

Inflation Surge: Packaged and Fresh Food

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Persistent and broadening inflation significantly reduces consumer spending power

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INFLATION SURGE IMPACT ON FOOD

The many layers of global inflation

Industry impact: Rising commodity, labour and logistics costs

Deconstructing inflation drivers for the food industry

Company impact: Price increases, target revisions and reformulations

National protectionism drives up commodity prices further

Fresh food: Growth in cost of commodities, fertilisers, labour and logistics affects prices

Staples: Categories heavily dependent on cereals are particularly hit by the war

Category focus: Bread across the world

Dairy products: Costs of fuel, fertilisers and feed affect prices of milk, yoghurt and cheese

Snacks: High increase in ingredient costs leads manufacturers to adjust recipes

Category focus: Tablets in the US

Cooking ingredients and meals: Edible oils and table sauces particularly affected

Category focus: Edible oils in the world

Food product positioning: Organic claims victims of dwindling consumer confidence

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