

Coffee in Uruguay

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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

Coffee demand strengthened despite global supply pressures and rising consumer expectations

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Coffee retail sales increased as premiumisation and café culture expanded

Fresh ground coffee pods remained the fastest-growing segment thanks to premiumisation and accessibility

WHAT'S NEXT?

Coffee expected to sustain long-term growth as consumers gradually shift from yerba mate

Pod systems set to accelerate as compatible brands expand and premium formats gain reach

Digital channels and direct-to-consumer platforms to reshape access and assortment

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé del Uruguay SA strengthened its leading position through portfolio breadth and global backing Vanacity SA (Illy) emerged as the most dynamic player thanks to premium positioning

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Supermarkets remained the dominant channel as retail consolidation expanded access

E-commerce was the most dynamic channel fuelled by delivery apps and direct-to-consumer expansion

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Hot drinks performance supported by economic stability and improving consumer sentiment

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Category recovery strengthened as water-quality concerns eased and innovation increased Climate pressures reshaped global coffee sourcing, but café culture compensated locally Tea benefited from wellness and natural positioning despite seasonal limitations

WHAT'S NEXT?

Hot drinks expected to stabilise with gradual shifts in category composition

Wellness, natural ingredients and reformulation will drive tea and flavoured powder drinks trends

Premium coffee formats to gain relevance as consumers seek higher-quality experiences

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé del Uruguay SA maintained strong leadership supported by broad coverage and global capabilities Supermercados Disco SA was the most dynamic performer due to private label expansion

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