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Health-focused innovation and indigenous herbal teas drive growth for tea in South Africa

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Fruit/herbal tea drives growth with green tea also rising

WHAT'S NEXT?

Both value and volume sales set to rise in response to demand for functional hot drinks and cross-category innovation

Developments in agriculture streamline processing methods

Rooibos and honeybush will continue to attract through health profile

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Younger consumers opt for on-trade experiences

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