

Carbonates in the US

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Recovery opportunities appear in carbonates

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Energy drinks presents a strong substitution option

Newer brands differentiate through wellness and product attributes

WHAT'S NEXT?

Investment is required to maintain the strength of carbonates within soft drinks

Al is a transformative force in carbonates

MAHA initiative to consolidate impact on carbonates in the forecast period

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

The Coca-Cola Co leads as the competitive landscape develops and intensifies

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Functional beverages witness rapid transformation

Affordability remains a key concern

Slower but significant new product development

WHAT'S NEXT?

Value sales to outpace volume sales in growth terms amid a focus on wellness trends

Players to invest in innovation and marketing to gain a competitive edge

Climatic imprint on soft drinks

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