



Self-Service Cafeterias in France

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Category remains constrained by mall footfall, even as motorway traffic lifts transport-led sites

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Mall-based footfall weakens performance drivers

Motorway recovery lifts transport-led cafeterias

Value-for-money abundance supports demand

WHAT'S NEXT?

Commercial zones will cap near-term momentum

Scaling digital self-service set to ease bottlenecks

High-end buffets likely to grow only where volume holds

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Affordability shapes menus and operating models

Tourism supports value growth, but consumers remain hesitant

Delivery and to-go rise while value remains the constraint

WHAT'S NEXT?

Confidence remains fragile, keeping anticipated growth below average

Limited-service restaurants and street stalls/kiosks as best-positioned

Hybridisation, digitisation and dark kitchens to deepen competition

Sustainability and corporate social responsibility become both constraint and opportunity

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

McDonald's stays number one, while Burger King raises marketing intensity

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