

# RTD Tea in Italy

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RTD tea faces headwinds due to competition and health trends

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Competition and health concerns drive decline for RTD tea

Growth in reduced sugar RTD tea tempered by concerns about artificial sweeteners

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Value growth expected despite volume decline as manufacturer re-engage Lipton Ice Tea's "Tea Changes Everything" campaign in the Italian market Kombucha poised for growth in the health-conscious Italian market

#### COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

San Benedetto continues to lead RTD tea while Ferrero prioritises volume over value Santhè leads growth in RTD tea with a dynamic clean-label strategy

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Soft drinks sees modest growth amidst health trends, channel shifts, and price rises

## **KEY DATA FINDINGS**

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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

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

San Benedetto leads in volume terms, while Coca-Cola leads value sales waterdrop revitalises powder concentrates with dynamic innovation and health focus

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