

# Cooking Ingredients and Meals in Malaysia

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Solid performance for cooking ingredients and meals

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Price sensitive shoppers seek value as health and convenience remain of key importance

Government aid boosts sales of cooking ingredients and meals

Strong home cooking trend encourages a steady stream of new products delivering convenience and value for money

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Government aid will support demand for cooking ingredients and meals

Adoption of air fryers will inspire sauce and marinade developments

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Lam Soon (M) Bhd leads with its core presence in edible oils

Tricious Foods Sdn Bhd is stand out player with success in frozen ready meals

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Health-forward innovation is expected to accelerate

Government aid for low-income families will provide extra support to edible oils category

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Consumers will seek value-driven promotions and convenient meal solutions

"Better for you" and high protein meals to gain traction and embrace the overriding focus on health

Government aid programmes to drive demand for affordable and convenient shelf stable meals and soups

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Leading player benefits from strong brand portfolio and Gulong's value-positioning Domestic players improve their position

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Consumption set to rise amid price sensitivity and government aid

Value, versatility and wellness features will spur growth amid price sensitivity

Innovative liquid sauces catering to air fryer trends and local tastes will boost category growth

# COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Ajinomoto (M) Sdn Bhd secures lead through brand loyalty and innovation Smaller brands are gaining traction posing threat to leading players San Remo Macaroni Co and Zara Foodstuff Industries display strong performances

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Value growth driven by rising prices and more discerning choices
Players drive sales growth with innovative nut and seed based spreads

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Maturity of sweet spreads category will drive value-focused strategies as price sensitivity remains heightened
Health-led innovation supports growth of sweet spreads as brands focus on functional, natural and better-for-you offerings
Stricter labelling laws for imported sweet spreads could give local brands a competitive advantage

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Ferrero SpA is stand out player employing innovative marketing strategies Lotus Bakeries NV leverages strategic partnerships to bolster position

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