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

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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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Small local grocers continue to benefit from affordable options and pack sizes to fit all budgets
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Healthy value growth driven by high prices, while volume remains in a slump

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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Polarisation seen with consumers willing to trade up to a superior coffee experience

WHAT'S NEXT?

Expanding consumption and the rise of on-trade channels will continue to benefit coffee

Affordable formats will remain a key driving force

Coffee as a functional beverage: energy, productivity, and lifestyle drivers

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

GBO Mariposa Corp supports its instant coffee brands with its full logistical strengths

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Sales of tea rebound back into low positive growth in both value and volume terms

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Tea benefits from affordability and steady consumption — particularly with the return of cooler temperatures

Fruit/herbal tea benefits from local traditions and functional formulations

WHAT'S NEXT?

Limited distribution and weak brand activity constrain growth

Storytelling — a key to boost sales over the forecast period

Ecuadorian biodiversity — a factor that can relate tea with health and wellness

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Pusuquí Grande & Anexos maintains lead with no real competition, due to low activity in tea
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2025 DEVELOPMENTS

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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
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