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Condiments Industry Independent Market Research

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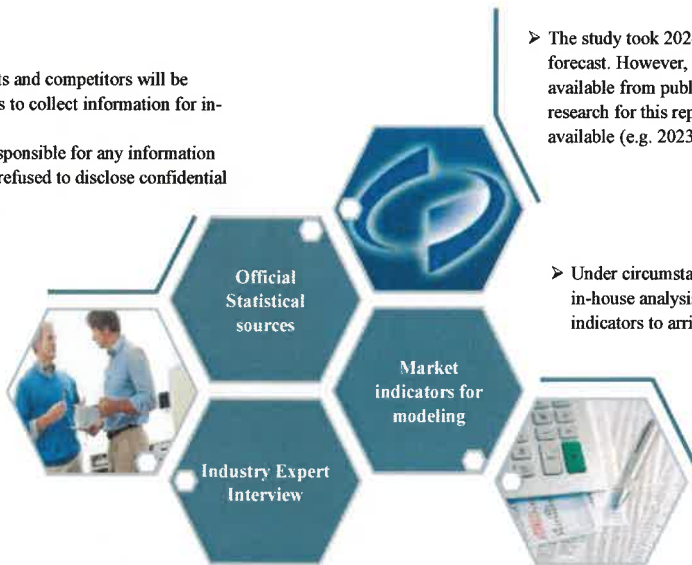
The project scope is defined as follows:

Research Period	- Historical Year: 2019-2023 - Base Year: 2024 - Forecast Year: 2025-2029E
Geographic Scope	- Globe - China
Target Market	- Overview of Global Condiments Industry - Overview of China's Condiments Industry

Limitations

Source of Information

- Interviews with industry experts and competitors will be conducted on a best-effort basis to collect information for in-depth analysis for this report.
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 - ✓ Integration with the market challenges
 - ✓ Integration of the Market Engineering Measurement trends
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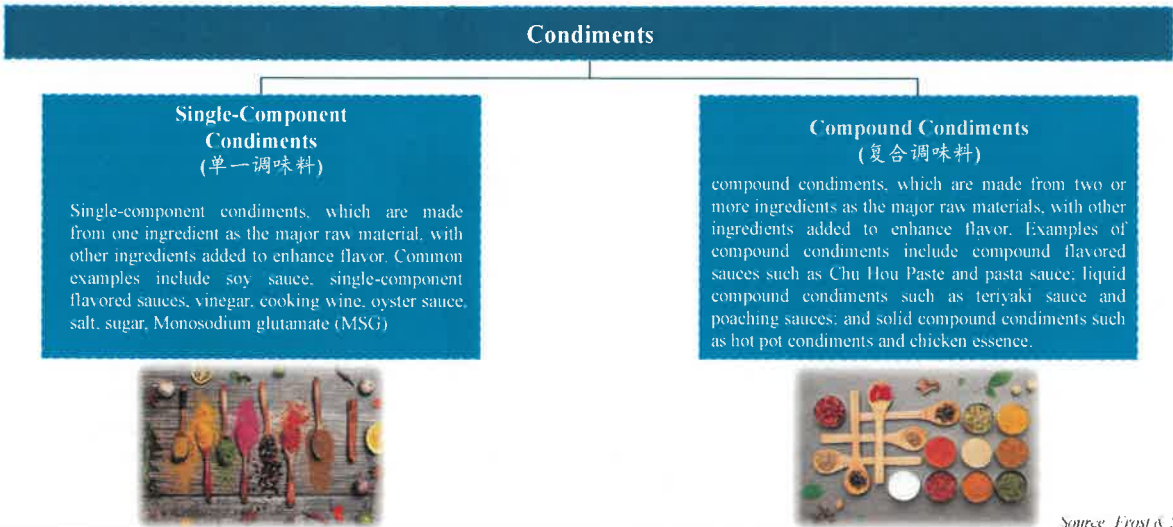
Definition & Classification

Definition



- Condiments are widely used in diet, cooking, and food processing to enhance flavors, improve aroma, and neutralize odors.
- As a key component of daily dining, condiments maintain stable demand and exhibit low sensitivity to the changes in the economic environment, resulting in strong anti-cyclical characteristics.

Classification

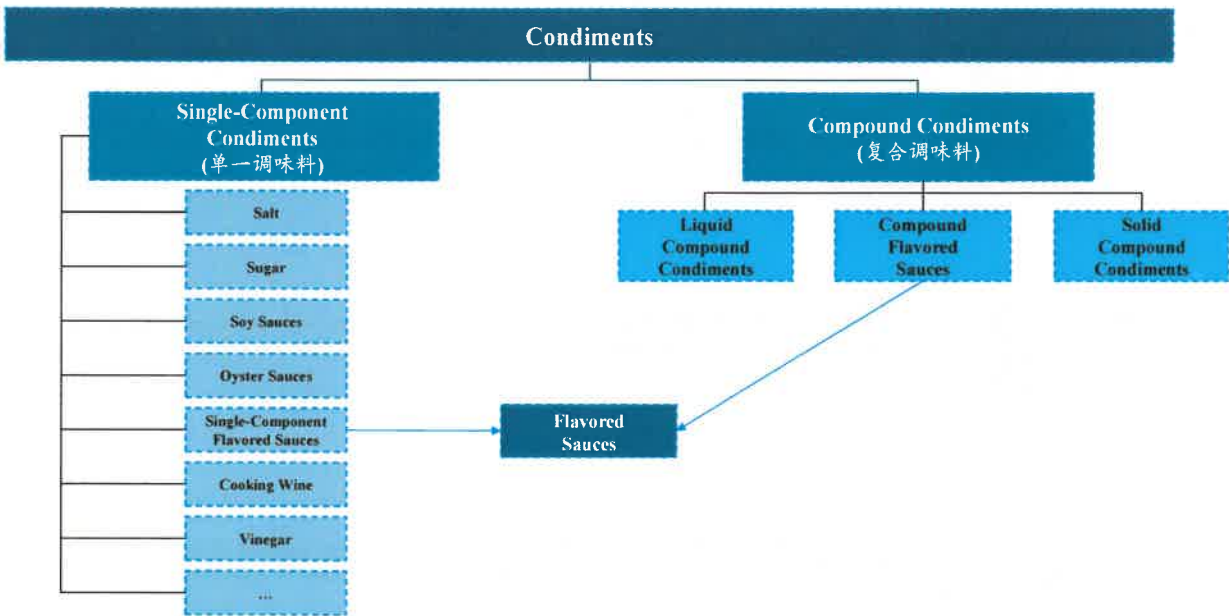


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Definition & Classification

Single-Component
Condiments



- **Salt**—Also known as table salt, with sodium chloride as the main component, used for cooking, seasoning, pickling. According to its production and processing methods, salt can be divided into refined salt, crushed washing salt, sun-dried salt.



- **Cooking Wine**—A liquid condiments specifically used for cooking, usually made from yellow rice wine or rice wine as the major raw material and blending with spices, salt, sugar and other ingredients.



- **Sugar**—Generally used for flavoring, which refers to white granulated sugar or milky white sugar refined from sugar cane or sugar beet. Also, sugar also includes starch syrup, caramel, glucose, lactose and so forth.



- **Single-Component Flavored Sauces**—made from one ingredient as the major raw material, with other ingredients added to enhance flavor. Examples include bean sauce, wheat sauce, etc.



- **Soy Sauces**—A liquid condiments made from grains such as soybeans and/or defatted soybeans, as the major raw material, blended with water, salt, and other ingredients to create its distinctive color, aroma, and taste



- **Vinegar**—A liquid acidic condiments produced with ingredients including starch, sugar or edible alcohol, either individually or as a mixture



- **Oyster Sauces**—Mainly made by concentrating steamed and boiled oyster extracts or directly enzymatically hydrolyzing the oyster meat, with sugar, salt, and other ingredients. Originated from Guangdong Province, China.



- **Monosodium glutamate (MSG)**—A white crystal or powder containing 99.0% monosodium with special freshness, which is refined by microbial fermentation to extract, neutralize, and crystallize, with amylose and sugar as the raw material.

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Overview of Global Condiments Industry
Definition & Classification

Compound Condiments

Liquid
Compound
Condiments



- Generally refers to compound condiments in liquid formats, with two or more ingredients as the main raw material, with or without the addition of auxiliary materials, processed into a liquid compound flavoring, such as teriyaki sauce, poaching sauces, etc.

Compound
Flavored
Sauces



- Generally refers to compound condiments in a semi-liquid format, with two or more ingredients as the main raw material, with or without the addition of auxiliary materials, processed into a sauce-like composite condiments, such as Chu Hou Paste, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, etc.

Solid
Compound
Condiments



- Generally refers to compound condiments in solid formats, with two or more ingredients as the main raw material, with or without the addition of auxiliary materials, processed into a solid compound flavoring, such as hot pot condiments, chicken essence, etc.

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Definition & Classification

Flavored Sauces



- Generally refers to cooking sauces and table sauces, which can be added before or during cooking, or can be added to final dishes after cooking, such as barbecue sauce, sweet and sour sauce, etc.
- Classified by single-component flavored sauces and compound flavored sauces:
 - ✓ *Single-Component Flavored Sauces*—Made from one ingredient as the major raw material, with other ingredients added to enhance flavor. Examples include bean sauce, wheat sauce, etc.
 - ✓ *Compound Flavored Sauces*—Generally refers to compound condiments in a semi-liquid format, with two or more ingredients as the main raw material, with or without the addition of auxiliary materials, processed into a sauce-like composite condiments, such as Chu Hou Paste, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, etc.

Soy Sauce-based Condiments



- Generally refers to a type of condiments that is primarily based on soy sauce as its raw material, such products have a distinct soy sauce flavor, such as poaching sauce, teriyaki sauce, vinaigrette, etc.

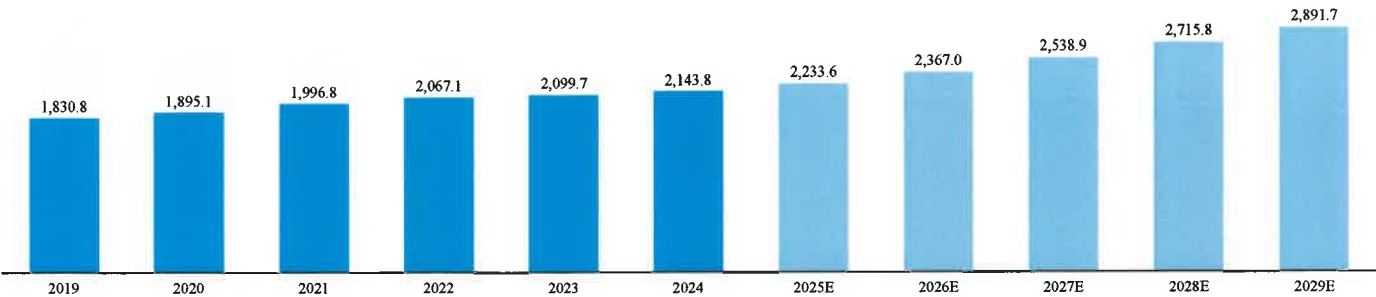
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Overview of Global Condiments Industry

Market Size of Global Condiments Industry

Market Size of Global Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E

	CAGR	2019-2024	2024-2029E
Condiments		3.2%	6.2%



Key Finding

- As one of the most frequently used products in the consumer's daily diet, catering industry and food processing industry, the consumption demand for condiments is relatively stable, and the market size of global condiments industry has maintained a stable growth trend with a CAGR of approximately 3.2% from 2019 to 2024.
- In particular, the global market has fluctuated in the past few years due to the pandemic. However, it is expected that the global condiments market will recover and achieve sustained positive growth in the future, achieving a CAGR of approximately 6.2% from 2024 to 2029.

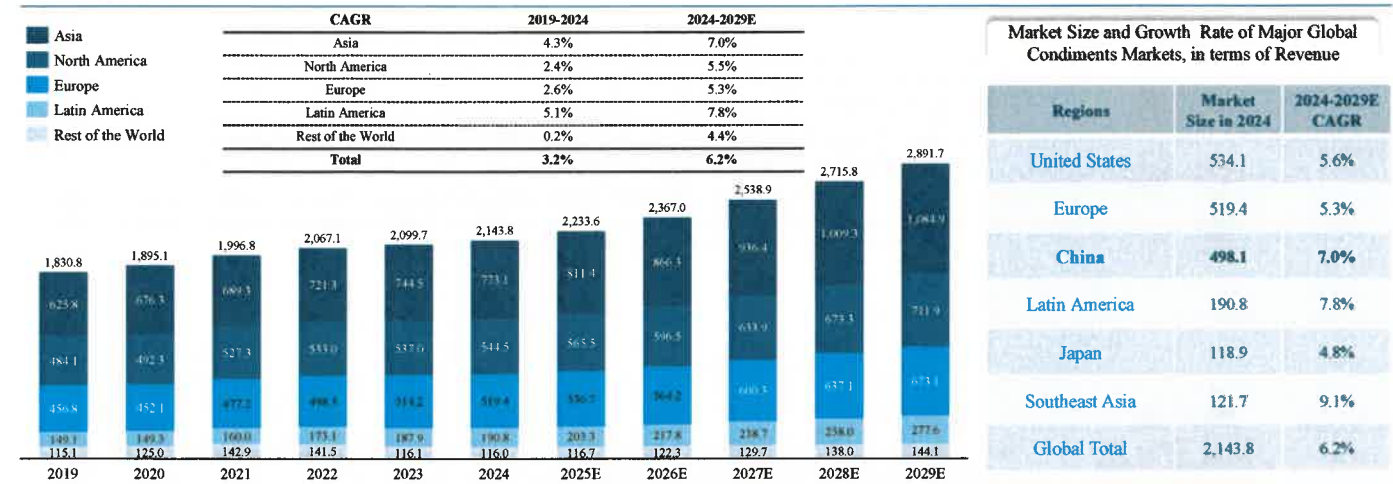
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Overview of Global Condiments Industry

Market Size of Global Condiments Industry

Market Size of Global Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue, breakdown by Region

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- Among all regions in the world, Asia has occupied the largest share of the market size of global condiments industry with its large scale of population, which has formed a considerable consumer base of condiments. Meanwhile, North America and Europe was the second and third largest condiments market in the world, and has continuously remain a relatively stable growth trend over the years, which mainly due to their well-developed economic level and highly cultivated condiments consumption habit of consumers.
- The United States, Europe and China are the three largest regions in the global condiments market, with market sizes reaching RMB534.1 billion, RMB519.4 billion and RMB498.1 billion in 2024, respectively. Between 2024 and 2029, the Southeast Asian markets are expected to experience the fastest growth among major global markets.

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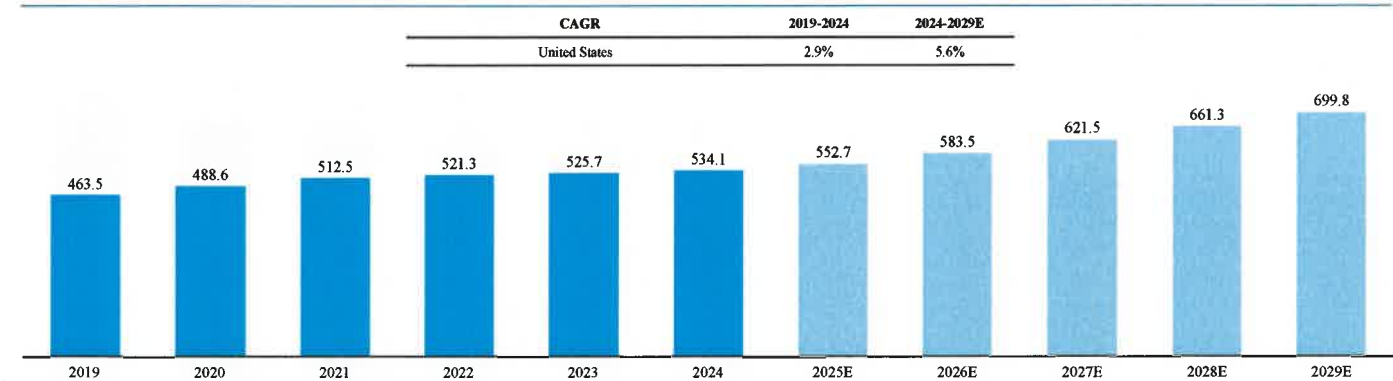
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Market Size of Condiments Industry in United States

Market Size of Condiments Industry in United States, in terms of Revenue

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- The United States has a diverse population with a wide range of cultural backgrounds, and this diversity is reflected in the demand for ethnic and international flavors. As consumers in the United States become more adventurous and open to trying new cuisines, there is a growing interest in global cuisines and increased demand for authentic and traditional sauces, dressings, and condiments from various cultures.
- Furthermore, busy lifestyles and time constraints have led to a greater demand for convenient and ready-to-use sauces, dressings, and condiments. Condiment products that offer ease of use, such as pre-mixed salad dressings, versatile sauces and other compound condiments that can be used in multiple recipes are being increasingly favored by consumers in the United States.

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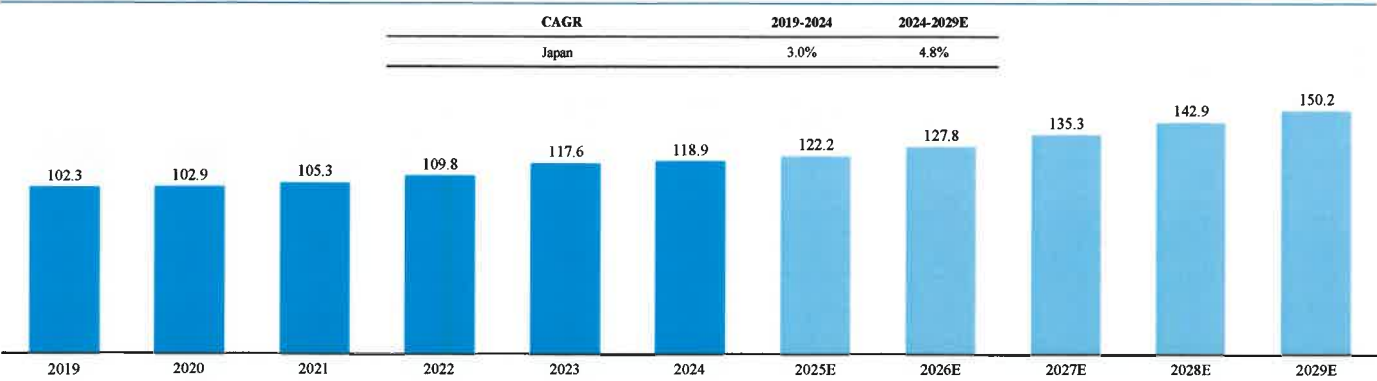
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Market Size of Condiments Industry in Japan

Market Size of Condiments Industry in Japan, in terms of Revenue

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- Over the years, the condiments industry in Japan has developed in a long history, and has grown into a mature market. After experienced the period of the recovery of condiments consumption since the war and the rapid development period of economic and consumer market, the growth of the condiments market in Japan has gradually become stable with the flattening of economic growth and the decline of population currently.
- In addition, with the increasing aging tendency of the population and the continuous reduction of family size, the preference of Japanese consumers for healthy and convenient diet is gradually increasing. As such, the demand for compound condiments has been growing and have become an important segment of the growth in the Japanese condiments market in recent years.

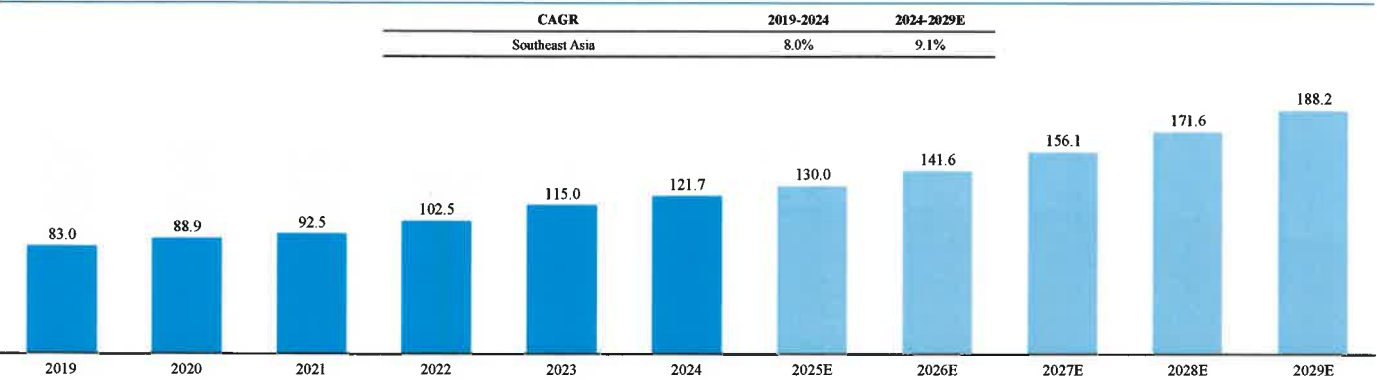
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Market Size of Condiments Industry in Southeast Asia

Market Size of Condiments Industry in Southeast Asia, in terms of Revenue

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



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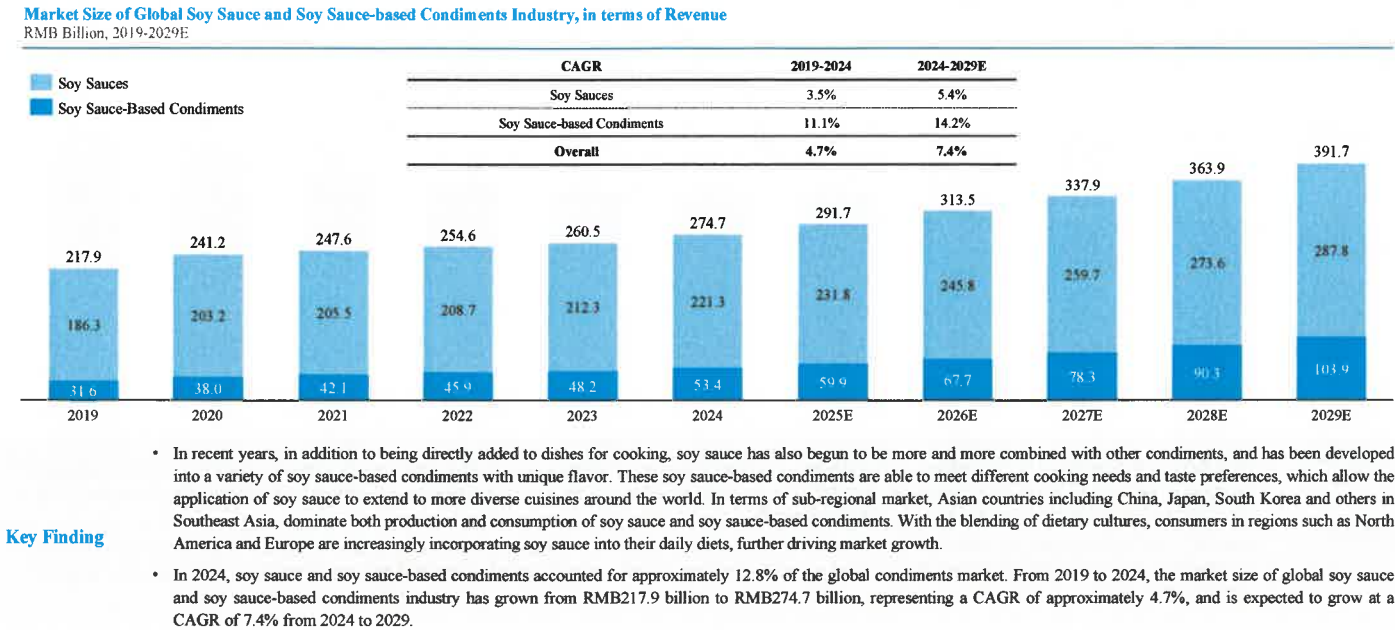
- Southeast Asia is composed of a number of countries, which have different levels of economic development, culture settings, and consumer's consumption preference of food and condiments, and thus created demand for condiments with various flavor and formed a diversified and thriving condiments market in the Southeast Asia area.
- In recent years, with the continuously improvement of economic development and the promotion of regional trade, and the development of catering and prepared meals industry, the consumption demand of condiments in Southeast Asia has continued to increase, driving the market size of the condiments industry in Southeast Asia expand rapidly.

*Note: Southeast Asia in this report include major countries located in Southeast Asia area, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar.

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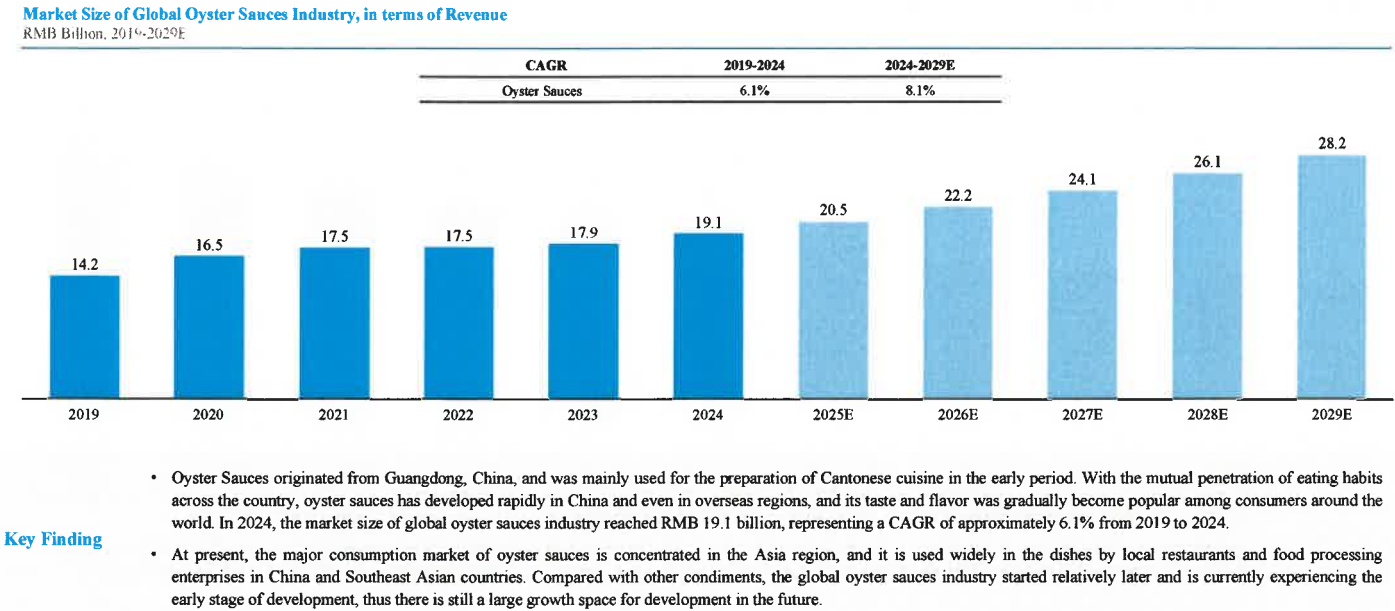
Market Size of Global Soy Sauce and Soy Sauce-based Condiments Industry



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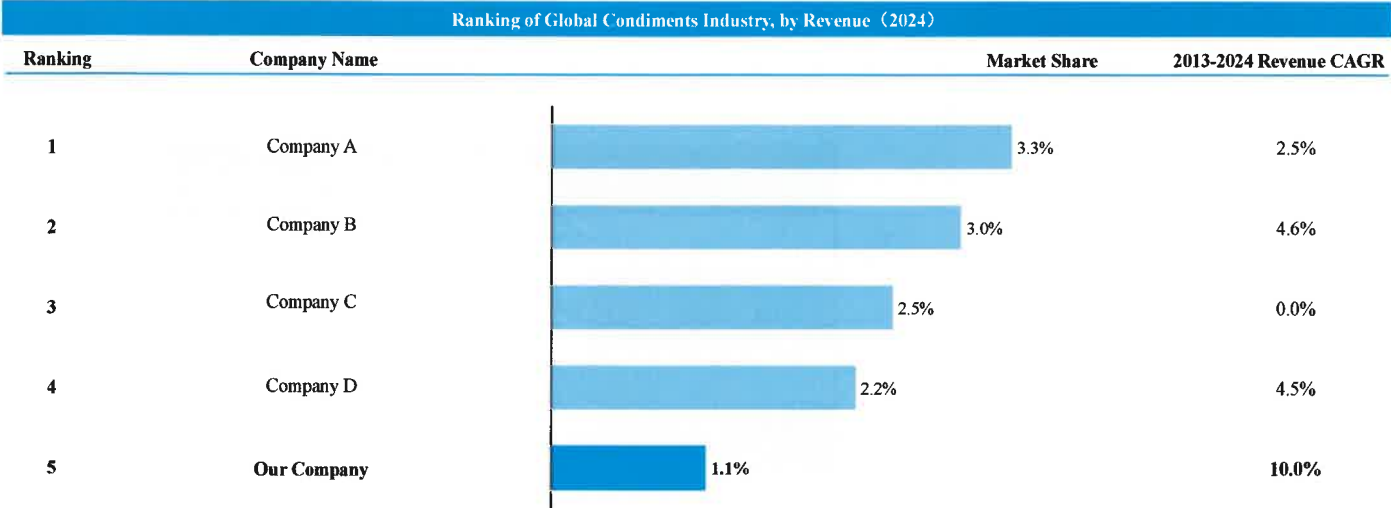
Market Size of Global Oyster Sauces Industry



Source: Frost & Sullivan

Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Global Condiments Industry, by Revenue



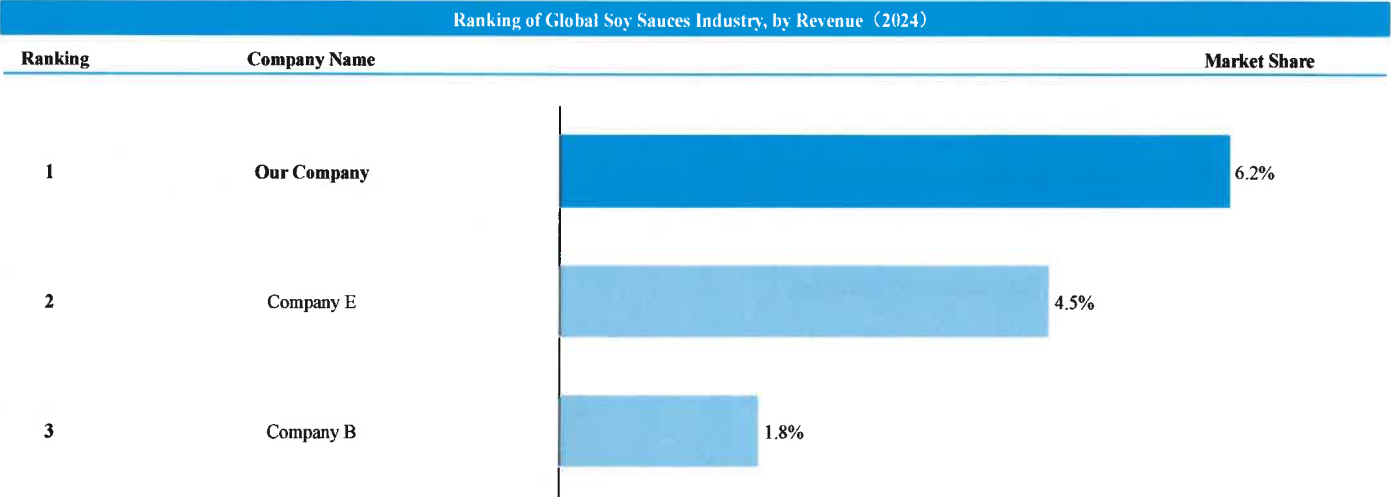
Key Finding

- The global condiments industry is highly fragmented that top 5 contributed a market share of 12.1% in terms of revenue in 2024.
- The group ranked fifth in terms of revenue in the global condiments industry in 2024.
- From 2013 to 2024, the group were the only company among the top ten companies in the global condiments industry to achieve double-digit CAGR in revenue.

Source: Frost & Sullivan, Sullivan, public information or filings of respective companies

Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Global Soy Sauces Industry, by Revenue



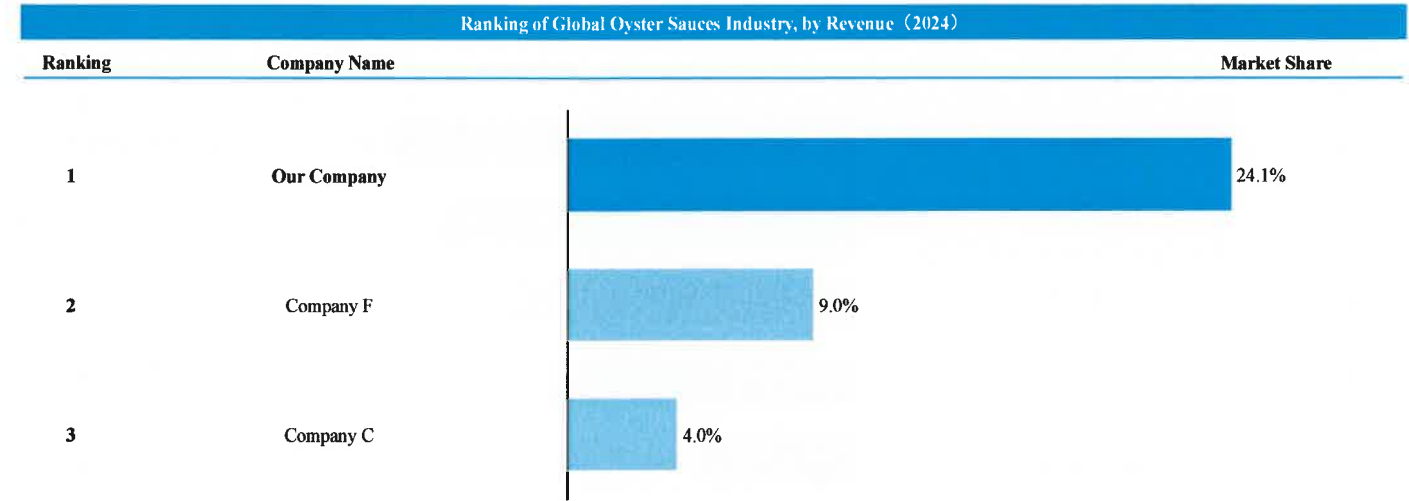
Key Finding

- The group was the largest company in terms of revenue in the global soy sauces industry in 2024.

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Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Global Oyster Sauces Industry, by Revenue



Key Finding

- The group was the largest company in terms of revenue in the global oyster sauces industry in 2024.

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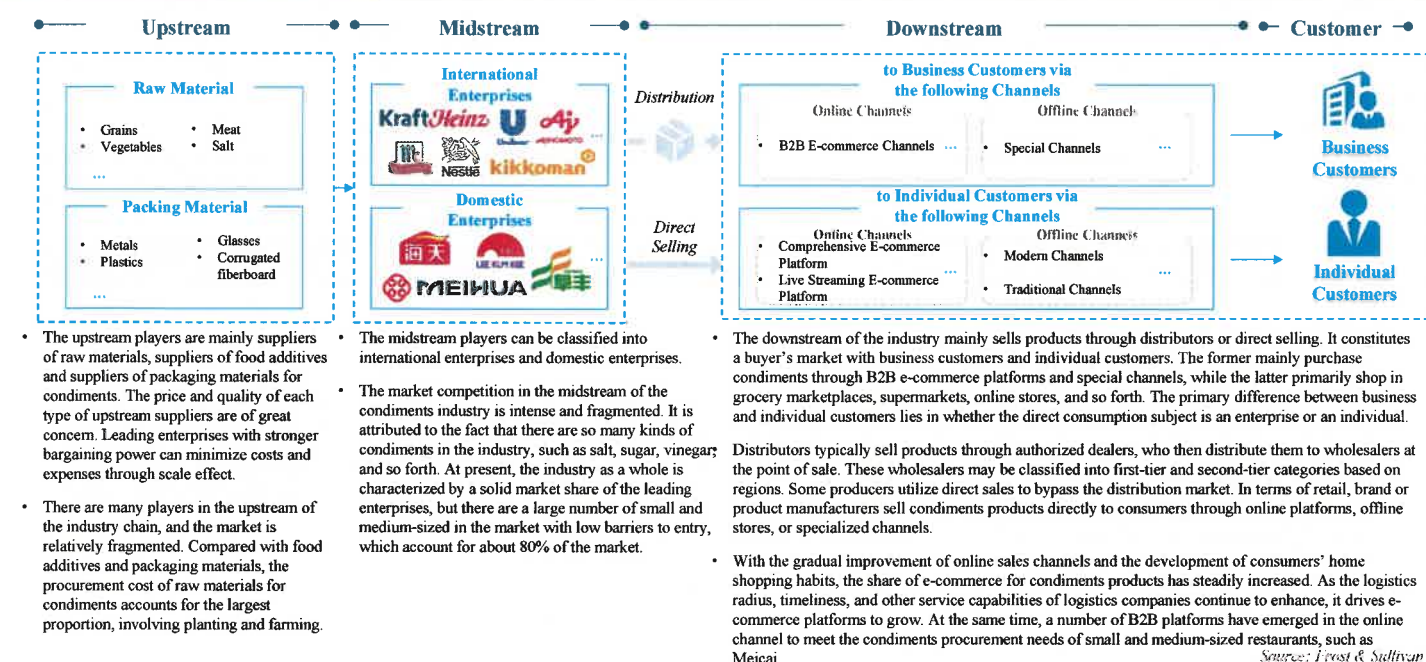
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Analysis of Value Chain



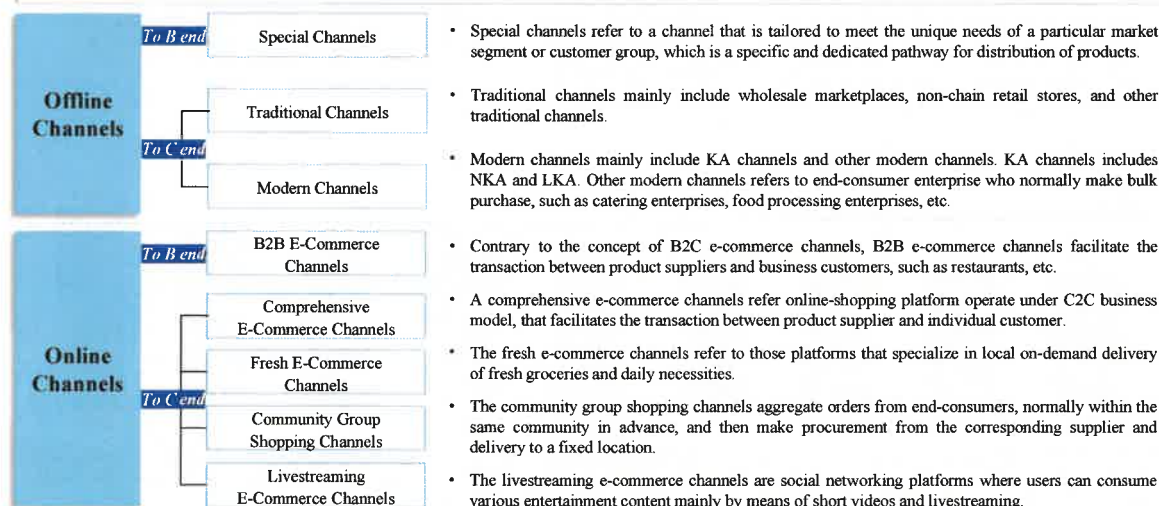
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Analysis of Sales Channels

Offline vs. Online Channels

- Offline channels refer to face-to-face transactions or dissemination of products and services. Their industries are mainly composed of KA channels (NKA and LKA), non-chain retail stores, and traditional farmer markets.
- Online channel refers to the use of online channels, online shopping malls, or the dissemination of products and services through the Internet. Their industries are mainly composed of comprehensive e-commerce, community group purchasing, on-demand e-commerce, live-streaming platform, B2B e-commerce platform, etc.

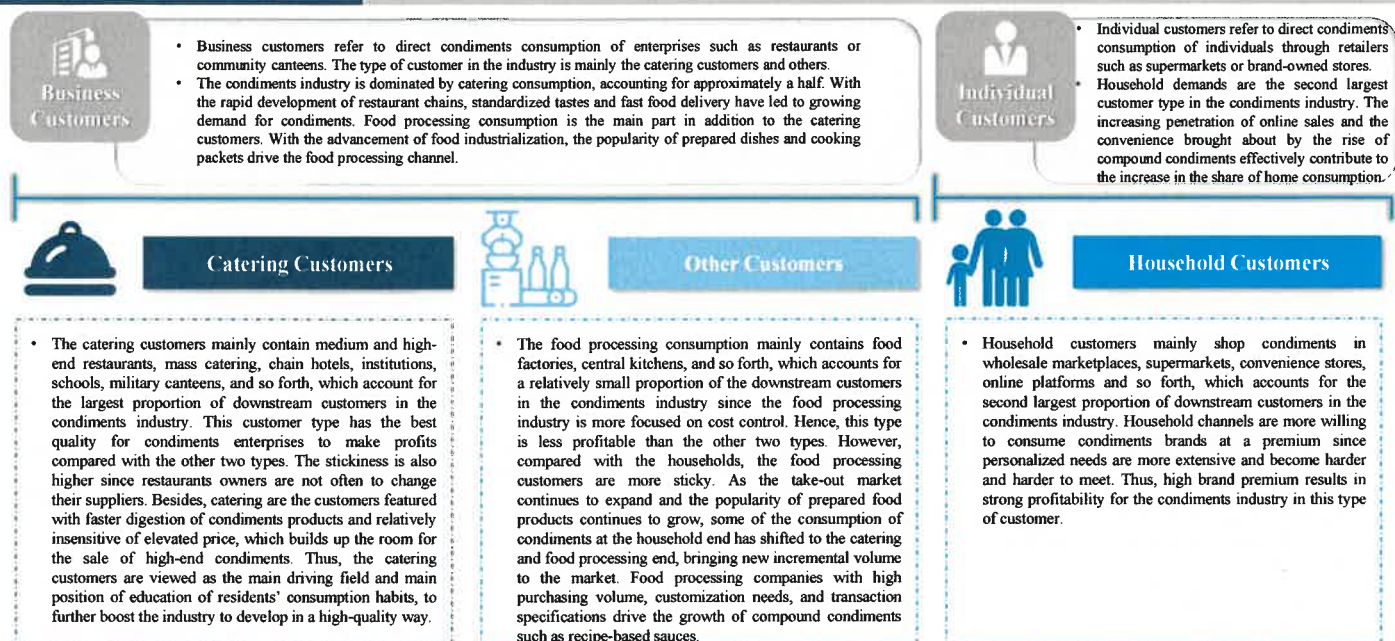


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Analysis of Customer Types



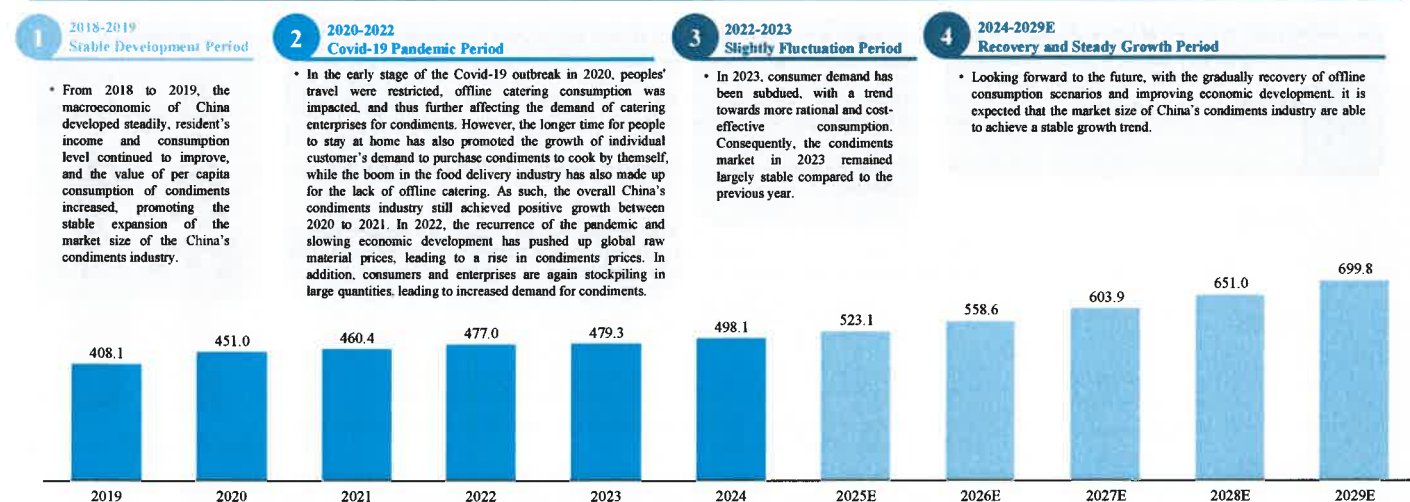
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Market Size of China's Condiments Industry

Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- In 2024, the growth of China's condiments market slowed down due to factors such as relatively slow recovery in consumption needs, ongoing pandemic related impacts on channel sales, and broader market conditions. Looking to the long term, driven by increasing per capita disposable income, rising urbanization, diversification of condiments categories and sales channels, and improving market concentration, China's condiments market size is expected to increase to RMB699.8 billion by 2029, with an estimated CAGR of 7.0% from 2024 to 2029.

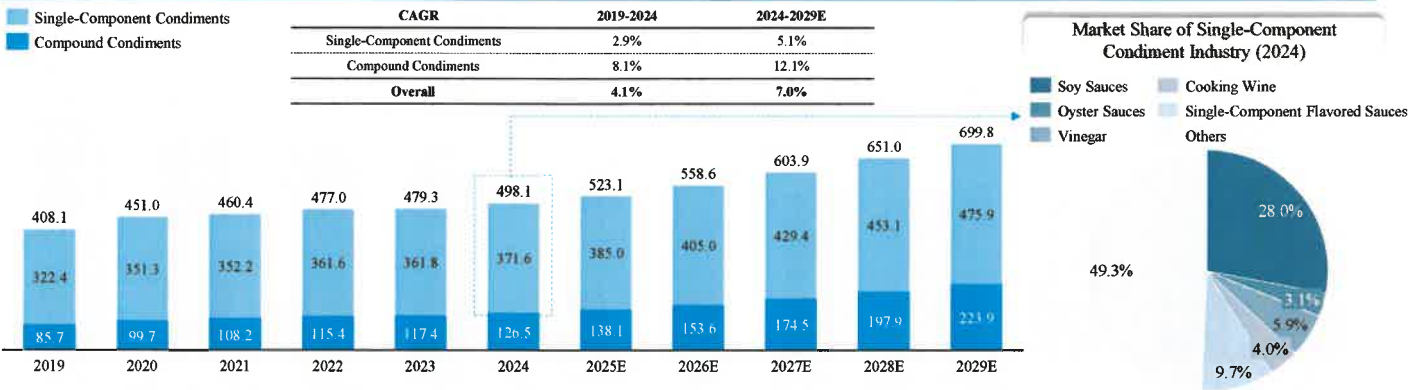
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Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, breakdown by Product Type

Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue, breakdown by Product Type
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- China has become the second largest country in the global condiments industry.
- Due to the early development history and wide application range, single-component condiments have been an important part of China's condiments industry over the years, and the growth rate of the market size of single-component condiments is relatively stable.
- In contrast, with the improvement of residents' income and consumption level, and the strengthening of healthy consumption demand, the compound condiments are increasingly favored by consumers in China due to its characteristic of diversity and convenience. As such, the market size of compound condiments has grown at a faster rate than the overall condiments market in China, and the proportion of compound condiments is constantly increasing.

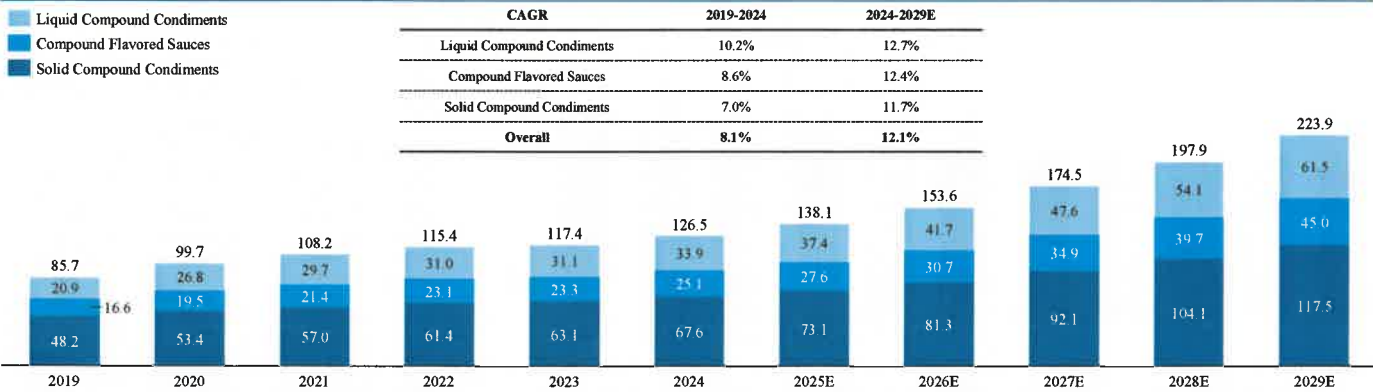
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Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, breakdown by Product Format

Market Size of China's Compound Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue, breakdown by Product Format
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- In recent years, with the increase of residents' income and consumption levels, compound condiments have grown rapidly due to their convenience.
- Compound condiments can be divided into liquid compound condiments, solid compound condiments, and compound flavored sauces. Solid compound condiments accounts for the largest part of the market with 53.4% in 2024. Liquid compound condiments and compound flavored sauces account for 26.8% and 19.9% of the market, respectively. Compound flavored sauces account for the smallest percentage of the compound condiments market while it's expected to have the fastest growth rate in the near future. The market size of compound flavored sauces in 2024 is RMB25.1 billion in 2024, much lower than solid compound condiments which has the market size of RMB67.6 billion. It's anticipated that from 2024 to 2029, the CAGR of compound flavored sauces will be 12.4%, higher than solid compound condiments at 11.7%.

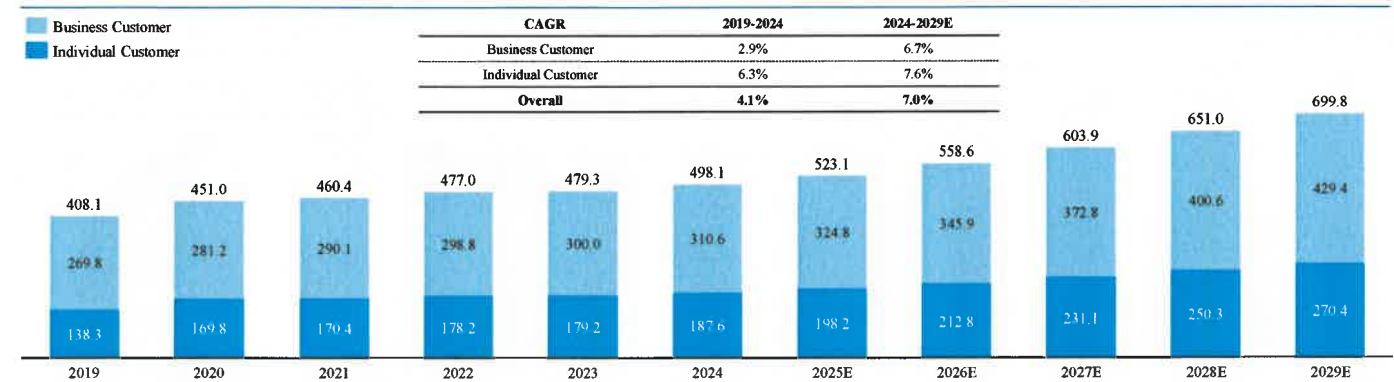
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Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, breakdown by Customer Type

Market Size of China's Condiments Industry, in terms of Revenue, breakdown by Customer Type
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- The main customer types in China's condiments industry include business customers and individual customers. Business customers, including catering business and food processing enterprises, have high consumption volumes and relatively stable demand, accounted for approximately 62.3% of China's condiments market in 2024. Individual customers are more focused on meeting household cooking and personal taste preferences. Compared with business customers, they pay more attention to product diversity and personalization.
- On the one hand, the rapid development of downstream industries such as take-out industry, catering industry and prepared meals industry in recent years has led to a steady increase in the demand for condiments. On the other hand, during the epidemic period, residents' travel and consumption are restricted, catering consumption shifted from eating out to the home cooking scene and the number of people cooking at home has increased, resulting in a relatively higher growth rate for the condiments market size generated from individual customer.

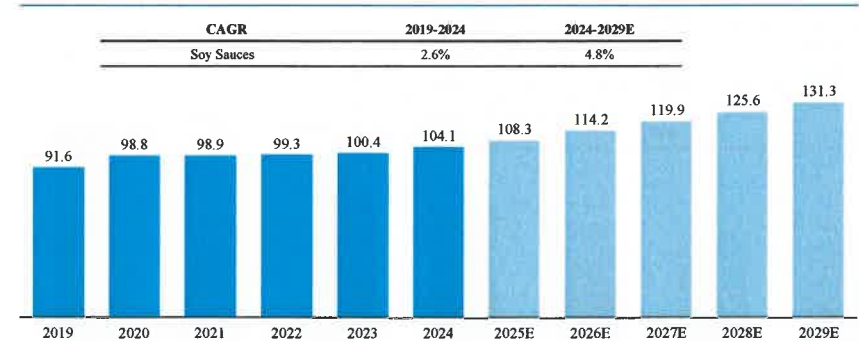
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Market Size of China's Soy Sauces Industry

Market Size of China's Soy Sauces Industry, in terms of Revenue
RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- As one of the most important condiments for Chinese families and catering industry, soy sauce has a large consumer demand in China and has maintained a relatively stable growth rate over the years. Soy sauce is the largest sub-category of condiments, with a market size of RMB104.1 billion in 2024, accounting for approximately 28.0% of single-component condiments and approximately 20.9% of the overall condiments industry.
- From 2022 to 2023, affected by the slow recovery of social economy and consumption demand after the Covid-19 pandemic period, the market size of China's soy sauce industry remained largely stable compared to the previous year. Given the ongoing improvement in the economic environment, it has return to positive growth trend in 2024 and is expected to continuously grow in the future.

Structural Opportunities in the Soy Sauce Industry

- China's soy sauce market is relatively fragmented, with market concentration far lower than that in the Japan and United States. In terms of revenue in 2024, the market share concentration of the top five companies in the soy sauce market in China, Japan and the United States was 25.1%, 44.1% and 40.6%, respectively, indicating significant potential for China's leading soy sauce companies to increase their market share.
- Furthermore, regional disparities in China offer distinct growth opportunities. The annual per capita condiments expenditure in third-tier and lower-tier cities in China through retail channels is less than half of that in first-tier cities, suggesting a substantial growth potential in lower-tier cities, where demand for soy sauce is still developing. Additionally, coupled with a shift in consumer taste preferences from "salty" to "unami", soy sauce is poised to benefit from an expanding presence in these regions, further driving market penetration and growth.
- There is a growing consumer demand for healthier and more natural food products, with increasing emphasis on safety, health, and naturalness. This trend presents new market opportunities for soy sauce industry, particularly with the rising popularity of organic, reduced-salt and reduced-sugar soy sauce options, which cater to consumers' evolving dietary preferences.
- With busy lifestyles driving the trend of convenience in-home dining, soy sauce-based condiments such as poaching sauces, salad dressings and vinegar dressings, are gaining popularity. These products, which reduce cooking time and complexity, present a significant growth opportunity for the soy sauce market as households increasingly seek convenience-driven culinary solutions.

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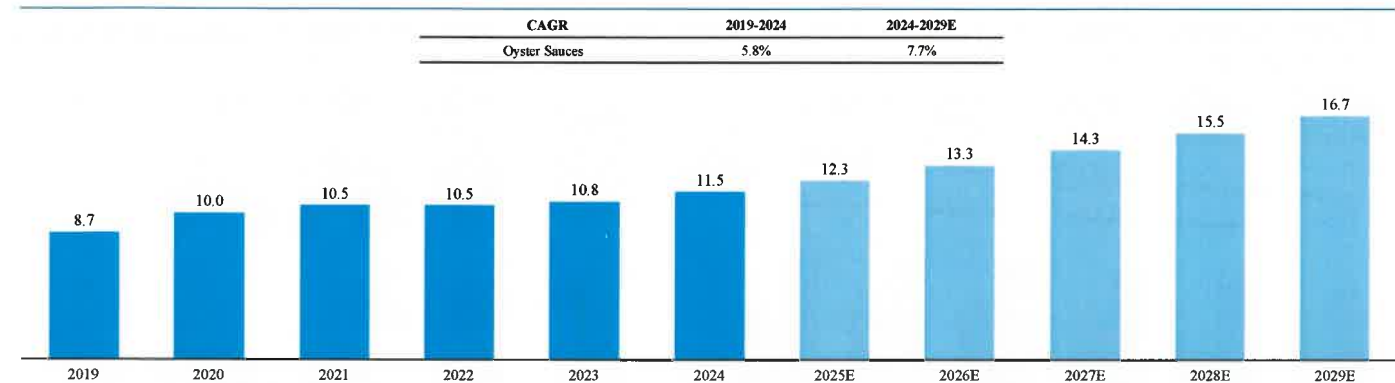
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Market Size of China's Oyster Sauces Industry

Market Size of China's Oyster Sauces Industry, in terms of Revenue

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- As dietary habits from various regions in China have gradually merged, oyster sauce has expanded beyond its traditional southern origins to become a nationwide staple. Its accelerated penetration into everyday dining has significantly contributed to the rapid expansion of its market size.
- With the migration of populations and the diversification of consumer dietary preferences, an increasing number of consumers are becoming willing to experiment with and adapt to the consumption of oyster sauce. In addition, in recent years, the continuous expansion of oyster sauce production capacity of condiments enterprises has also led to a scale effect and thus reduce the production cost and selling price of oyster sauces, which is conducive to the penetration of oyster sauce in daily catering and the rapid growth of its market size.

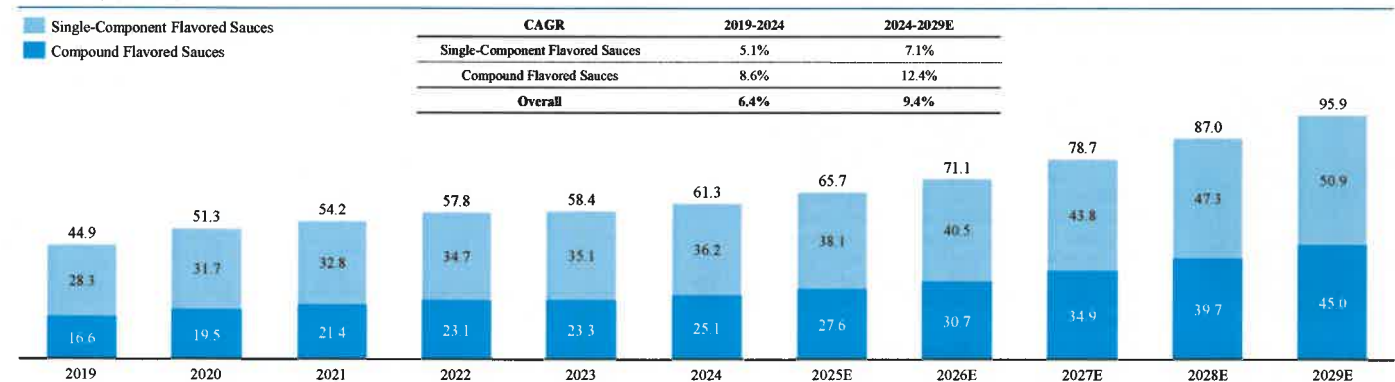
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Market Size of China's Flavored Sauces Industry, breakdown by Product Type

Market Size of China's Flavored Sauces Industry, in terms of Revenue, breakdown by Product Type

RMB Billion, 2019-2029E



Key Finding

- In China's flavored sauce market, the single-component flavored sauces represented by bean sauce, wheat sauce, etc., has a huge consumer group base and consumer demand, which is the major market segment of the flavored sauces market.
- At the same time, as a kind of compound condiments, compound flavored sauce is also becoming more and more popular in China, growing at a relatively higher rate of approximately 8.6% from 2019 to 2024, and is expected to grow at a CAGR of approximately 12.4% from 2024 to 2029.

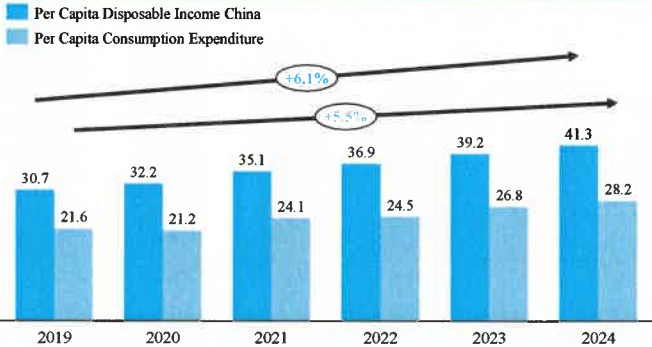
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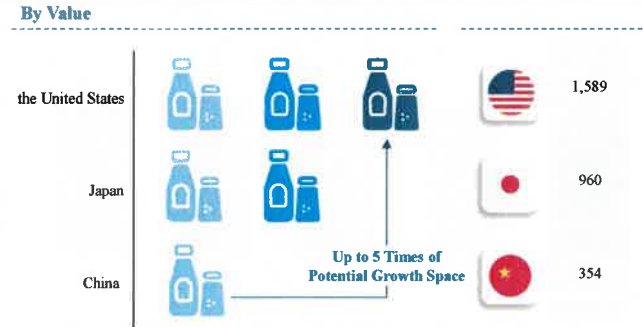


Growing Disposable Income & Huge Potential For Per Capita Consumption

Per Capita Disposable Income and Consumption Expenditure in China
Thousand RMB, 2019-2024



Per Capita Consumption of Condiments in China and Other Countries
RMB, 2024



- Along with the continuous growth in the economy and urbanization, the average income level of Chinese residents has increased continuously in recent years. From 2019 to 2024, the per capita disposable income has grown from RMB30.7 thousand to RMB41.3 thousand, representing a CAGR of 6.1%. In addition, per capita consumption expenditure has increased steadily with a CAGR of 5.5% in given years. As the average disposable income of residents rises, their requirement for good quality of life will increase accordingly, which will promote industrial upgrading and consumption upgrading, driving up the growth of condiments consumption. It's expected that China's per capita expenditure on condiments products will be further unleashed.
- China's per capita condiments consumption stands at only RMB354 per year as compared to the United States and Japan, which is approximately one-fifth of that in the United States and one-third of that in Japan, respectively. The large gap provides a huge growth space and development opportunities for the industry in China, and it can be seen that as the industry enters a mature development, per capita consumption will explode.

Source: Frost & Sullivan

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Market Drivers Analysis (2/3)



Diversification of Consumer Demand

Consumption Scenarios



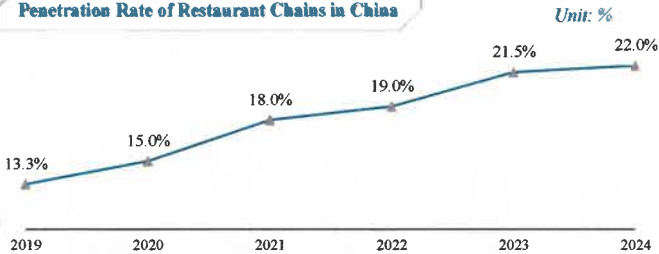
- The consumption scenarios of the condiments industry is becoming varied, which boosts the market further. Under the improvement of living standards in recent years, the demand on the retail side has shown a tendency of diversified consumption scenarios. Consumers are more specific about the use of condiments in cooking, and apply corresponding flavoring such as vinaigrette to simplify the cooking process according to the attributes of the dishes. Besides, typical groups of people, such as fat loss groups, would like to have additional requirements for low-sugar and low-fat condiments products. Consumption scenarios, such as picnics and on-business snacks, also stimulate the market demand for a variety of seasonings.

- China's rich ingredient resources provide a wide space for the diversity and plurality of condiments. The abundance of flavors provides a solid foundation for the diversification of the industry. Additionally, the flavoring ingredients and taste preferences vary greatly from place to place. With the differentiation of consumers' demands for various kinds of flavors, condiments, as an important element to enhance the flavor of food, are inclined to be enriched in terms of product variety.



Increasing Penetration Rate of Restaurant Chains

Penetration Rate of Restaurant Chains in China



- The proportion of restaurant chains in China increased from 13.3% in 2019 to 22.0% in 2024. While still lower than in developed markets, this figure is expected to continue to rise. Restaurant chains generate significant demand for condiments, which directly drives the expansion of condiments companies and boosting product sales. Restaurant chains require seasoning solution to ensure consistent taste and increasingly request customized products tailored to their needs. Therefore, in order to help restaurant chains maintain flavor consistency and operational efficiency, condiments companies, that offer comprehensive solutions by providing standardized condiments while swiftly meeting customization demands, are better positioned to strengthen their competitiveness and gain more market shares.

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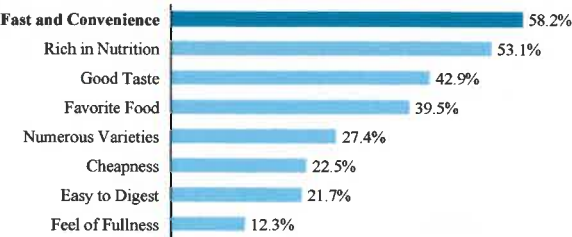
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Market Drivers Analysis (3/3)

Growing Penetration Rate of Compound Condiments in the Current Fast-paced Life

Aspects of Having Breakfast That Consumers Value Most

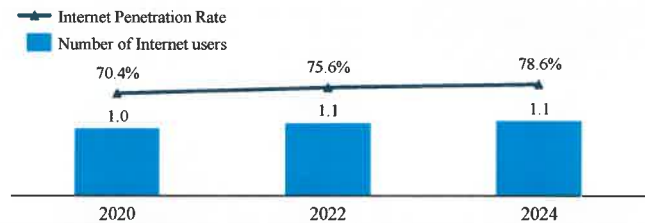


- According to the White Paper on Breakfast Behavior of Chinese Residents released by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, more than half of people believe that fast and convenience breakfast is the aspect they value most. Currently, as the pace of life continues to accelerate and the length of work continues to rise, people are needing more and more convenience in their lives. With regards to diets, people's demand for shorter meal times is getting stronger. Driven by this demand, industries related to this has grown rapidly in recent years to address the time-consuming pain points, such as pre-prepared dishes to shorten meal preparation time, and dishwashers and sweeping robots to shorten cleaning time after meals. Compound condiments can do the same and address the flavoring challenges of less experienced consumers in cooking, which meets the need for efficiency in a fast-paced lifestyle due to their ease of use, compact packaging, and ability to reduce cooking time. As the categories continue to be enriched and the market is further cultivated, the demand for compound condiments is expected to explode.

Popularity of Online Channels

Number of Internet Users

Unit: billion, %



- Offline channels will continue to dominate condiments sales due to their convenience and extensive geographic coverage. According to the Statistical Report on China's Internet Development released by CNNIC, as of December 2024, China had 1.11 billion Internet users with an Internet penetration rate of 78.6%, with a CAGR of 2.7% from 2020 to 2024. Growing dependency over Internet has increased opportunities for condiments enterprises to provide online channels for broader consumer base.
- Condiment enterprises are increasingly leveraging e-commerce platforms to reach a broader audience. These platforms offer a convenient shopping experience for consumers, who can browse and purchase condiments from anywhere with an internet connection. Also, numerous condiments enterprises are establishing their online stores or official websites to operate direct-to-consumer sales. This approach allows condiments brands to maintain control over their pricing, branding, and customer experience. Furthermore, for B-end customers, the online potential is also large. Specialized online procurement platforms provide sourcing services for restaurants and food processing companies. These platforms usually contain a rich variety of condiments, detailed product information, real-time inventory, and convenient ordering and payment functions.

Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Frost & Sullivan

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Entry Barriers Analysis



Brand Recognition

- With the improvement of living standards and the quality-oriented consumption philosophy, brand recognition has become a vital basis for consumers to select condiments products. Brand trust between enterprises and consumers requires a long term to establish, which enables the brand to distinguish from its competitors and sustain its advantages. With a high brand recognition, condiments manufactures can add value to products, helping businesses stand out in the market, while for new entrants, it's hard for them to build customers' loyalty in a short period of time.



Product Iteration Capability

- With consumers demand becoming a key factor influencing market changes, leading enterprises have the ability to quickly capture the market gap and iteratively update their products, which requires the condiments enterprise to perform value-creating tasks effectively with substantial investment and specialized knowledge. Besides, product iteration capability is a multifaceted concept that encompasses resources, innovation, supply chain integration, and new technologies adoption. It is difficult for newcomers to establish a strong market response mechanism in a short term.



Sales Channel Maturity

- The coverage and stability of the sales network plays an essential role for condiments enterprises. Well-known condiments brands have accumulated sales channels resources for many years, and owns a large sales network, professional teams, mature channel management capabilities and rich operational experience. Moreover, multiple sales paths enables condiments enterprise to penetrate target market in a timely and cost-effective manner, together with the ability to handle increased sales volume. It's a serious challenge for emerging condiments brands to gain sales channels advantages.



R&D Capability

- Widely-known condiments enterprises have invested a lot of capital and human resources in product R&D to improve the production efficiency and the flavor of condiments products. Take microbial fermentation as an example, it requires condiments manufacturers to invest heavily, as well as training staff to operate new equipment and production systems. Traditional processes and recipes may not be easily adaptable to modern technological advancements, which it's difficult for newcomers to quickly realize product innovation and market transformation of the R&D's achievements.



Capital Accumulation

- The condiments industry is featured with asset-heavy. Well-established condiments enterprises have abundant capital to invest in upgrading production equipment, R&D, and recruiting talents. For instances, as condiments manufacturers look to expand their market reach or diversify their product offerings, they may face additional cost, not mention to subsequent operations and marketing campaigns. Newcomers have difficulty in supporting long-term heavy capital investment, which often hinder their growth and development, especially those on a smaller scale or in emerging markets.

Source: Frost & Sullivan

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Future Trends Analysis (1/2)

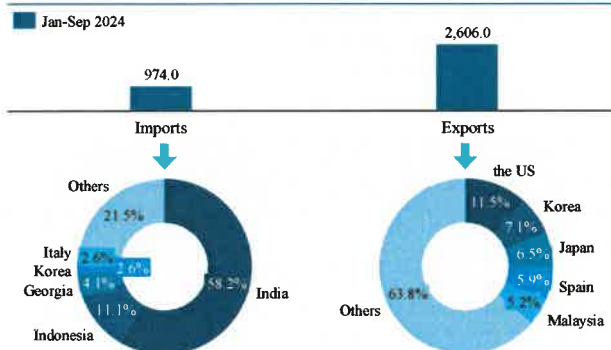
Global Reach

- Deliciousness and health are universal pursuits for consumers worldwide, driving consistent demand for better-tasting, higher-quality condiments. Certain categories, such as soy sauce, oyster sauce and chicken essence, have demonstrated flexibility in adapting to diverse regional eating habits and possess broad cross-cultural appeal. This has led to the emergence of cross-regional brands and global condiments companies.
- With the integration of global culinary cultures and increasingly mobile populations, Chinese condiments companies are witnessing unprecedented development opportunities. On one hand, as population mobility increases, Chinese cuisine is spreading globally, and Asian flavors are becoming more popular, accelerating the global spread of condiments commonly used in Asian cuisines, resulting in rapidly increasing penetration rates. On the other hand, Chinese condiments companies have accumulated extensive expertise in technology, product development, supply chain management and production operations through long-term production experience. By leveraging their experience with China's diverse culinary traditions, these companies can adapt products to local tastes and cooking habits. Furthermore, a global layout also enables companies to adopt advanced technologies and source local raw materials for production in a more economical way.



China's Imports and Exports Value of Condiments

Million RMB, Jan-Sep 2024



Source: General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, Frost & Sullivan

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Future Trends Analysis (2/2)

Consumption Upgrade & Product Refined Development

- Consumption upgrade brings development opportunities for the transformation of the condiments industry. Currently, consumers demand for condiments products not only lies in the taste, but also in whether it's healthy and nutritious. With the changes in the market brought about by the consumption side, the condiments industry will strengthen the construction of differentiation, improve product quality and develop product refinement. For popular condiments like soy sauce and vinegar, high-quality development emphasizes their safety, taste and health. For compound condiments like hot pot condiments, refined development emphasizes their high-added value, specific dishes requirement, and simplified cooking steps.

Emphasis on Healthy Diet

- The trend of healthiness has become an essential factor for consumers to purchase condiments products. With the improvement of the living standard, people are being more and more aware of healthy diet. Healthy condiments such as low salt, organic and low-sugar products has become more popular. Along with China's issuance of the "Healthy China 2030" Plan Outline, the government encourages rational dietary action and states a clear goal of salt reduction, which provides policy support and development direction for the condiments enterprises. At the stage, the "reduced salt" and "low sodium" soy sauce categories are gradually expanding, which has also led to oyster sauce, recipe-oriented compound condiments and other categories to enter the thin-salt market. From the development of Japanese condiments market, salt reduction has become the core force of health. The condiments industry should pay more much attention to respond to the health needs of consumers via developing healthier and more natural condiments products.

Increased Demand for Compound Condiments

- With the increasing pace of modern life and longer working hours, there is a growing demand for convenience in daily living. Compound condiments address this need for consumers with limited cooking experience. Their user friendly application, space-saving packaging, and ability to reduce cooking time align with the efficiency-driven lifestyle of today's consumers. Furthermore, restaurant chains, which require high levels of standardization and specialization in their condiments, are driving the demand for compound condiments that deliver consistent quality and cooking efficiency. This trend has also contributed to the rising demand of soy sauce, which is a key ingredient in many compound condiments.

Diversification of Sales Channels

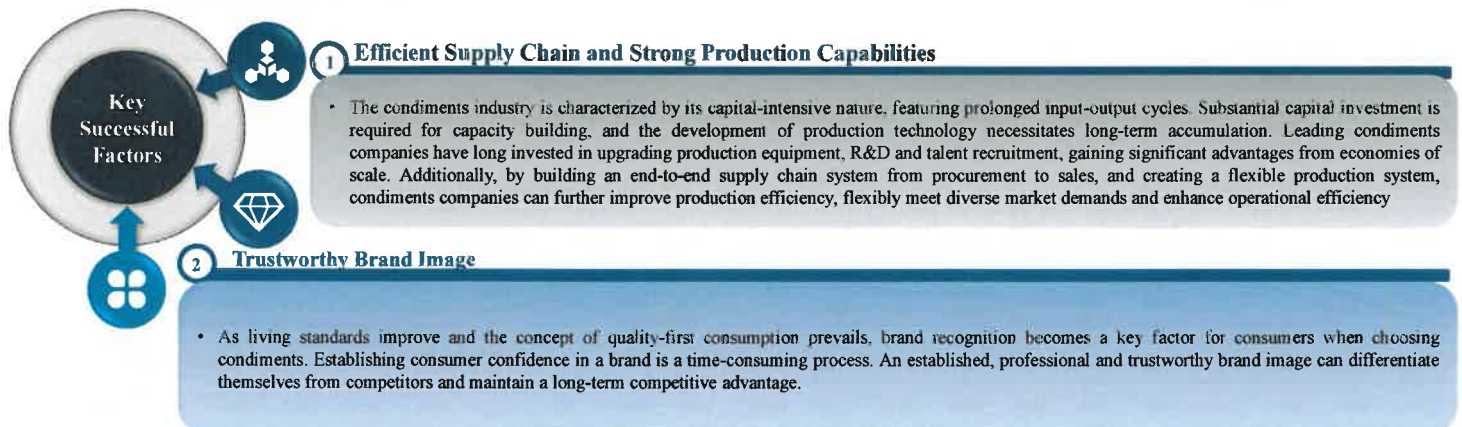
- Offline channels will continue to dominate condiments sales due to their convenience and extensive geographic coverage. Meanwhile, the development of emerging channels such as community group buying, fresh food e-commerce and online shopping platforms provides consumers with more diverse ways to access products. Condiments companies are increasingly leveraging online platforms to reach a broader consumer base. For business customers such as catering service and food processing enterprises, dedicated online procurement platforms provide a more convenient procurement process. Combined with new media marketing, these diversified channels have brought new vitality to the condiments market.

Source: Frost & Sullivan

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Key Successful Factors Analysis (1/2)



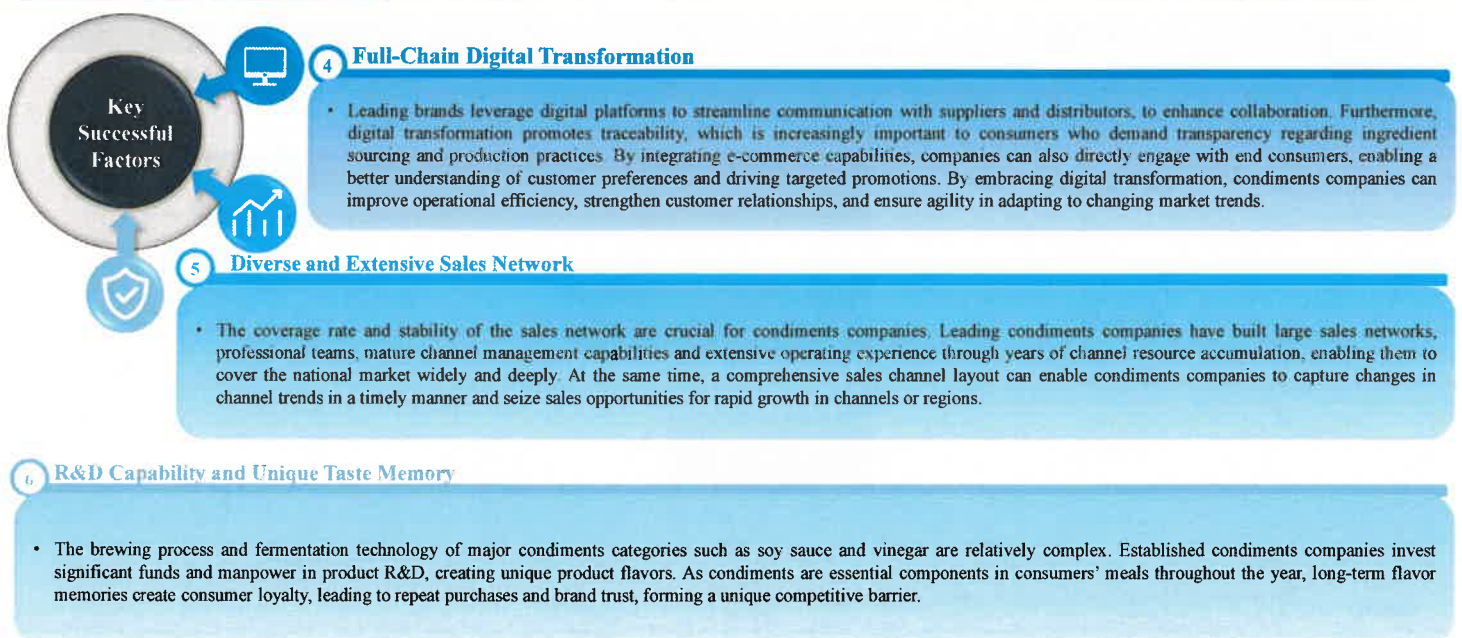
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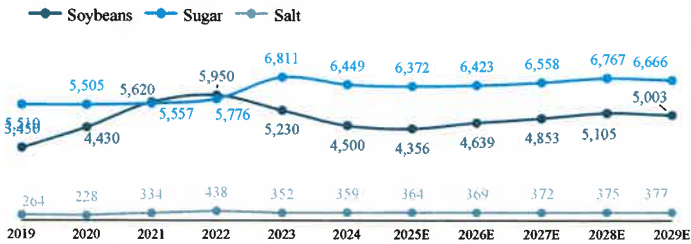
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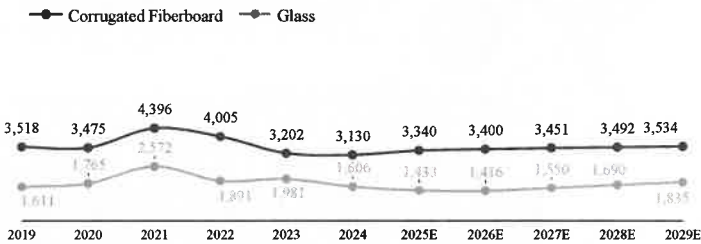
Raw Material Price Analysis

Key Production Raw Material Price
RMB/Tonne, 2019-2029E

	CAGR	2019-2024	2024-2029E
Soybeans		5.5%	2.1%
Sugar		3.2%	0.7%
Salt		6.3%	1.0%



	CAGR	2019-2024	2024-2029E
Corrugated Fiberboard		-2.3%	2.5%
Glass		-0.1%	2.7%



- Various raw materials are used in the production of condiments. For example, in the production of soy sauce, sauces and some compound condiments, soybeans are the main raw material, as well as white sugar and salt are added. In addition, when making condiments packaging, corrugated fiberboard and glass are the main packaging materials. The chart below shows the price trends of these raw materials from 2019 to 2024.
- The prices of soybeans, white granulated sugar and salt in China showed an upward trend from 2019 to 2024, with CAGRs of 5.5%, 3.2% and 6.3%, respectively. As the prices of glass as main raw materials for condiments packaging in China were remaining flat with a CAGR of -0.1% from 2019 to 2024, while prices of corrugated fiberboard were on a downward trend with a CAGR of -2.3% from 2019 to 2024.
- Since 2020, due to various factors such as rising fertilizer prices, agricultural costs have increased, resulting in higher soybean prices. Soybean prices generally declined from 2023 due to the excessive soybean production in the United States and Brazil. Prices of commodities, including white granulated sugar and salt, have been rising since 2020 due to the volatile economic environment. The price of white granulated sugar declined the first time in 2024 since 2020 due to the increased production capacity. In contrast, salt prices went up in 2024 due to the enlarged demand in the domestic market. From 2019 to 2021, due to global economic volatility, the increase in the cost of raw materials for glass and corrugated fiberboard has resulted in an increase in the prices of these products. With the economy stabilizing and production capacity restored, the prices of glass and corrugated fiberboards stabilized gradually.

Source: Frost & Sullivan, National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of PRC

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Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Condiments Industry in China, by Revenue

Ranking of Condiments Industry in China, by Revenue (2024)

Ranking	Company Name	Market Share
1	Our Company	4.8%
2	Company G	2.2%
3	Company F	1.4%

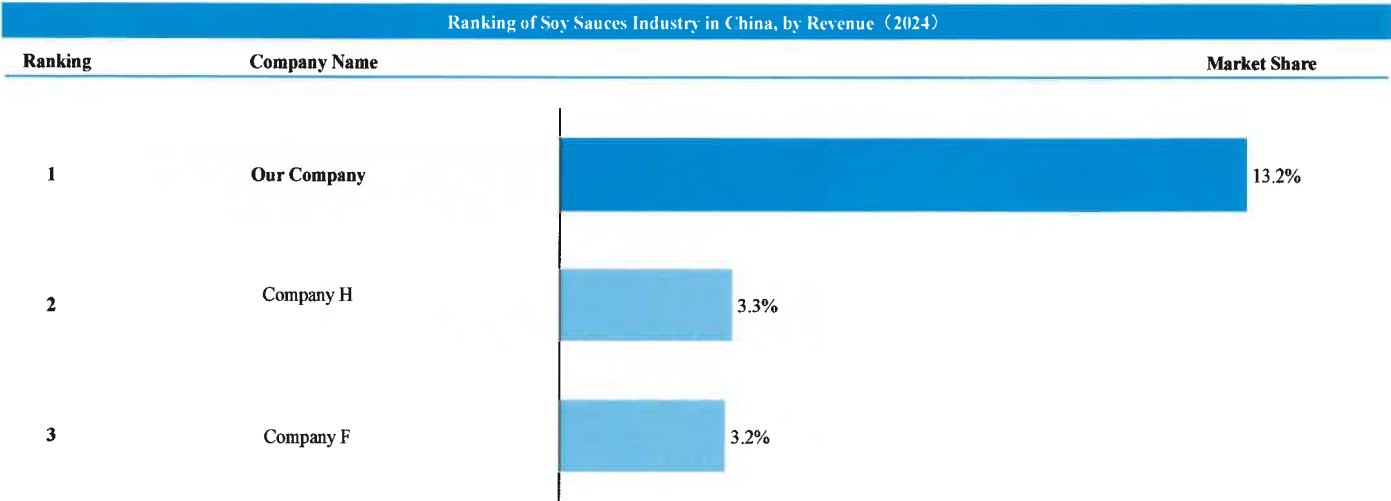
- The group was the largest company in the condiments industry in China in 2024.

Source: Frost & Sullivan, Sullivan, public information or filings of respective companies

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Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Soy Sauces Industry in China, by Revenue



Key Finding

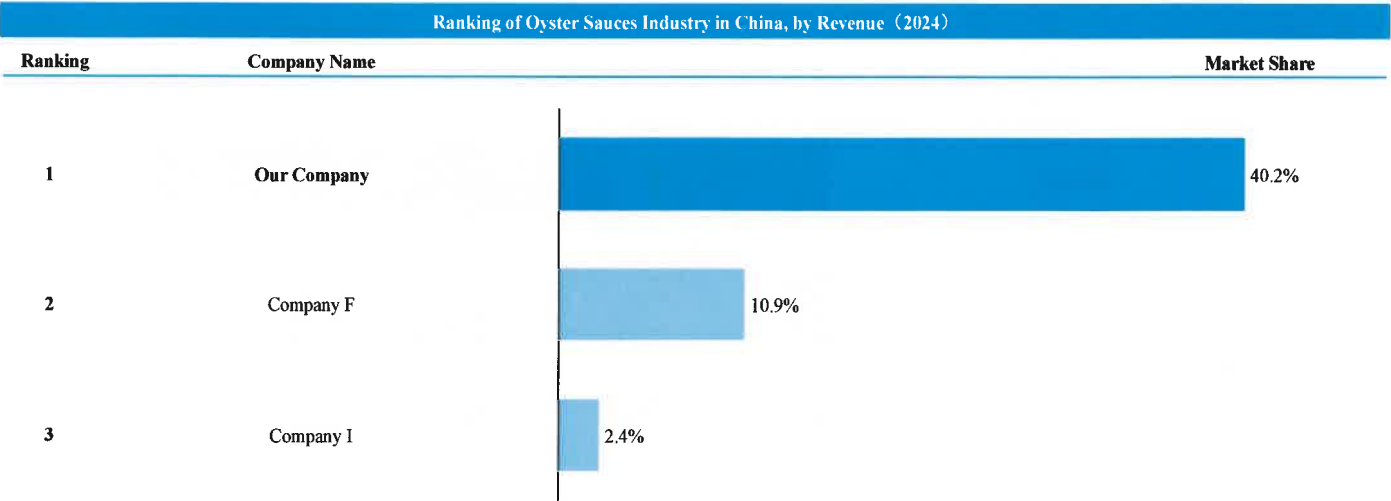
- The group was the largest company in terms of revenue in the soy sauces industry in China in 2024.

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Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Oyster Sauces Industry in China, by Revenue



Key Finding

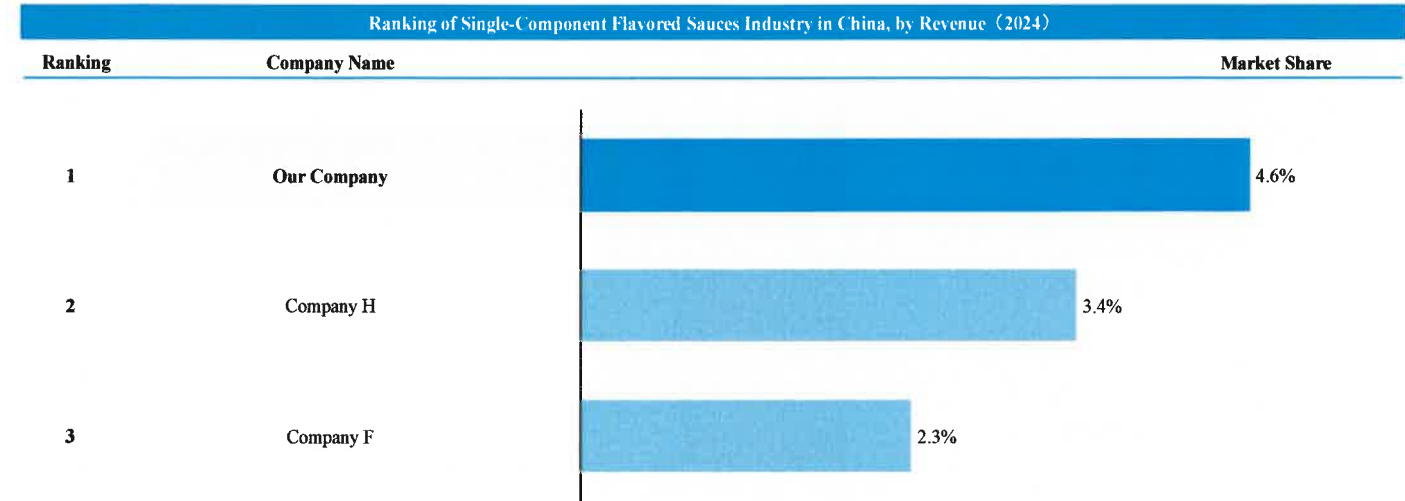
- The group was the largest company in terms of revenue in the oyster sauces industry in China in 2024.

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Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Single-Component Flavored Sauces Industry in China, by Revenue



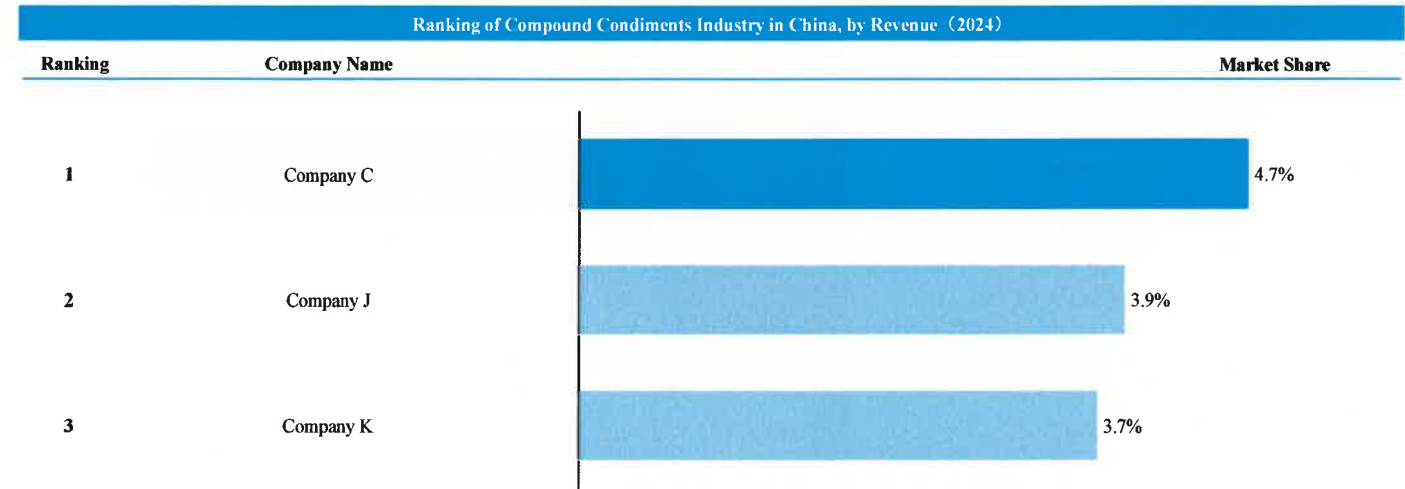
Key Finding

- The group was the largest company in terms of revenue in the single-component flavored sauces industry in China in 2024.

Source: Frost & Sullivan, Sullivan, public information or filings of respective companies

Competitive Landscape

Ranking of Compound Condiments Industry in China, by Revenue



Key Finding

- The compound condiments industry in China is fragmented that top 3 contributed a market share of 12.3% in terms of revenue in 2024.

Source: Frost & Sullivan, Sullivan, public information or filings of respective companies

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1	In the United States, the top 5 condiments companies contributed a market share of 24.0% in terms of revenue in 2024.
2	In the United States, the top 5 soy sauces companies contributed a market share of 40.6% in terms of revenue in 2024. The largest soy sauces company contributed a market share of 35.2%.
3	In Japan, the top 5 condiments companies contributed a market share of 29.7% in terms of revenue in 2024.
4	In Japan, the top 5 soy sauces companies contributed a market share of 44.1% in terms of revenue in 2024.
5	The Company was the largest condiments company in Asia in terms of revenue in 2024.
6	The Company has maintained leading position with the highest sales volume in China's condiments industry for twenty-eight consecutive years as of 2024.
7	The Company has maintained the leading position with the highest sales volume in China's soy sauce market for twenty-eight consecutive years as of 2024.
8	The Company has maintained leading position with the largest sales volume in China's oyster sauce industry for twelve consecutive years as of 2024.
8	The Company's soy sauce and oyster sauce products have consistently ranked first in terms of sales volume in China's condiments markets for many years, and the group's flavored sauces, vinegar and cooking wine products hold leading positions in China's market.
10	The Company has an annual production capacity of five million tons, ranking first in China's condiments industry.
11	The Company is the world's fifth largest in the condiments industry in terms of revenue and also the fastest-growing company among the world's top 10 companies in the condiments industry from 2013 to 2024.
12	The Company's selling expense accounted for only 5.3% of revenue, which significantly lower than the condiments industry average.
13	The Company developed the broadest sales network coverage in the condiments industry in China.
14	The production costs and labor costs of the Company representing only 3.4% and 2.5% of total cost of sales in 2023, respectively, lower than the industry level in China.

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	Leading Statement
15	It is common commercial practice for individual industrial and commercial households, sole proprietorship enterprises and companies in the consumer industry in China to settle their payments through third-party payors with their suppliers or customers for convenience and flexibility.
16	Certain Relevant Customers, especially for sole proprietorships and some small and medium-sized corporate entities, may from time to time have financing needs that are met through financing arrangements with authorized financial institutions. Under such arrangements, it is also common for authorized financial institutions to make payments to us directly pursuant to such financial arrangements to ensure that the funds are used solely for the intended purpose in accordance with the agreed financing arrangement, which is in line with common commercial practice for financing arrangement in consumer industry to ensure the use of funds comply with the terms of the financing arrangements and reduce risks of fund misappropriation.
17	The Company is the Chinese condiment company with the highest number of billion-annual-revenue bestsellers.
18	The Company has achieved the highest per capita production value among China's listed condiment companies.
19	The Company and its Major Subsidiaries had over 500 patents and over 70 copyrights and software copyrights, establishing it as a leader in R&D capabilities among Chinese condiment companies
20	The Company's production bases feature a total of sunlight fermentation field with 600,000-square-meter function areas, which is the world's largest soy sauce fermentation facility.
21	During the Track Record Period, the Company's net profit margins exceeded those of the other global top ten players in the condiments industry.
22	The high proportion of overseas revenue generated by global leading condiments companies also supports the globalization trend of condiments companies.
23	During cooking, consumers often select condiments tailored to specific dishes to enhance their flavor, such as specialized soy sauce for cold dishes or steamed fish.
24	It is not uncommon to have arrangement such as procuring services among large-scale groups.