

Other Hot Drinks in South Korea

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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

Other hot drinks faces challenges from declining birth rate and health trend

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Health trend hampers growth and prompts a shift to lower sugar products Challenge from rising cocoa prices

WHAT'S NEXT?

Value and volume declines anticipated due to the falling birth rate and changing consumer behaviour An increasing number of low sugar launches anticipated Opportunities by offering functional non-chocolate-based flavoured powder drinks

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Jetty and Mite from Dongsuh Foods remain staples for young children Smaller players take share from the leaders

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tea outperforms, as consumers look for small indulgences and healthy options

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Retail value growth, but volumes decline, and performances vary widely

The search for wellness in a chaotic world

Companies increasingly aim to offer affordable sustainability in hot drinks

Players use different strategies to address high prices and frustrated consumers

WHAT'S NEXT?

Convenient, healthy and sustainable products expected to drive growth Companies expected to innovate to meet changing consumer demands Moving forward, digital engagement will be critical for growth

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Dongsuh's wide portfolio and brand loyalty contribute to its continued lead

Nestlé performs well, especially in fresh ground coffee pods, but changes are ahead

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