

Meals and Soups in Portugal

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Retailers drive growth by expanding range of ready meals

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Ready meals gain momentum as consumers seek quick and affordable options Private label brands strengthen their position through quality and variety

WHAT'S NEXT?

Category expected to continue growing as convenience remains a key driver Health-conscious innovation shapes new product development Sustainability and cultural adaptation gain importance

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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Cooking Ingredients and Meals in Portugal - Industry Overview

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Widening product range in many areas supports growth

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Convenience remains a key driver as consumers seek time-saving solutions

Growing demand for affordable, traditional meal options

Health and naturalness continue to shape consumer preferences

Price sensitivity influences purchasing behaviour

WHAT'S NEXT?

Steady forecast growth with stronger focus on affordability and value Convenience and meal solutions to lead category development Sustainability and innovation to remain central themes

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Sonae maintains category leadership through private label strength
Unilever sustains a strong branded portfolio and marketing investment
Nueva Pescanova emerges as the most dynamic player
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Supermarkets remain dominant, supported by expansion and promotions

E-commerce drives dynamism through convenience and alignment with in-store offers

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