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"Encouraging consumers to trade up to better quality is possible given that 62% of drinkers think that it is worth paying more for better quality. The key to this is conveying tangible reasons for the higher price, for example the use of high-quality ingredients or limited batches."

— Chris Wisson, Senior Drinks Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- The decline in alcohol consumption prompts need to encourage trading up
- Lessons to learn from cider
- Projecting sophistication to progress in dining occasions
- Scope for growth for specialist outlets

Drinking at home remains popular among the majority of adults in the UK. This has helped the off-trade market to perform more strongly than the on-trade which has seen a significant decline in recent years, primarily the result of the significantly higher prices.

However, the value growth masks a marginal volume sales decline since 2009 which is expected to persist over the next five years. Government intervention to remove most of the alcohol tax escalators in 2014 was good news for the industry. However, consumers are continuing to cut back further on drinking, primarily on financial and health grounds.

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