

# Concentrates in Japan

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#### 2025 PERFORMANCE

Concentrates offers an economical, sustainable and versatile soft drinks option

#### INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Liquid concentrates benefit from the value and convenience they offer

Competition from RTD sports drinks a hinderance to the growth of powder concentrates

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

New consumption occasions should help to fuel growth in liquid concentrates

Asahi under pressure to adjust to demographic changes

Concentrates: a sustainable choice for modern households

#### COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Asahi Soft Drinks retains a strong lead in concentrates with its Calpis brand

Ouchi Drink Bar proving to be a big success for Suntory

#### **CHANNELS**

Asahi looks to feed off the dominant position of supermarkets during "Calpis Day"

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Rising prices put pressure on volume sales in 2025

#### **KEY DATA FINDINGS**

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Price rises lead to a decline in off-trade volume sales of soft drinks in 2025

Functional soft drinks gain prominence

Innovation has become faster, riskier, and more culturally embedded

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Shrinking population likely to limit opportunities for volume growth
Healthy and natural products likely to attract more interest moving forward
Vending evolving as it looks to meet the needs of modern consumers

#### COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Coca-Cola and Suntory continue to invest in product development and innovation Nippon Del Monte finds success with new line of tomato juice

#### **CHANNELS**

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