

Asia and Africa Food Cans - Market Share Analysis, Industry Trends & Statistics, Growth Forecasts (2025 - 2030)

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Report description:

The Asia and Africa Food Cans Market size is worth USD 7.43 Billion in 2025, growing at an 6.57% CAGR and is forecast to hit USD 10.21 Billion by 2030.

COVID-19 has brought a slew of changes to food consumption. Food and grocery purchase patterns highlighted the changing consumer preferences; shelf-stable foods and canned goods were positioned on top of the grocery shopping list. Moreover, newer products were aligned to have immune system boosting ingredients and nutritional aspects. Frozen foods, among Asian consumers amid the COVID-19 pandemic, garnered growth during lockdowns and tightening economics.

Key Highlights

- The excellent preservative properties and structural integrity of the metal cans, offering higher shelf life, have resulted in the high usage of metal cans in the food packaging industry across Asia and Africa. Packaged and convenience foods have become a staple diet for many consumers, owing to their hectic lifestyles and work schedules. For instance, according to the Population Reference Bureau, in 2019, the degree of urbanization (percentage of the urban population in total population) across the world was around 54%.
- According to IIED, across the Asian counterparts, the percentage of the world's urban population living in the region was estimated at 53.9% in 2020. Also, Africa is projected to have the fastest urban growth rate in the world, i.e., by 2050, African cities may be home to an additional 950 million people.
- Metal industries in the respective regions demonstrate a net flourishing trend. In Africa, between ZAR 100 million and ZAR 200 million per year is expected to flow into the scrap metals and recycling industry due to the conversion from tin-plated steel cans to aluminum cans. Also, the industry may provide an additional 2,000-3,000 people a source of income from collecting and selling used cans, as per a reputed beverage can manufacturer, Nampak Bevcan.

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- Asian trends are mixed with Southeast Asia's growth. Multiple manufacturers from China and Japan have expanded their footprint in the region. For instance, via its Project 2020+, Showa Aluminum Can Corporation has focused on the growth acceleration of its business in the medium-term by targeting Southeast Asia.
- Then, as of October 2020, multiple large steel projects located in Southeast Asia were underpinned by Chinese investment. At the same time, Southeast Asia reportedly gained attention as more food companies shifted away from plastic containers for more recyclable cans. UACJ Corporation, a Tokyo-based company, is expected to boost the output capacity of aluminum sheets at its Southeast Asian plants by 2021.

Asia & Africa Food Cans Market Trends

Fruits and Vegetables to Drive the Market Growth

- Canned fruits and vegetables cost less when compared to frozen alternatives or fresh alternatives without compromising nutrition. The only drawback for canned vegetables is the sodium content, but consumers can choose lower sodium versions or rinse the vegetables.
- According to the United Nations agency report published in January 2021, 1.3 billion South Asians could not afford a healthy diet. Further, the pandemic has increased the prices of fruits, vegetables, and dairy products, making canned fruits and vegetables a better option.
- From the production point of view, India and China are the primary producers of vegetables and fruits. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, in 2019, China produced 588.26 million metric ton of fresh vegetables, followed by India at 132.03 million metric ton. The massive production of vegetables creates opportunities for canning to increase the shelf life.
- The exports are also triggering the quality improvement of the canned vegetable and fruit exports. For instance, according to a memorandum signed by China and Canada, the Chinese canned vegetables have specific export requirements.

South Korea to Witness Significant Growth Rate

- South Korea has seen growth in items such as processed meat, vegetables, and processed vegetables. According to the National Statistics database of Korea (KOSIS), the average monthly expenditure on processed meat per household increased from KRW 12,190 to KRW 14,470 in 2020.
- Similarly, the expenditure on vegetables and processed vegetables increased from KRW 33,580 in 2019 to KRW 41,370 in 2020. Thus, the growth in the processed meat and vegetables in the country creates the need for appropriate packaging, such as cans.
- The government is making efforts to reduce its plastic waste production by half and more than double recycling rates from 34% to 70% by 2030.
- Also, in May 2020, the government revised the standards and specifications for food contact materials. The revision is for common manufacturing standards and specifications, including improved methods and layouts for food utensils, containers, and packaging.
- The standards also include clarification on the use of recycled plastic resins. Hence, government initiatives encourage the push away from plastics and other materials such as steel and aluminum, thus driving the country's food cans.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has played a significant role in the shift toward canned food, thus driving the market for food cans. For instance, according to a survey by Shinsegae, as of February 2020, the online sales of canned food increased by a significant 268%, followed by rice (187%), instant noodles (175%), and prepared meals (168%).

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Asia & Africa Food Cans Industry Overview

The Asian and African food cans market is characterized by moderate competitiveness among key market players and an increase in the number of new entrants. Market players are further focusing on research and development to integrate advanced functions and capabilities into media players. The companies keep on innovating and entering strategic partnerships to retain their market share.

- February 2021 - Ardagh Group entered an agreement to merge its Metal Packaging business segment with Gores Holdings V, thereby creating a public listed company. The agreement would see Gores Holdings V, a special purpose acquisition company, merge with Ardagh's Metal Packaging (AMP) division to form the newly created Ardagh Metal.

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