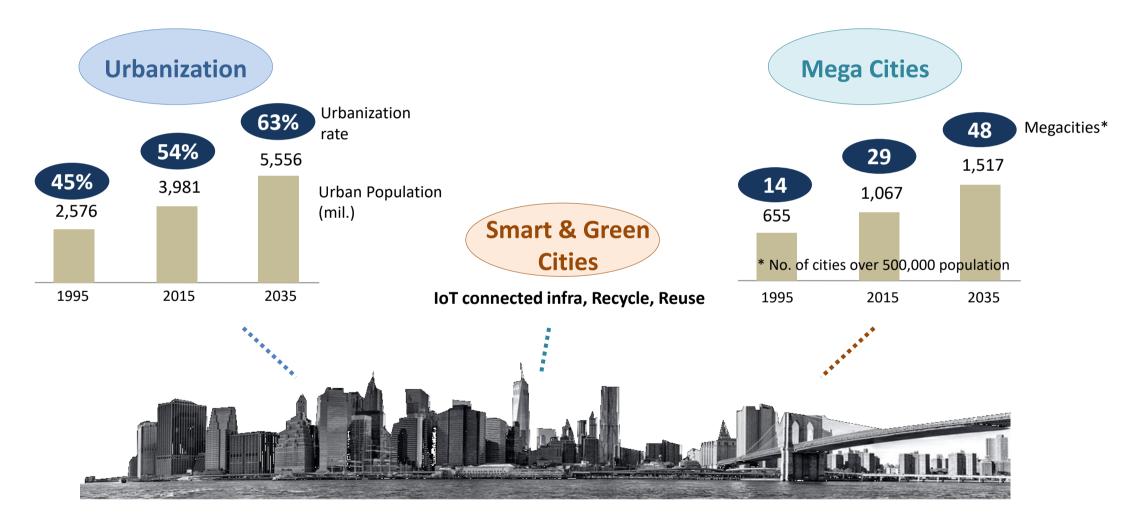


\* Steel Content: Finished Steel & Iron Products, Cars(Light Duty Vehicle): Curb weight under 6 ton

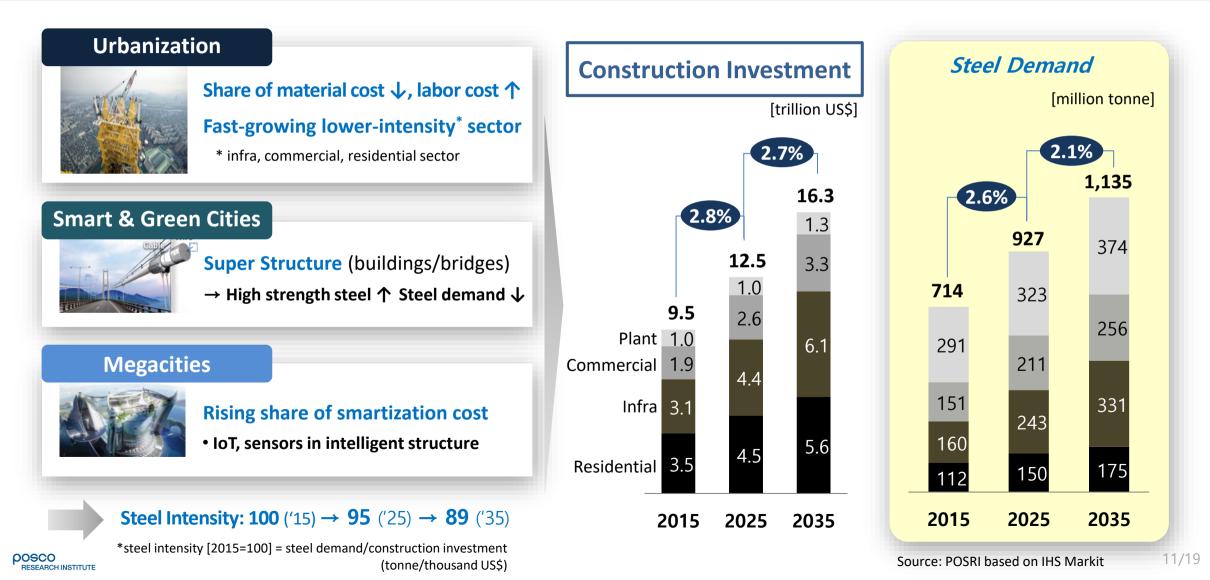
#### **Rising Megacities & Smart Cities**

### Under the trend of urbanization,

cities will be transformed into Mega City, Smart and Green City in the future



Global steel demand for construction will rise by 2.3% each year for the next 15 years, due to fast growing construction investment though steel intensity declines

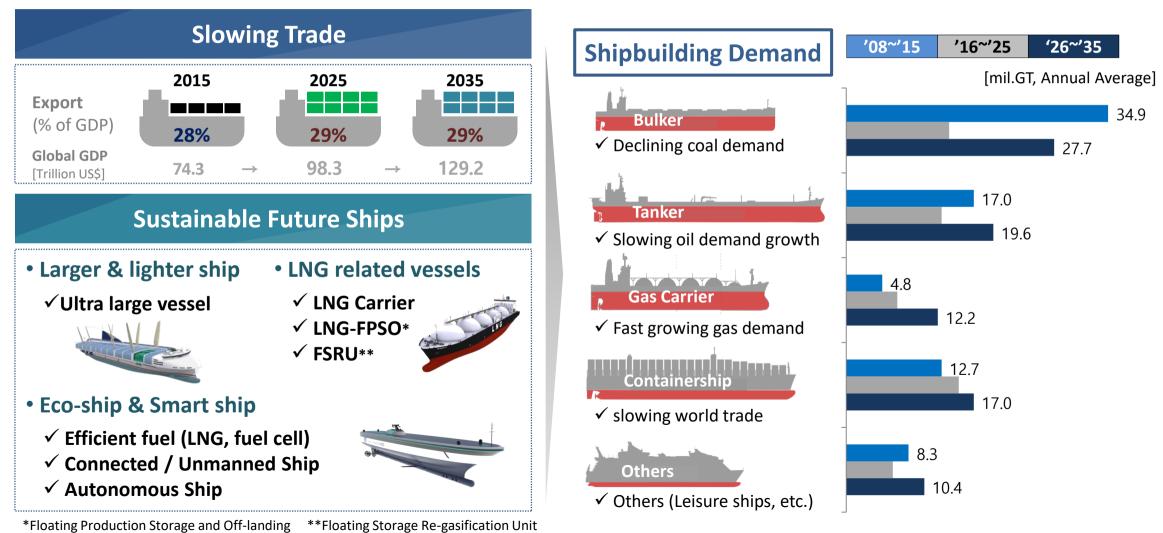


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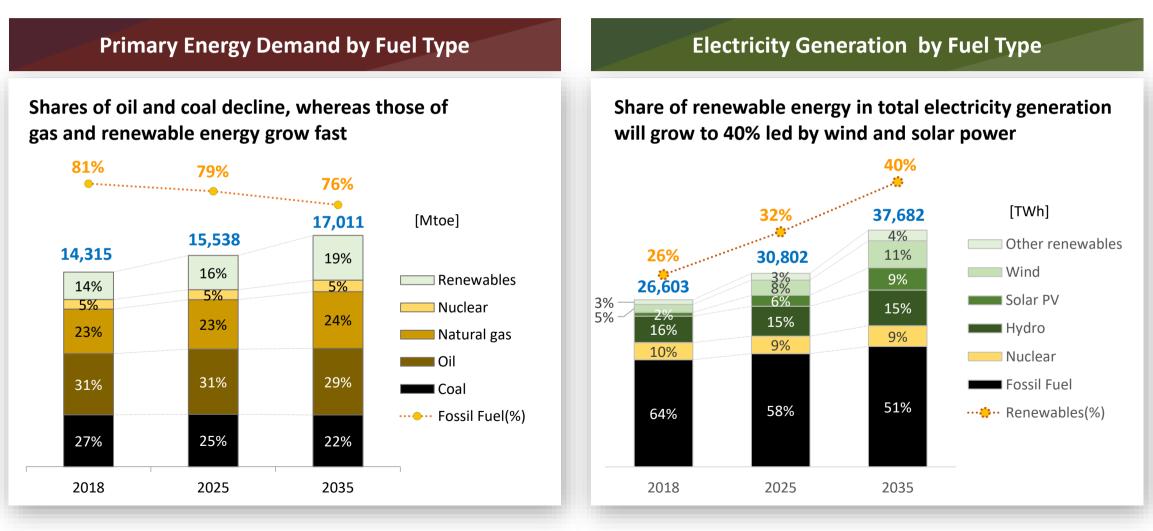
As deglobalization progresses, overcapacity will linger until 2025, meanwhile, eco-friendly natural gas trade will grow and eco- & smart ships lead the market



Source: Clarkson, POSRI

6. Energy

### Global energy demand is expected to grow until 2035 There will be a gradual transition toward renewable energy in the share of fuels



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\*Mtoe: Million tons of oil equivalent, TWh: Terrawatt hour

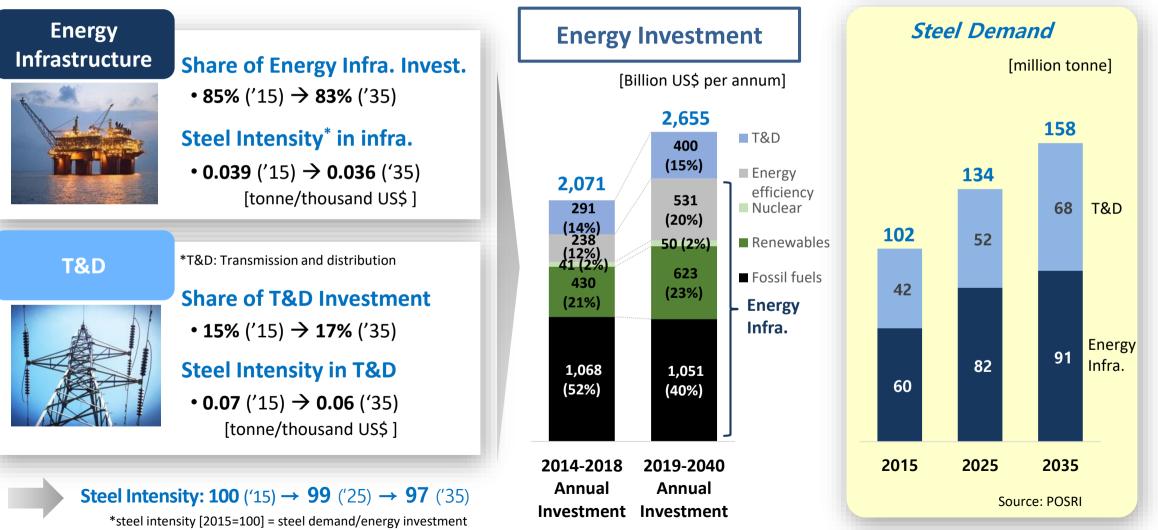
#### **Energy Investment & Steel Demand**

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#### 6. Energy

## Steel demand will rise with energy investment growth, although steel intensity of energy sector declines gradually



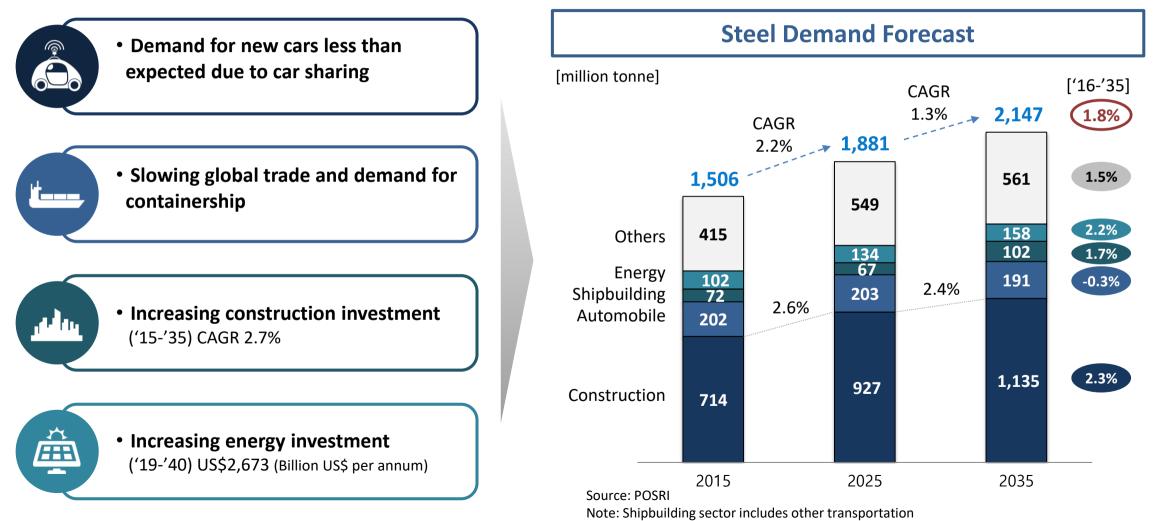
(tonne/thousand US\$) Source: World Energy Outlook 2019, IEA (New Policy Scenario)

#### **Global Steel Demand Forecast**

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## Under the new trends, global steel demand will still be on a growing path, even though growth rate moderates



Demand for other sectors is forecast using industrial production index

#### **Automotive**

### Demand is rising for high strength and highly formable steel with low cost, and the steel industry is delivering multi-material issues for automotive body and products

New

Product

Quality

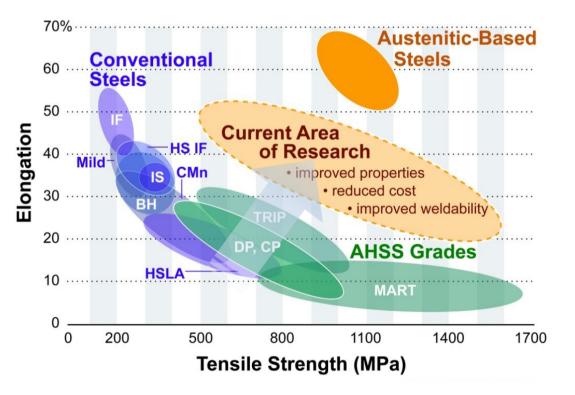
Improvement

Multi-

material

vehicles

#### **Research on Automotive Steel Sheet**



- \* DP (Dual Phase), TRIP (TRansformation Induced Plasticity),
- XF (eXtra Formable) steel, TWIP (TWinning Induced Plasticity),
- CP (Complex Phase), Mart (Martensitic) Steel, FB (Ferrite and Bainite)

- High strength & elongation with performance and versatility
- Expanded application of giga-pascal AHSS for lighter cars
- Highly efficient hyper NO for EV motors, bio-shield steel for sensors, vibration damping steel, etc.
- Resistant to cracking and adaptable to types of welding
  - LME (Liquid metal induced embrittlement)
- Hydrogen induced embrittlement
- High welding performance

- Machining & parts technology for multi-materials delivering
- Assembling multi-material body and parts
- Teardown & Recycling issue
- Galvanic corrosion problem

## Increasing demand for new steel products in line with urban regeneration and the rise of future architecture $\Rightarrow$ Pioneering B2B2C<sup>\*</sup> market with premium construction steel

\*Business to Business + Business to Customer



#### **Urban Concentration & mega structures**

- High-performance & multi-purpose CR
- Earthquake- & fire- resistant steel



#### **High speed transport infrastructure**

 New technology for infrastructure construction including hyperloop



#### Floating City and Underground City

- High performance marine steel
- High strength, high-corrosion resistant steel



\* POSCO's Premium Construction Brand "INNOVILT" example

#### **Shipbuilding and Energy**

### Customers' needs become more sophisticated and varying Demand is rising for high-strength, sour-resistant, high-performing cryogenic steel

#### Shipbuilding



- Gas carrier → Cryogenic gas carrier
- Container ship → High-strength container ship
- Bunker → Low cost bunker

#### Plant



#### **OCTG & Linepipe**



- LNG onshore plant (TANK) → Cryogenic, high strength
- Petrochemical plant (Pressure vessel) → Cryogenic, high strength
- Wind power (Tower, substructure) → Fatigue-resistant, marine steel
- OCTG → Sour-resistant, high-strength
- Linepipe → Sour-resistant, high-strength

- High-strength cryogenic steel for deep sea and pola region operations
- : high strength BCA, TMCP
- Maximization of abraison & fatigueresistance
- Thick steel plate for offshore wind tower Radiation shield steel for nuclear power
- High strength and sour-resistant steel for extreme conditions
  - : API Linepipe

## The steel industry will need to adapt to new trends in steel demand, and produce better and innovative products satisfying varying needs of customers

#### $\checkmark$ Challenges for the steel industry during the next decade are two-fold,

First, global excess capacity may continue to increase since crude capacity additions are rising Second, the steel industry needs to create new demand and satisfy increasing demand

### ✓ Global steel demand will grow to reduce the excess capacity that is expected under control

- Steel demand growth(1.8% annually) will fall short of GDP growth owing to falling steel intensity, however, steel demand will not peak in quantitative terms for the next 15 years
- Steel demand for construction and energy will grow above 2% annually, and for shipbuilding modestly while that of automobiles will be maintained

### ✓ Customer needs for more advanced steel products are rising and the steel industry will continue to evolve through:

- Continuous R&D and innovation to develop steel for eco-friendly car, smart city & infra, future ships, eco-friendly energy, etc and maintain its premiumization

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