

Hot Drinks in Italy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hot drinks continues to experience price challenges but premiumisation is evident

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Mixed performance for hot drinks but perceived healthier options attract consumers Innovation focuses on sustainability in coffee

Rising preference for bean and pod formats impacts standard fresh ground coffee Strong emphasis on wellness and functionality within tea

WHAT'S NEXT?

Convenience and health trends to drive future demand for hot drinks

Further innovation in sustainable packaging and sophisticated drinks solutions

At-home consumption of hot drinks set to further decline

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Vending offers growth potential as alternative channel outside of the home

Sustainability set to influence innovative packaging solutions

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Luigi Lavazza SpA retains lead of consolidated competitive landscape

Smaller players show dynamism, while L'Aromatica focuses on its pod formats

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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