

Cigarettes in India

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2023 DEVELOPMENTS

Increased office occupancy, moderate price hikes, and focus on premiumisation aids the growth of cigarettes in India ITC Ltd leads the oligopolistic cigarettes category in the country, on the back of a robust portfolio and vast distribution Marlboro brand grows significantly on the back of the use of Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco, affordability, and availability

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Inflation for Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco could impede the momentum of the category India likely to remain a single-stick consumption market, owing to macroeconomic factors High illicit consumption continues to pose a threat to legal sales

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