

Pouring the Future

Global & Local Trends Shaping the
On Premise Experience and
Consumption behaviour

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Current State of Global On Premise / Alcohol



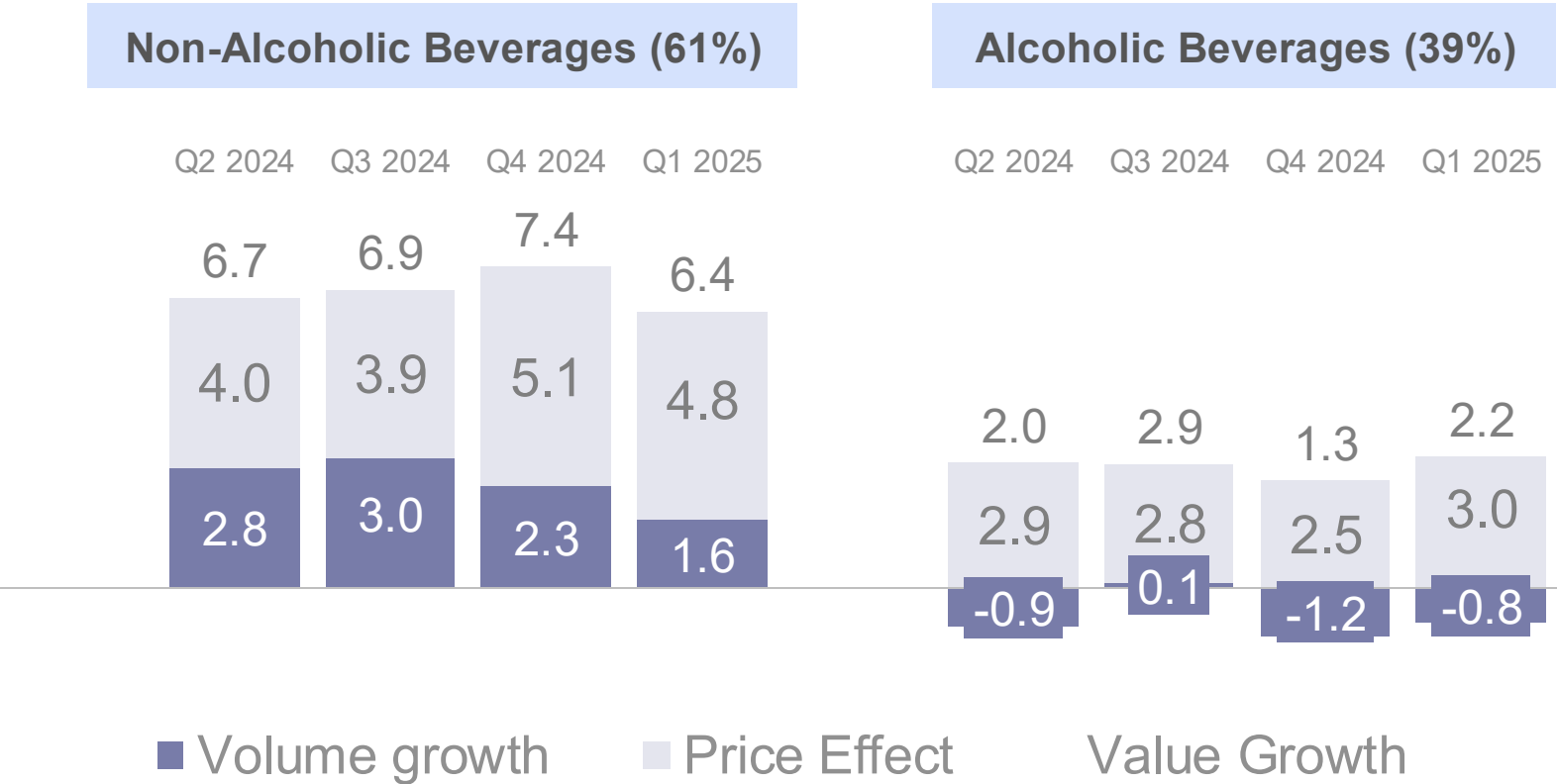


Global Retail Beverage growth continues to be led by Non-Alcoholic Beverages – Demand (volume) is falling for Alcoholic beverages



Global Beverage Performance Drivers – quarterly trajectory

Total excl. CGA on premise

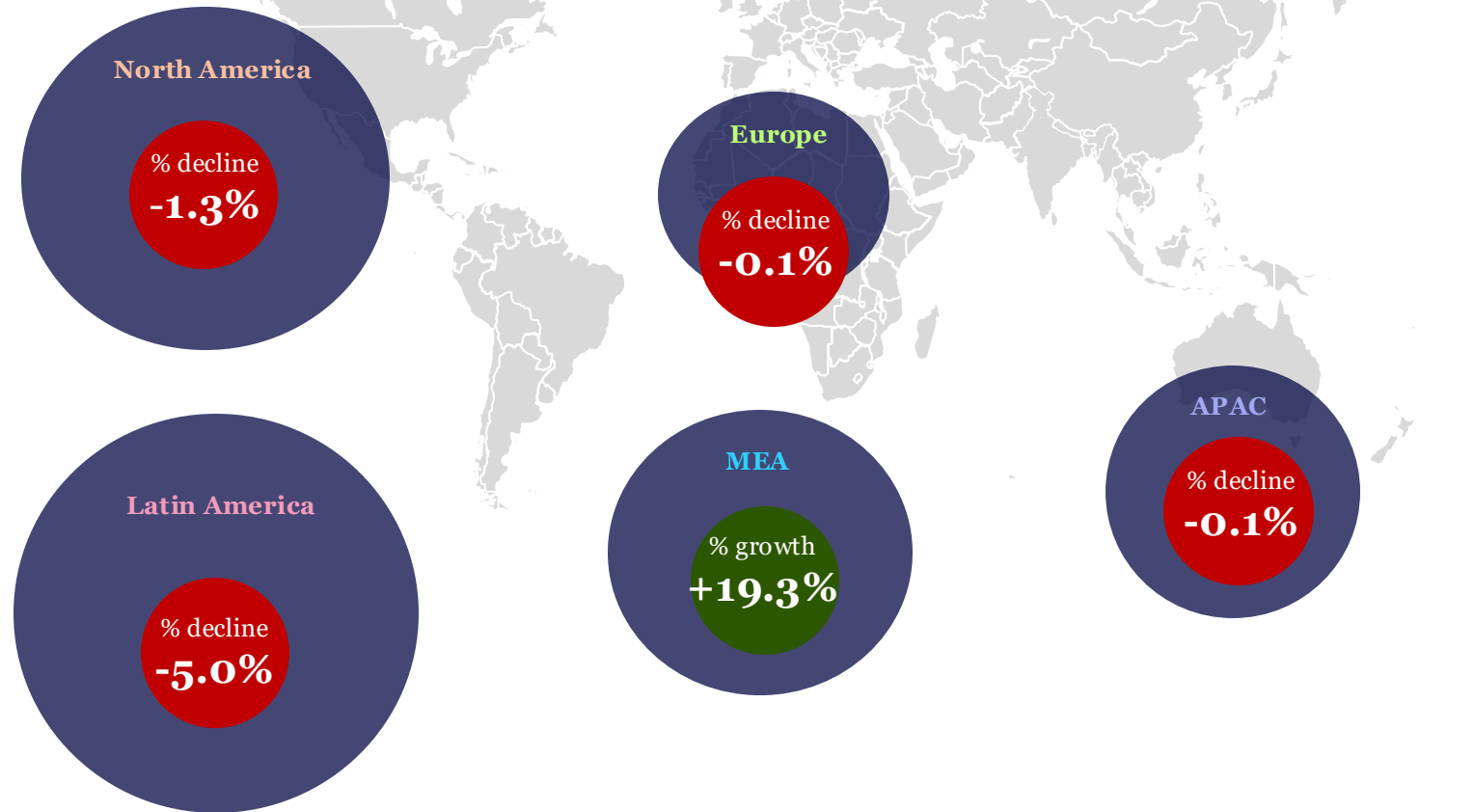


Source: QBN MAT ending Q1 2025 Industry Report, 68 countries. Excludes Dairy beverage categories, excludes CGA On premise



On Premise \$ Trends by Region

-1.1%
*change vs
year ago*



Global 20 markets: Europe (6 markets), North America (2 markets), Latin America (4 markets), Asia Pacific and China (4 markets), Africa Middle East (4 markets)
Source: RMS data for On premise as of Mar'25 (11 markets), CGA OPM data as of P04 (9 markets)



Global On Premise Health: By Numbers

Penetration

83%

of consumers typically visit the On Premise in a 3-month period
= vs 1YA

Occasions

-3.4%

Total occasions to the On Premise compared to 1YA

Expected Change

25%

of consumers expect visitation to increase over the next year
vs. **19%** who will decrease

Value

-1.1%

in value sales*
vs 1YA

Spend

\$127.06

is the average monthly consumer spend
+0.24% vs 1YA

Trade-Up

58%

are likely to pay extra for a better-quality drink
+2pp vs 1YA

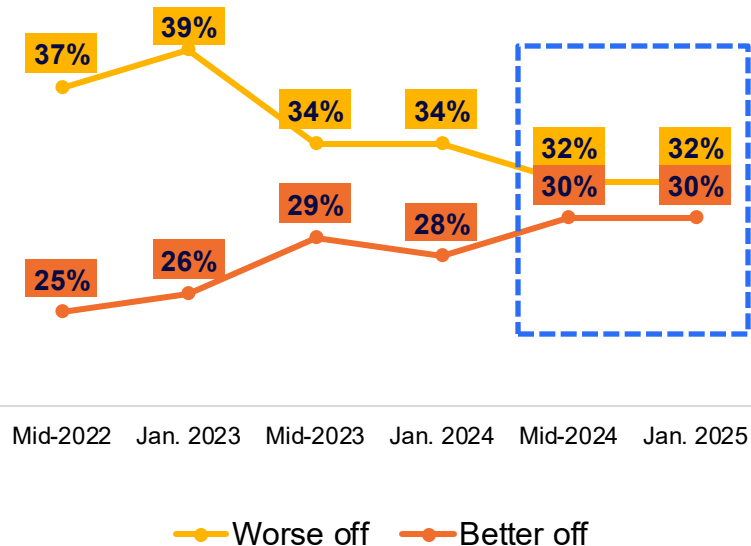


Recent financial stability, confidence, and spending flexibility could be driving changing brand dynamics

Stability

in global consumer financial position during past six months

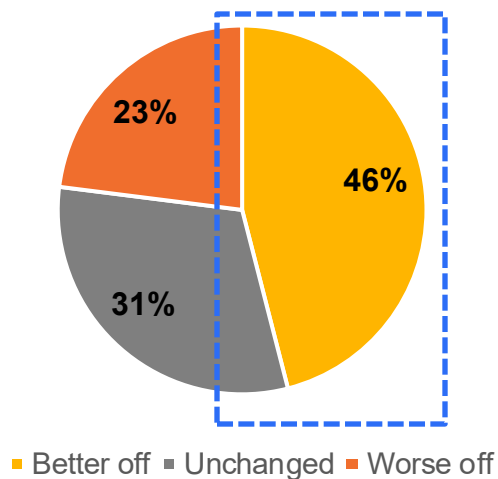
Current consumer financial position
% respondents, global



Confidence

in future state of affairs

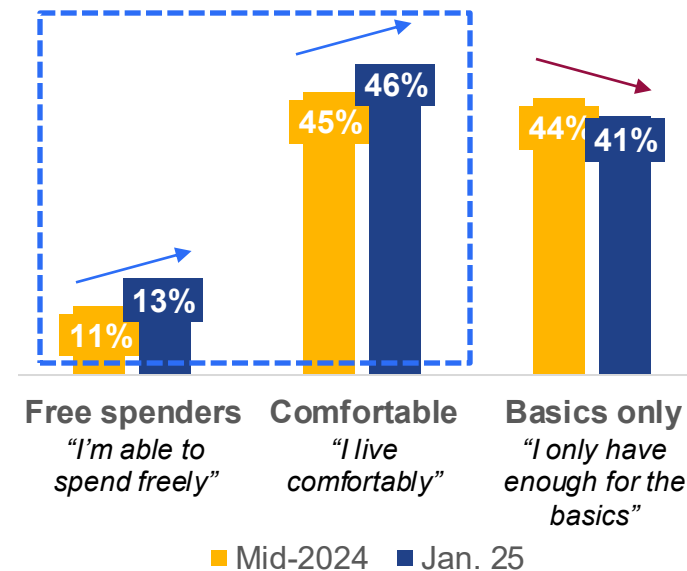
Expected financial position by end of 2025
% respondents, global



Spending flexibility

has increased

Spending mentality
% respondents, global



Source: NIQ 2025 Private Label & Branded Products report global survey



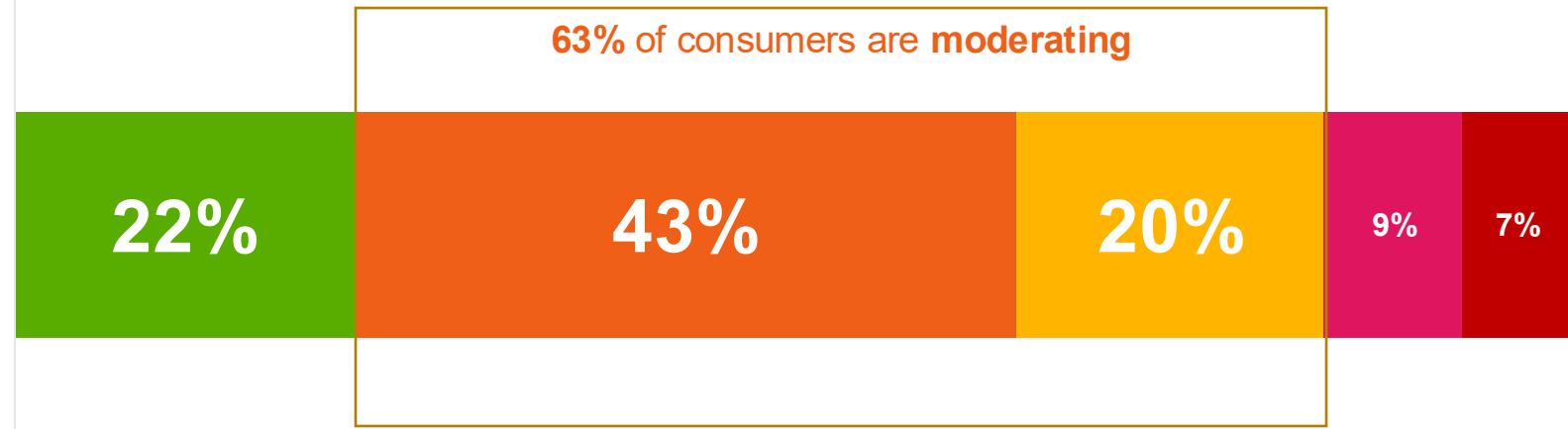
On top of financial headwinds – healthy lifestyles are influencing consumers relationship with alcohol

40%

Of consumers would say **leading a healthy lifestyle** is one of the most important areas of their life

#2 most important

Which of the following statements best describes your relationship with alcohol currently?

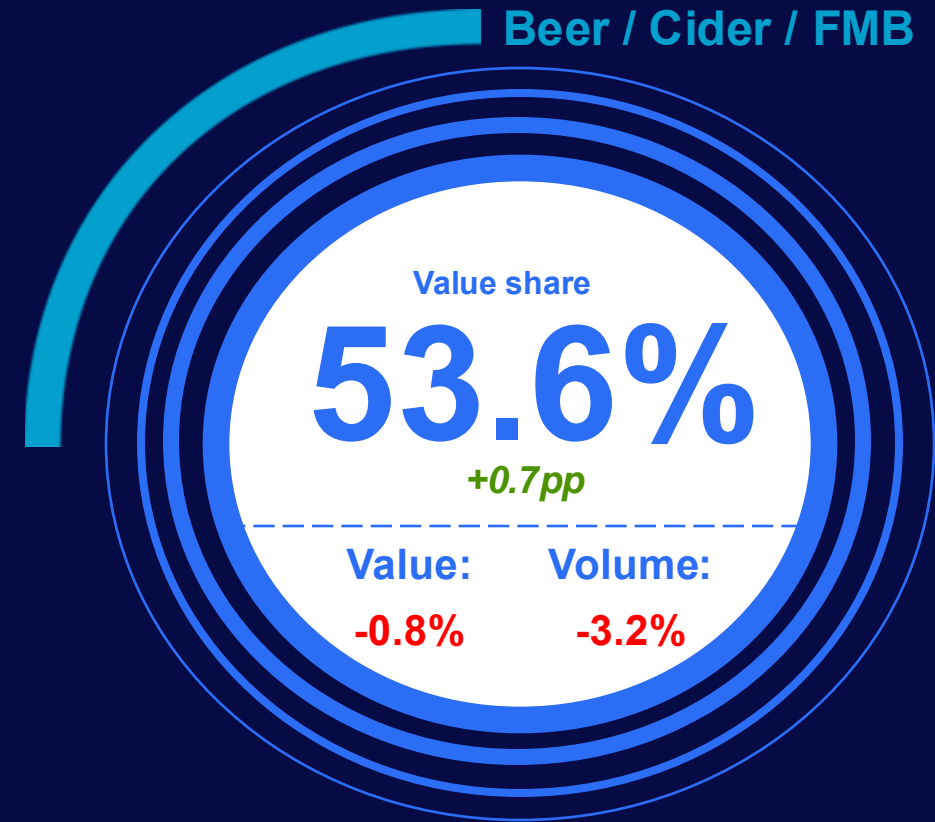
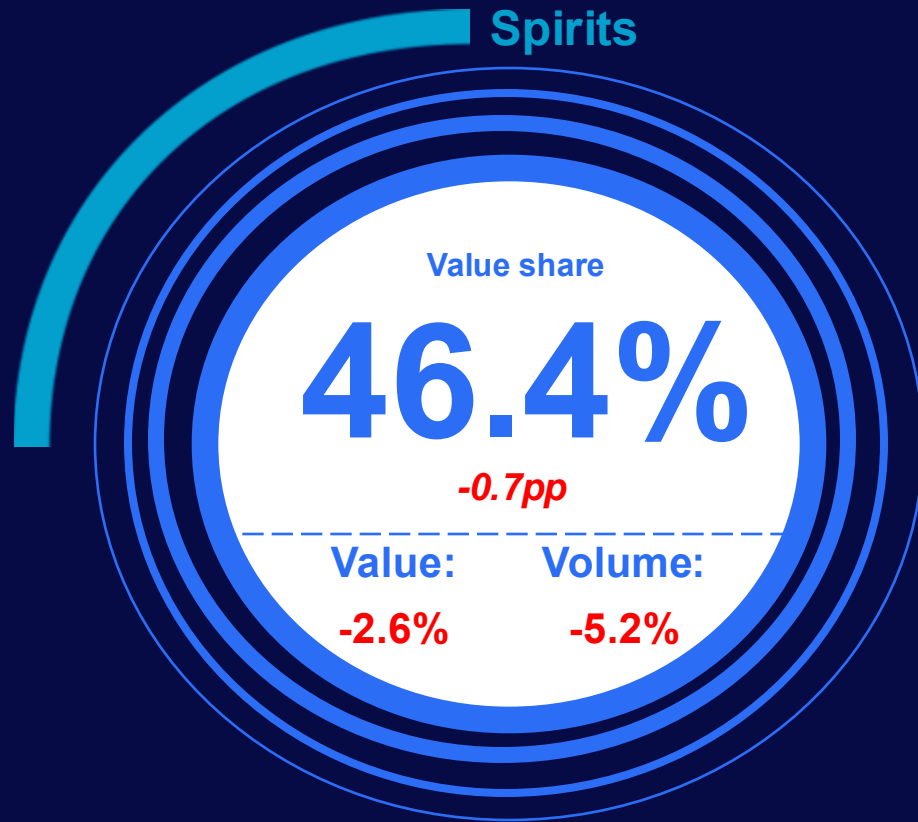


- I enjoy drinking alcohol and see no reason to change
- I drink occasionally but am more mindful of my consumption now
- I used to drink regularly but now choose to drink less
- I no longer drink alcohol
- I never drank alcohol to begin with

Source: CGA REACH Global April - May 2025. Sample: 33,201



In the On Premise, spirits continue to lose share to Beer/Cider/RTD





Beer's success is driven by its strong value-for-money perception and its reputation for reliability, particularly in contrast to spirits

Consumer perceptions of categories based on On Premise experiences...

	Cocktails	Beer	Spirits	Wine	Hard seltzers	No/ low alternatives	Cider
Value for Money	#5	#1	#7	#2	#3	#6	#4
Being consistently served to a high standard	#2	#3	#7	#1	#5	#6	#4
Being a trustworthy/ reliable drink category	#3	#2	#7	#1	#6	#5	#4

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On Premise Opportunities: It's All About Balance...

How this comes to life in the Australian On Premise



Consumers are involved in a delicate *balancing* act that drives their behaviour

Consumers seek high quality food, drinks, and activities

Balancing finances

Consumers are cost-conscious and seek value for money

Consumers like to indulge and let off steam

Balancing their health, wellness and happiness

Consumers seek out healthier products, experiences and lifestyles

Consumers are increasingly reliant on technology and digital world

Balancing connection and disconnection

Consumers demand authentic and unique physical experiences

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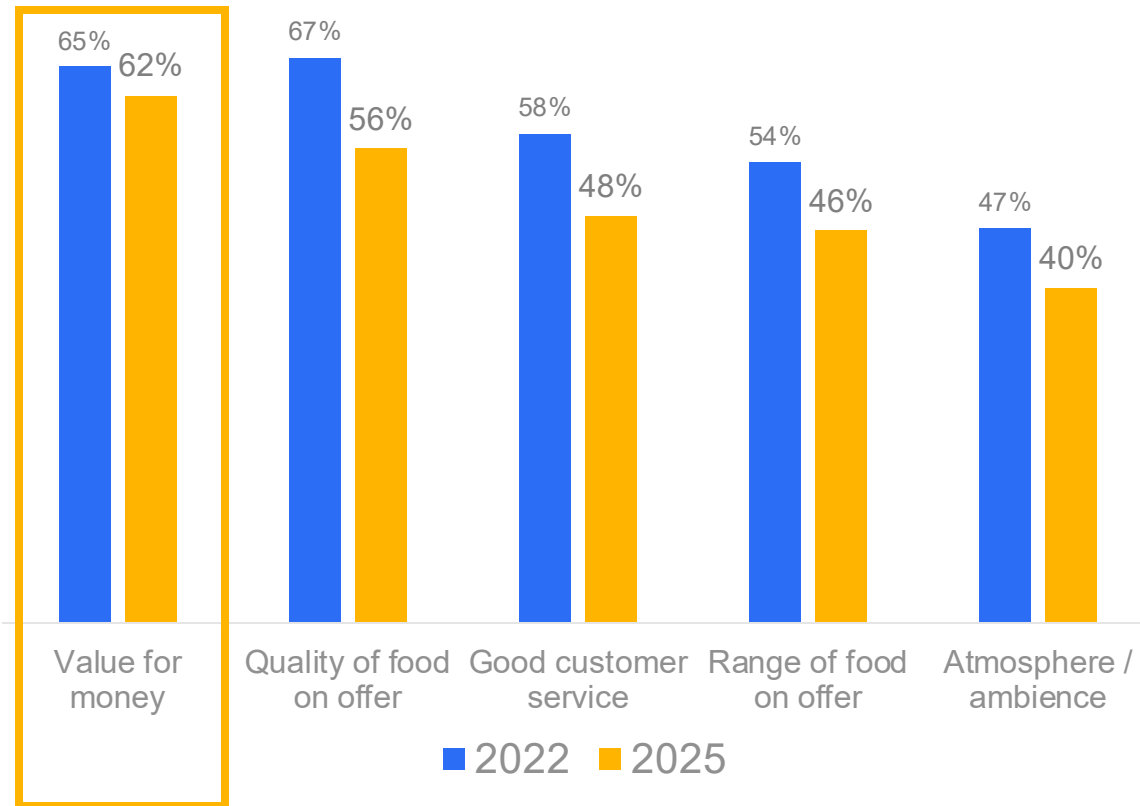
Balancing finances

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Balancing finances

Value for money continues to drive On Premise venue choice in Australia. But this does not mean cheap.

Top 5 factors influencing **choice of venue** when eating or drinking out



Based on what I spend when I eat and drink out, **value for money is**



Example: Leading with value and affordability



Tom Francis, Francis Venues

“Our demographics are really searching **for a decent meal special and a good price**. People can’t afford going to restaurants which are \$100 a head, but they can come to the pub and **have a decent meal for \$30 a head**.”

The how?

Perceived value through
quality and service

“Increasing the **quality** of dishes on the menu”
“The achievements in **service standards and food quality** has been really good”

Driving value and loyalty
through app launch



“It’s a rewards system that gives returning customers **access to F&B deals**”
“Great way for key supplier partners to put on deals for new products, **getting feedback on reaction to new SKUs** and the like.”

[Francis Venues focused on providing quality and value - Australian Hotelier](#)

Balancing finances

Taste, and quality are key drivers in defining good value; making serve quality and menu guidance crucial

Factors consumers consider when determining a drink in each category is **good value**

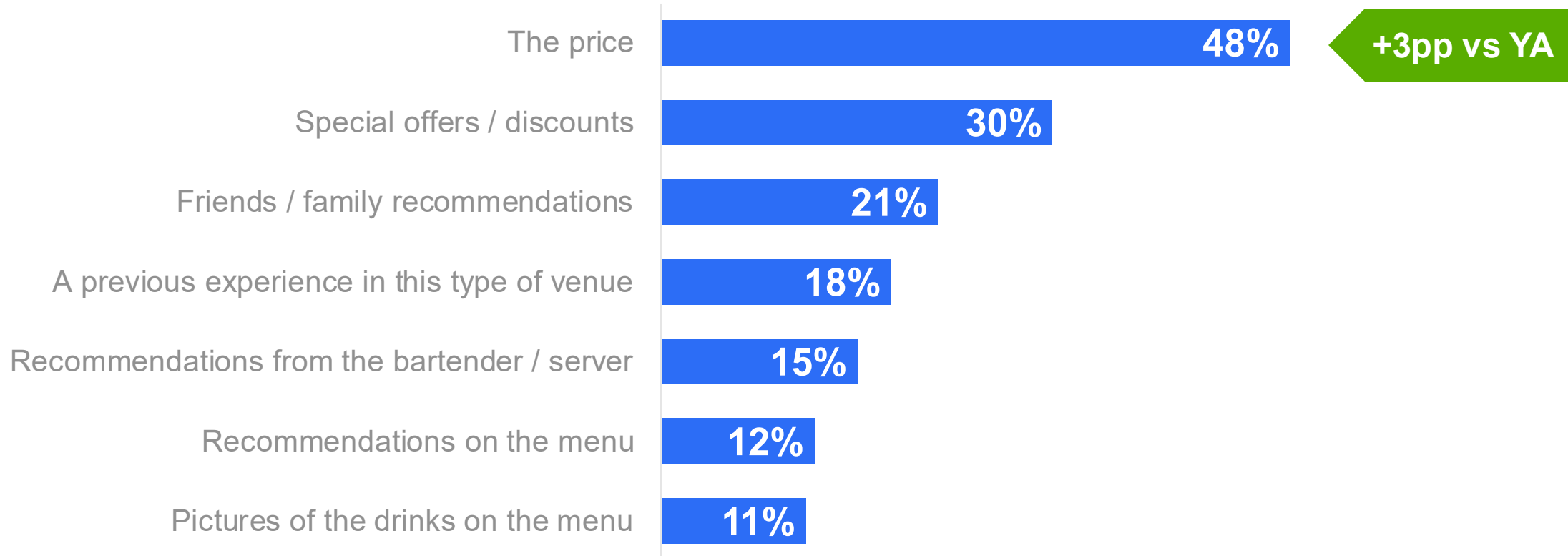
 Beer		 Wine		 Spirits		 Cocktails		 RTDs	
<u>The taste of the drink</u>	<u>47%</u>	<u>The taste of the drink</u>	<u>54%</u>	<u>The taste of the drink</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>The taste of the drink</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>The taste of the drink</u>	<u>37%</u>
<u>If it's a well-known brand or drink</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>High quality</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>High quality</u>	<u>31%</u>	<u>High quality</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>High quality</u>	<u>23%</u>
High quality	31%	If it's a well-known brand or drink	29%	If it's a well-known brand or drink	24%	Size of the drink	33%	Size of the drink	23%
Size of the drink	26%	If it is a local brand or local links	20%	Size of the drink	22%	Well served/perfect serve	26%	If it's a well-known brand or drink	20%
ABV (alcohol content)	19%	Size of the drink	20%	Cheapest available option	21%	If it's a well-known brand or drink	23%	If it's on offer or promotion	18%

Source: CGA by NIQ REACH Australia 2025, Sample size: 141 - 287

Balancing finances

Perceived value for money and quality credentials can only be realised if the price is right – making it essential to meet consumer expectations in pubs

Factors influencing drink choice when visiting pubs



Balancing finances

Price is particularly challenging for spirits, cocktails and RTDs – making it crucial to tailor menus, POSM and bartender training to ‘value’ translation

Reasons for drinking each category less frequently now



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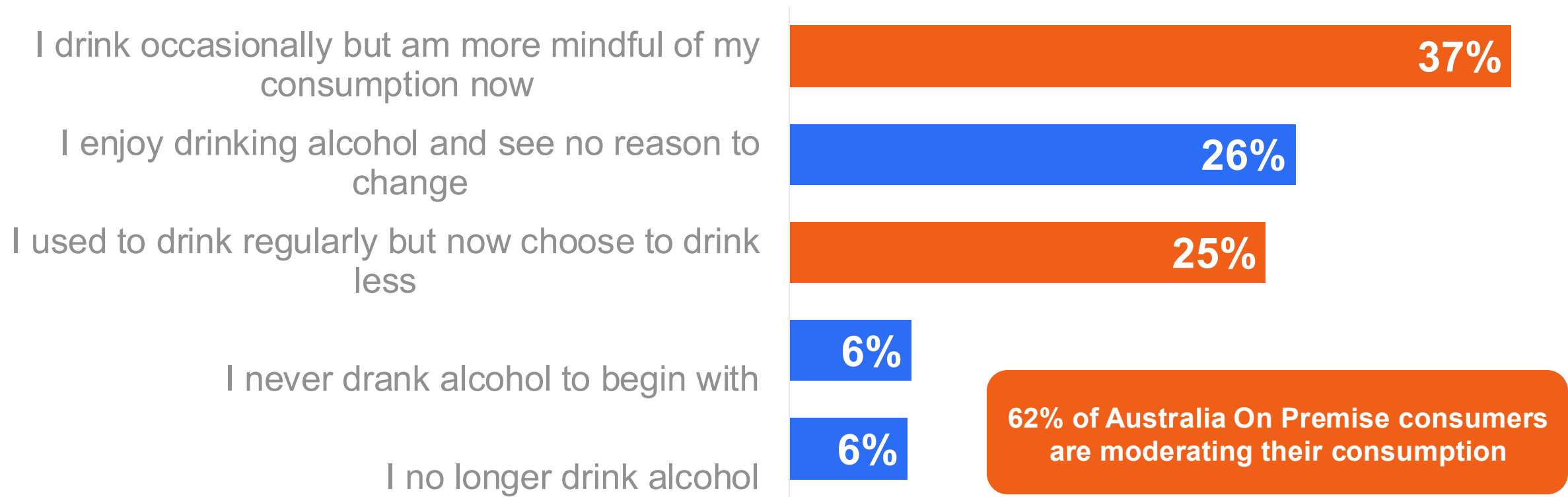
Balancing their health, wellness and happiness

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Balancing their health
and wellness

Less but better approach also bleeds into a consumer
increasingly involved in moderation

Which of the following statements best describes your *relationship with alcohol currently?*





Balancing their health
and wellness

Despite most consumers moderating in day-to-day life, the On Premise is still where they will seek out a treat and deter from their usual routine

61%

of Australian consumers agree that despite prioritising their health, they still see **eating and drinking out as a treat**, and so **do not factor it into their choices** when out in the On Premise

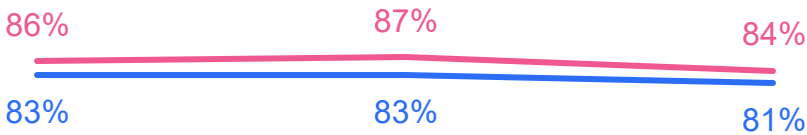
Source: CGA REACH Global April - May 2025. Sample: 16,486

Balancing their health
and wellness

Australians are reengaging with the On Premise.
Confirming moderation does not mean not going out.

Penetration

— I have visited the On Premise in the past 3 months
— I have visited the On Premise in the past 6 months



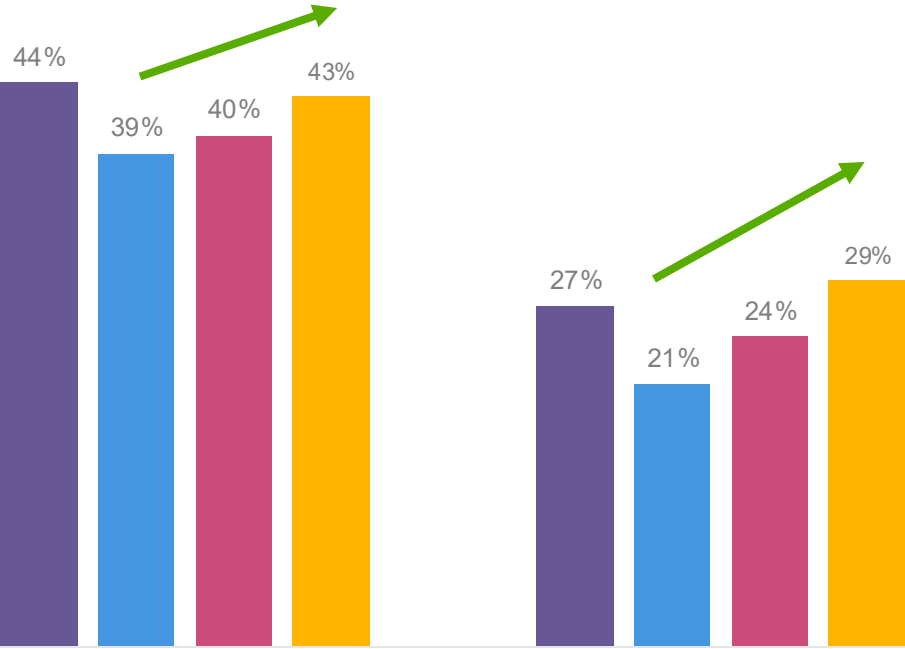
2023

2024

2025

Frequency

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025



Eating Out Weekly Drinking Out Weekly

SOURCE: CGA OPUS and REACH 2025

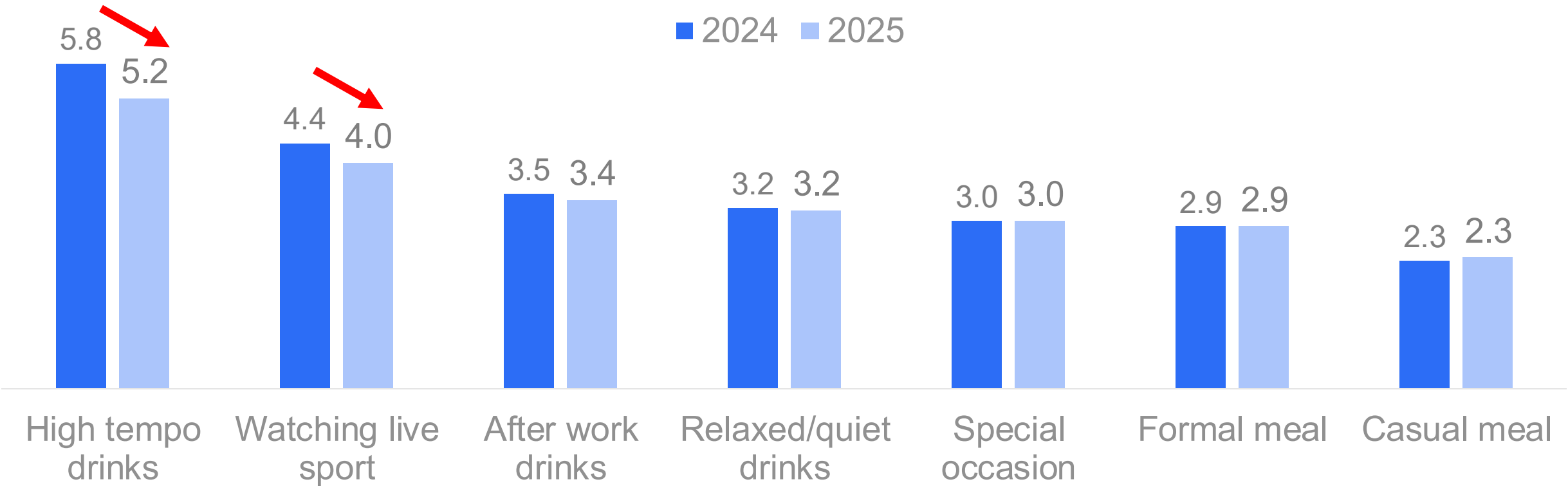
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Moderating behaviour in Australia shows in the form of a
drop in intensity of drinking for high volume occasions

Intensity

Average *number of drinks consumed* when out for an occasion

2024 2025



Source: OPUS Australia October 2023, March 2024, September 2024, March 2025; Sample size: 124 – 2438

Balancing their health and wellness

Part of the desire to moderate has come from the increasing popularity of health, fitness, and sleep tracking

Exercise regularly

50%

Ensure I get quality sleep

48%



+59%

Increase in running club memberships in 2024 vs YA



6.9M

smart watches sold last 4 years in AU

Ice baths available.
How Good.

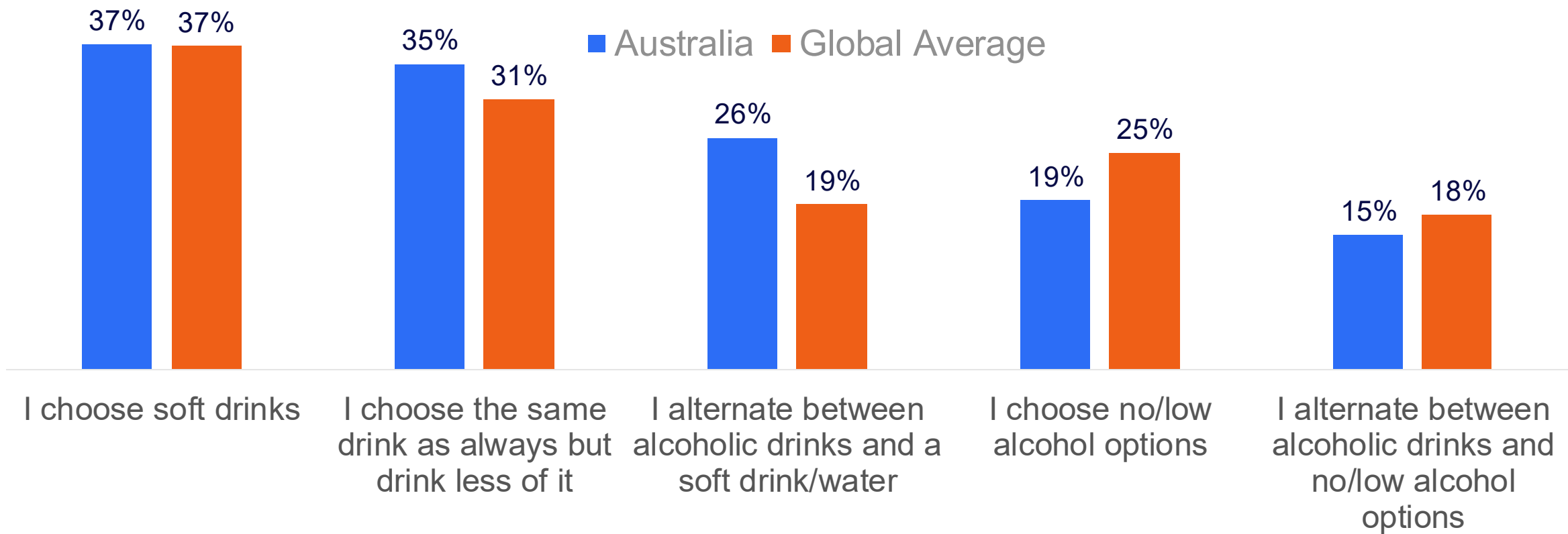


+45% vs 2YA in Retail
+22% vs 2YA in On Premise

Balancing their health
and wellness

Soft drinks and no/low can play key roles for moderators.
But consumers are also flexible in their choices

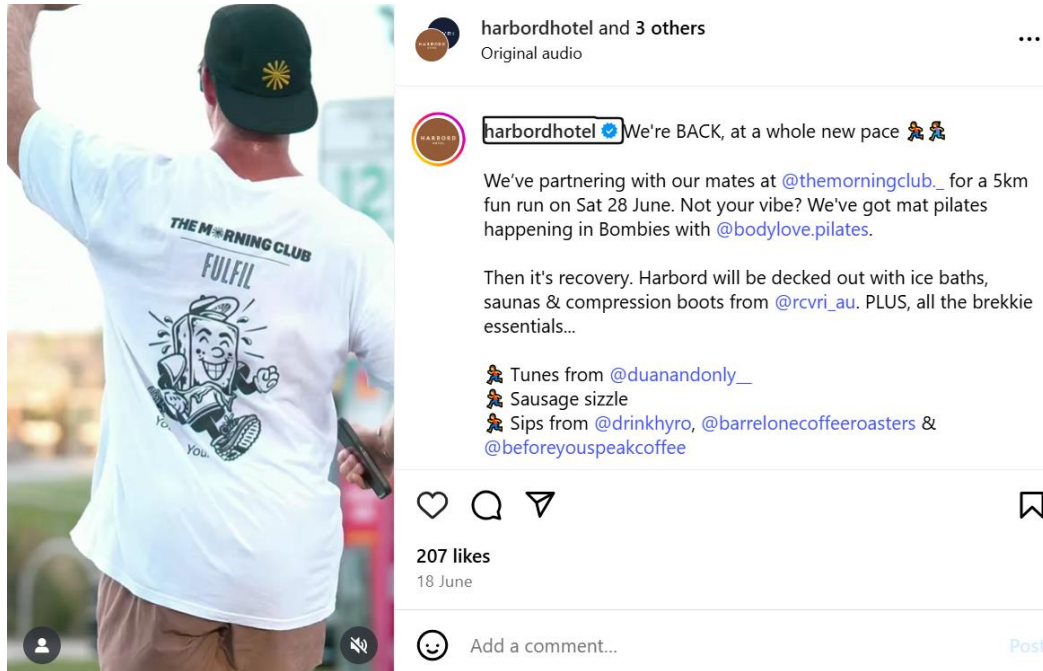
When you want to moderate what you drink or drink less when out, what do you do?



Source: CGA REACH Global April - May 2025. Sample: 20,696

Balancing their health and wellness

Venue Case Study: Tap into the healthier consumer



Partnered with local run club 'morning club' to put on regular events that included group run, Pilates, ice/sauna and food/drinks

Signifies to current and potential customers pub is down with the trends and aligned with consumer lifestyles

Harbord Hotel branches out to tap into the northern beaches running club craze

Unlocked new dayparts to engage with consumers and grow share of occasions outside of typical operating hours

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Balancing connection
and disconnection

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experiences

Balancing connection and disconnection

**Experience
focused
occasions are
gaining share
of total On
Premise
occasions**

Source: OPUS Australia March 2024 March 2025; Sample size:
528 – 4470

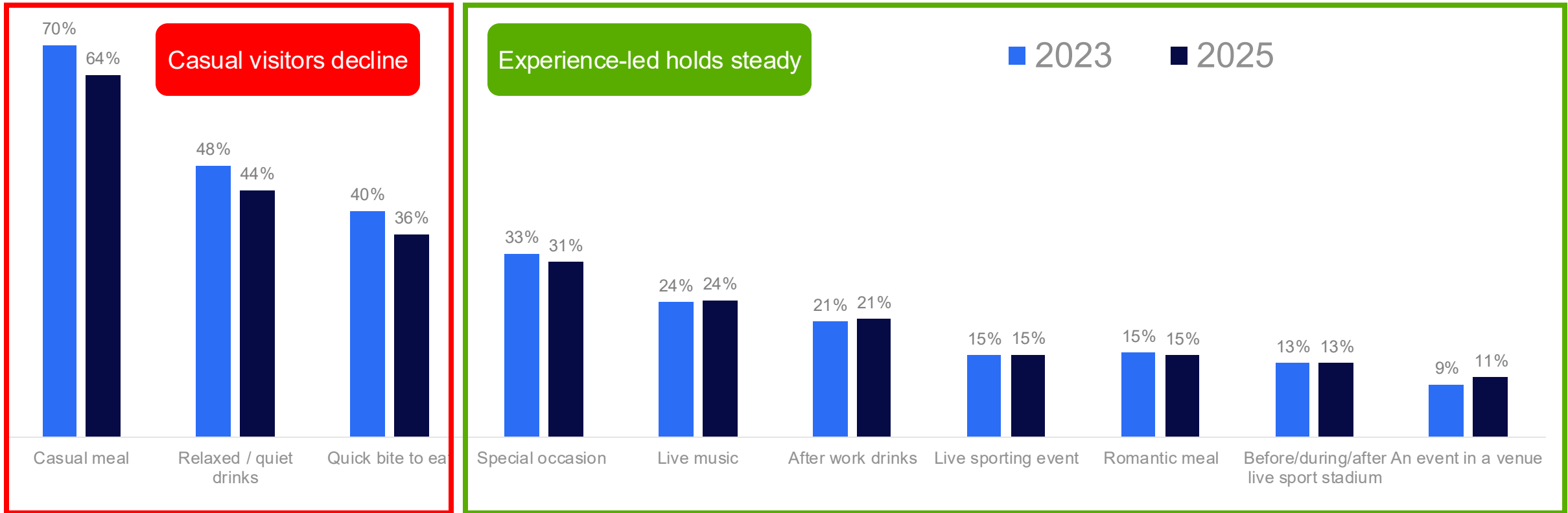
Total On Premise Occasions Share change vs YA	
After work drinks	+1.4pp
An event in a venue (Quiz, Bingo)	+0.8pp
Themed event (Halloween, St. Patricks Day)	+0.8pp
Ticketed event (DJ, Comedy, Bands.)	+0.6pp
Business meeting	+0.5pp
Live music	+0.5pp

Total On Premise Occasions Share change vs YA	
Before / after shopping or another event	-0.3pp
Before/during/after watching live sport in a stadium	-0.4pp
Romantic meal	-0.6pp
On the go / whilst travelling	-1.0pp
Special occasion	-1.1pp
Quick bite to eat	-1.2pp

Balancing connection and disconnection

Demand drops for casual pub visits. showing the need to focus on occasions to drive continued visits

*Occasions consumers visit **Pubs** for*

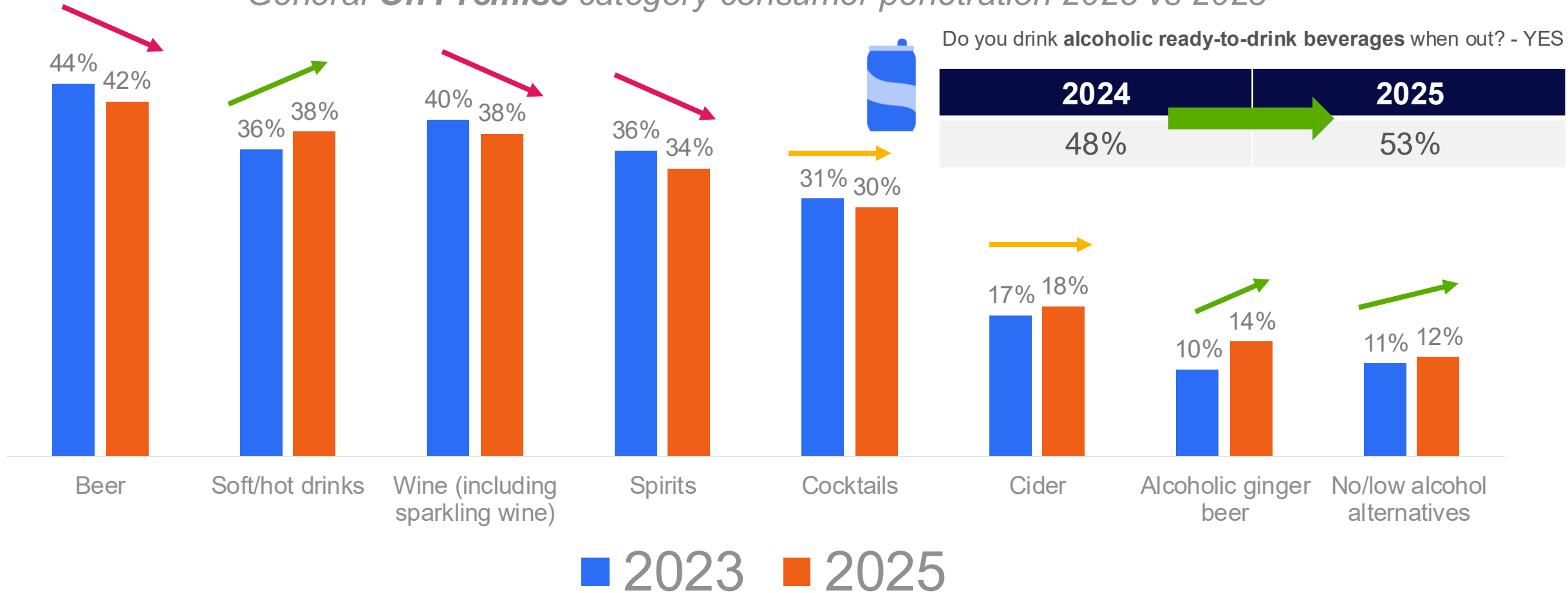


Source: OPUS Australia March 2023-2025

Balancing connection and disconnection

With shifting occasions brings different drink preferences.
RTDs and Ginger beers big winner.

General On Premise category consumer penetration 2025 vs 2023



Source: OPUS Australia March 2022-2025, Sample size: 4000 – 4004

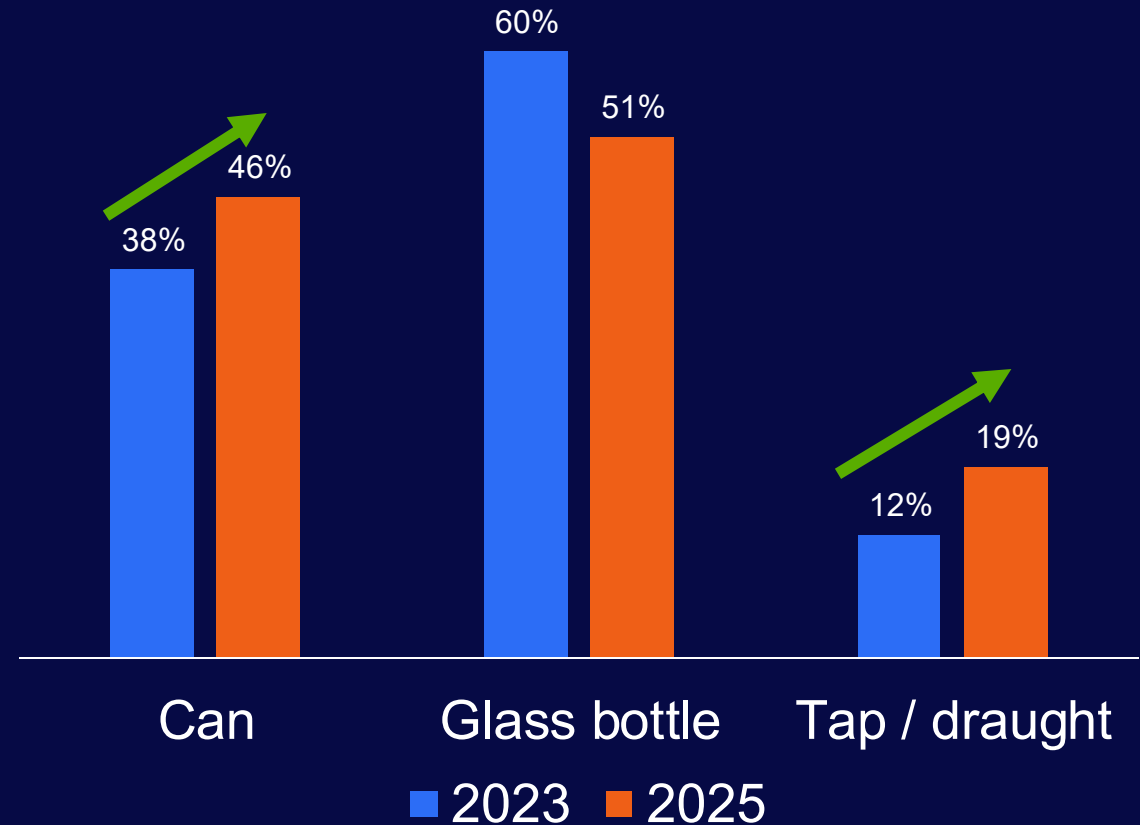
Balancing connection
and disconnection

RTDs play well into activity/experience-led visits, Older consumers and package/serve innovations have driven increased engagement and availability of RTDs

On Premise RTD penetration (vs YA)

18-34	35-54	55+
74%	63%	24%
+1pp	+4pp	+7pp

Appeal of RTD serve format



Source: OPUS Australia

Balancing connection
and disconnection

The top 10 most
valuable days of 2024
made up

+5pp

more of the yearly total
sales than in 2023

NIQ



Source: CGA EPOS Data US & UK

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The growing desire for connection is fuelling the **rise of disconnection bars**

48%

of consumers find **disconnection bars** very appealing/slightly appealing

vs. 14% unappealing

+13pp for consumers using social media more for food/drink



NEWS

Screen time, not health fears, behind drop in alcohol sales, says Asahi CEO

20 MAY 2025

By Sophie Arundel

Gaming, streaming and social media are eating into alcohol's share of consumer leisure time, says the head of Japanese drinks giant Asahi.

Balancing connection and disconnection

Source: CGA REACH Global April - May 2025. Sample: 7465 – 16,586



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**Balancing connection
and disconnection**



Bistecca, Sydney



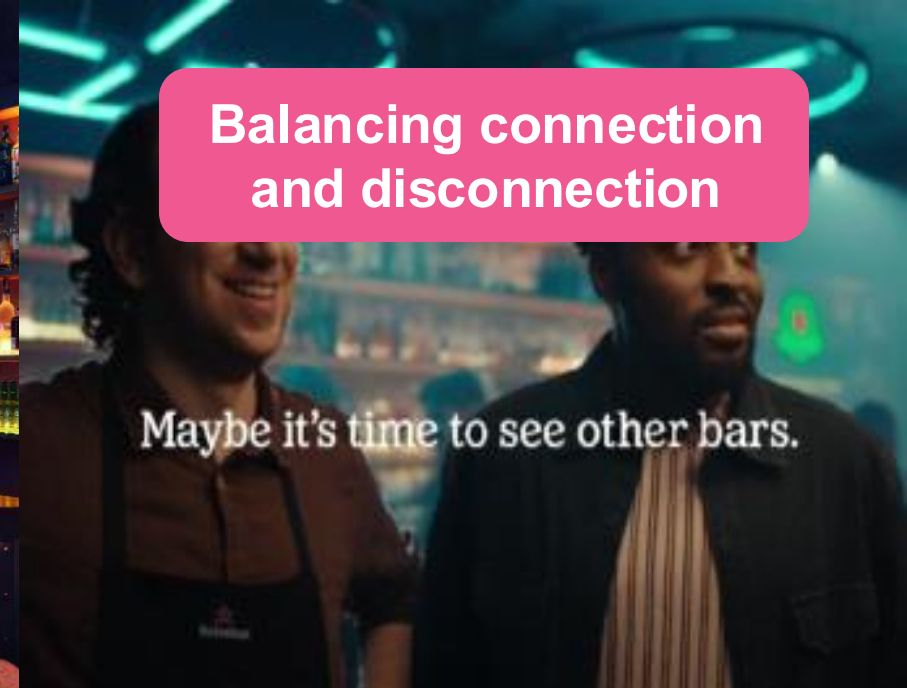
The Palace, NYC



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Closing thoughts



Future-proofing your pub for success

Emphasize quality and value in your drink's menu	Re-think spirits serve/menu strategy	Ensure drinks menus are fit for different types of moderators	Host alternative/wellness aligned events	Create intentional, tech-free experiences
<p>Value for money is contextual and perceived.</p> <p>Understanding and translating this is crucial to driving spend.</p> <p>Serve execution and menu mechanics crucial.</p>	<p>Opportunity for spirits, cocktails and RTDs to better translate value-for-money and drive higher spend.</p> <p>Focus on taste, quality and experiential, elements to drive perceived value.</p>	<p>Moderation is here to stay but isn't a barrier to visitation.</p> <p>Winners will show they accommodate for flexible health seekers.</p>	<p>Opportunity outside traditional pub dayparts to engage with shifting lifestyles.</p> <p>Look for partnerships or opportunities to appeal to new consumer segments.</p>	<p>Experience-led occasions driving more footfall.</p> <p>Create and market unique events calendar to attract experience seekers.</p> <p>Review drinks offer to ensure fit for emerging occasions.</p>

Thank you!

Tell us what you think of
the insights from
todays session...



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