

# Spirits in Japan

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Spirits continues to decline due to poor performance of shochu/soju

Suntory Spirits Ltd continues to lead spirits in Japan

On-trade sales and share continue to rebound in 2024, but remain low compared with 2019

## PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Continued decline expected, as many younger consumers favour drinks other than shochu/soju

Popularity of whiskies set to continue to rise

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