

Navigating Geopolitical Risks: Strategies for FMCGs

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

Geopolitical risks redefine FMCG strategies worldwide

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Rising geopolitical risks affect FMCG companies across the value chain

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The risk of taking no action is high as uncertainty rises FMCG strategies amid rising geopolitical risks

SMART NEARSHORING AND RESHORING

Nearshoring was driven by diversification beyond China over 2019-2024 Zara diversifies risks and shortens lead times by nearshoring Rising trade volatility in 2025 accelerates near- and re-shoring strategies Newell scales down production in China amidst tariff concerns Companies will be investing in flexible solutions to mitigate future risks

DIVERSIFYING INTO GROWTH EMERGING MARKETS

Growth emerging markets offer opportunity for diversifying beyond China Growing urban middle class opens new markets for a range of consumer goods L'Oréal captures growing premium beauty segment while also maintaining mass Demand for low-cost essentials remains high as the consumer base expands Unilever secures low-income reach while addressing environmental concerns Dual strategy for penetrating diverse consumer groups in emerging markets

SHARPENING CHINA STRATEGY

FMCG companies relocate from China due to increasing risks and challenges...
... while relocation is limited by lack of supporting industries
Shein adjusts its business model to mitigate tariff impact
China's diverse consumer segments require tailored, fast and digital strategies
Proya gaining ground with affordable premium skin care offer
Mitigating supply chain risks while precisely targeting consumer markets

CONCLUSION

Key strategies form FMCG strategies to navigate geopolitical risks Questions we are asking

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