



Cafés/Bars in the US

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Innovation and polarisation in cafés/bars

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Chained juice/smoothie bars benefits from a visible focus on whole foods and health

An on-the-go society continues to demand customisation and speed from its caffeine

WHAT'S NEXT?

Growth to abound for beverages, an area with endless customisation and potential

Fulfilment in cafés/bars set to head in opposite directions over the forecast period

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Brands adapt to capture value-conscious diners demanding convenience

Loyalty programmes and experiences connect with customers in a price-sensitive world

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Sustainability and health policy shifts

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