



# Rice, Pasta and Noodles in Germany

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Rising interest in convenience and freshness

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Chilled pasta benefits from evolution of consumer demand towards convenience and freshness

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Convenience and health tilt the category upward despite near-term pressure

Protein and vegan-positioned lines may move from niche to mainstream

Social commerce and viral noodle trends fuel youth-driven growth

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Barilla remains the leader but comes under increasing private label pressure

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