

Top Four Trends in Packaging

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Our expert's view of the Packaging industry

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The packaging industry grows, exceeding four trillion packs in 2023, despite cost pressures

Mitigating cost and environmental pressures are at the crux of packaging development

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PRICE PRESSURES PERSIST

Value-for-money is top consumer priority

Varied sizing strategies, a way for brands to balance high costs with affordability

Kérastase's larger "value" pouch brings consumers cost savings and less plastic

The potential for brand packaging growth in an era of price pressures

PACKAGING CIRCULARITY INNOVATION

Businesses recognise need to deliver packaging circularity to concerned consumers

It pays to pursue circularity as sustainable products provide better growth prospects

Clean Cult: From DTC to in-store at Walmart to extend reach of refill and reduce plastic use

Coca-Cola India strengthens commitment to the circular economy with rPET

Widespread innovation potential and desire for packaging circularity

RISE OF REGULATION

Regulation is a catalyst for specifying more responsible packaging

The power of partnership in pushing for new regulation and circularity progress

Re-turn: Ireland's DRS collects more than 600 million packs in seven months since launch

Suntory launches foldable recycled PET bottle to improve recycling

Regulation brings opportunities to advance recycled content and re-use

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Digitalisation to optimise efficiency, eco-friendly solutions and be engaging for all

Inclusive: Unilever adopts AQR codes for consumers with sight loss

Aldi UK uses Al to imbue transparency in tracking the recycling of flexible plastics

Harness digital technologies to drive business, consumer and environmental gains

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Global retail packaging demand by industry and material group

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