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"The spotlight on plastic packaging and the environment is already driving change in the drinks market, while health concerns present a challenge and an opportunity."

- Alyson Parkes, Research Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Plastic concerns bode well for DRS and bottle refill schemes
- Opportunity for portion control packaging in drinks

Consumer openness to using a deposit return scheme bodes well for its implementation, meanwhile, portion control packaging and nutrition labelling can appeal, helping consumers to feel they are making informed decisions.

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 \dots and to double the amount of recycled plastic in bottles by 2020 in the UK

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Evian commits to use 100% recycled plastic by 2025

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