



Carbonates in Italy

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Reduced sugar variants are reshaping the carbonates landscape

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Authenticity and local sourcing drive to innovation in carbonates

Carbonates poised for premiumisation as consumer spending recovers

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Mixed fortunes, with health trends and competition reshaping soft drinks
Demand for reduced sugar products surges despite sugar tax postponement
Functionality and wellness drive innovation in soft drinks, reshaping the dynamics

WHAT NEXT?

Energy drinks and functional bottled water to drive modest growth
Italian sugar tax set to reshape soft drinks, driving a shift to reduced sugar options
Functionality and premiumisation set to dominate soft drinks trends

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