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"Health and naturalness will remain important sales drivers in the market in the coming years. Innovating with plant-derived sweeteners and using the 'no added sugar' claim should be an effective way for brands to promote their health credentials."

- Chris Wisson, Senior Drinks Analyst

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Driving further growth of the super-concentrates segment
- · Improving understanding of sugar and sweeteners could be beneficial
- · Appealing to households' different flavour and functional preferences

Squashes and cordials remain popular among Brits. The category has evolved in recent years, firstly into double concentrates and over the past three years, into super-concentrate 'pocket' squashes. This has helped to boost the average price of these drinks but has also crucially opened them up to out-of-home usage occasions. The popularity of the concentrates has contributed to the notable decline in volume sales in the market since 2010, a trend which is expected to continue – albeit at a slower rate – in the coming years.

Value sales have also struggled over the past two years, with the off-trade faring worse than on-trade. While the poor weather over the key summer season is partly responsible for this decline, other soft drink categories such as bottled waters and carbonates have not suffered as badly.

Along with other soft drinks, squashes and cordials are also under the spotlight with regards to their sugar content. 'No added sugar' variants have become common, with many brands reformulating their drinks to make them healthier and to keep on the right side of both the government but also retailers such as Tesco. The use of sugar and sweeteners is likely to remain a key industry issue in the coming years.

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