

Staple Foods in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Health and wellness trends continue to influence product innovations and purchasing behaviours

Various sustainability trends noted in staple foods

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Ongoing positive sales supported by baseline demand and elevated prices

A dual focus on health and wellness and cost efficiency expected

Costs remain under pressure and government price controls remain

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Artisanal producers lead staple foods, thanks to cultural relevance of fresh bread and pastries

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Price control measures squeeze profit margins on baked goods

Unpackaged pastries benefit from traditional, cultural relevance

WHAT'S NEXT?

Stable growth for baked goods thanks to baseline demand and frequent new product launches to sustain consumer interest Health and wellness trends will influence new product developments

Sustainability trends gain momentum as waste reduction and energy efficiency drive change

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Artisanal continues to dominate unpackaged products and overall lead

Gusto E Sapore sees strongest growth thanks to steady gains in packaged cakes

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Baseline demand continues despite high prices, with health and wellness trends playing a part Hot cereals benefits from wholesome image and convenience

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ongoing positive sales supported by healthy options in breakfast cereals alongside high prices Health and wellness trends will be key in new product developments Sustainability gains importance as packaging policies lead the way

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Nestlé maintains leadership thanks to strong brand image, robust distribution network, and health and wellness innovations Viola brand benefits from focus on healthy muesli and granola

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Processed options benefit from being more affordable than fresh alternatives

Frozen processed fruit and vegetables align with healthy eating trends

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ongoing positive sales supported by baseline demand and high prices

Health and wellness trends will support sales and inspire new product innovations

Online expansion and sustainable packaging initiatives are supporting developments in processed fruit and vegetables

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Ledo maintains lead thanks to strong positioning in frozen fruit

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CHANNELS

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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Frozen processed seafood benefits from affordability and convenience

WHAT'S NEXT?

Positive sales will continue, with convenience expected to remain a key sales driver

Health and wellness trends inspire high-protein options

Potential for prices to stabilise over the forecast period

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Akova Group maintains lead thanks to wide portfolio and strong distribution

Zlatiborac benefits from an expanded presence, strong innovation, and a focus on sustainability

CHANNELS

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A stable performance due to baseline demand and high prices

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Baseline demand supported by relative affordability and versatility of rice, pasta and noodles Chilled pasta benefits from fresh and high-quality image

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ongoing positive sales thanks to essential nature of products

Health trends will inspire ongoing new product developments

Price control efforts aim to stabilise costs

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Barilla maintains lead thanks to success in pasta

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CHANNELS

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