

# Hot Drinks in Hungary

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High prices, global supply disruption and weakening consumer confidence shape a challenging year for hot drinks

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#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Modest value growth ahead as stabilising inflation, improved availability and renewed category engagement support recovery

Coffee culture remains the dominant long-term force as home-brewing, RTD formats and premium experiences drive modernisation

Functional innovation and health-aligned reformulation will accelerate across hot drinks, with fruit/herbal tea and cocoa leading diversification

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé retains market leadership but faces pressure from structural declines in instant coffee and intensifying competition Bedeco returns as the most dynamic company, capturing momentum through nostalgic branding and modern wellness positioning

## **CHANNELS**

Supermarkets and hypermarkets remain dominant, but discounters gain ground as affordability becomes critical E-commerce accelerates as digital convenience, improved assortment and younger shopper engagement drive structural growth

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High prices constrain demand while premium beans and pods demonstrate resilience

Fresh ground coffee pods lead category growth due to premium convenience and expanding machine penetration

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Market stabilisation and fresh coffee growth expected as inflation eases and premium home-brewing culture strengthens Digital innovation, upgraded private label and technology-driven convenience accelerate competitive intensity Sustainability, wellness and RTD innovation become structural growth engines

# COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Tchibo Budapest Kft retains leadership through strong omnichannel presence and ongoing brand renewal Segafredo Zanetti Magyarország Kft emerges as the fastest-growing player as premium beans gain traction

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

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## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

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# COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé Hungária Kft consolidates category leadership with a two-tier portfolio spanning family staples and premium indulgence Bedeco Kft emerges as the most dynamic player as a retro brand is reborn for the wellness era

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