

Carbonates in China

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Carbonates faces structural changes

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Health concerns and lack of meaningful innovation weakens carbonate consumption

Reduced-sugar RTD tea and emergence of domestic brands draws consumers away from cola carbonates

WHAT'S NEXT?

Further structural decline is evident for carbonates

Cross-category innovation to create variety of sparkling beverages

Sustainable initiatives are embraced to resonate with eco-conscious consumers

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Health factors bear heavy influence on soft drinks
Consumers are willing to pay for convenience and instant delivery
Local cultural traditions increasingly shape product developments

WHAT'S NEXT?

Stable outlook for soft drinks
Players will capitalise on more discerning tastes
High growth of reduced-sugar RTD tea will continue

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