



Cafés/Bars in China

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Average spend per transaction continues to fall

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Saturation and polarisation will temper growth potential

Delivery services set to gain importance in specialist coffee and tea shops

Frequent innovation will be necessary for chains to maintain consumer interest

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Average spend per foodservice transaction shrinks in 2025

Delivery is the fastest growing fulfilment channel

Subscription-style loyalty programmes gain popularity

WHAT'S NEXT?

Value-seeking consumer behaviour will bring greater consolidation and polarisation

Regional cuisine, localisation and healthier choices will be key areas for innovation

Sustainability credentials set to become a more important point of competition

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