



Other Hot Drinks in Ecuador

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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

Other hot drinks remain in a volume slump due to high prices of cocoa

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The key performance driver is the significance of chocolate-based flavoured powder drinks

Producers seek to expand the uses of cocoa

WHAT'S NEXT?

Relatively flat sales for other hot drinks, with some support from on-trade and the rise of specialty chocolateries

Innovation to drive growth in Ecuador's other hot drinks

Sugar content — a key issue for health and wellness trends

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Universal Sweet Industries maintains lead thanks to strong position of its flagship La Universal Cocoa

Choco Listo brand benefits from ease of preparation, strong marketing, and wide availability

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Value sales rebound due to high prices, while volume consumption remains in a slump overall

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High prices of coffee and cocoa boost value sales, while consumers seek cost savings

Leading players attract consumers to fresh coffee with smaller formats at more affordable prices

Foodservice sees positive volume growth, helping to support total category performance

WHAT'S NEXT?

Volume sales of hot drinks will recover to a flat performance

Consumer awareness and lifestyle trends will boost interest in fresh coffee and functional teas

Health and wellness trends create challenges for high-sugar other hot drinks

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

GBO Grupo Empresarial Mariposa Corp benefits from being the owner of leading local players

Players benefit from targeted offerings and offering smaller pack sizes to meet different consumer budgets

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