

World Market for Retail Tissue and Hygiene

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MEA leads forecast growth driven by positive population trends and low saturation

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STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

Facial tissues' growth solidifies APAC's leadership in retail tissue

Toilet paper tracks sustained per capita volume growth, despite transforming toilet routines

Businesses tie innovations to evolving use occasions and need gaps to differentiate

Disposable facial cloths, a growth adjacency, gain popularity in APAC

AFH tissue sales below historical levels, echoing travel and foodservice recovery patterns

Toilet paper leads AFH gains, driven by Horeca recovery and back-to-office enforcement

Retail adult incontinence charts fastest growth in retail hygiene across regions

Retail to lead growth of all channels, with moderate/heavy segment outperforming

Absorbency, fit, skin health and convenience underpin key incontinence innovations

Retail incontinence performance can be further shaped by public policies and Rx schemes

Developed markets lead retail adult incontinence consumption, building on income strength

Slim towels a key growth driver for menstrual care, mainly driven by APAC demand

Pant format leads menstrual care penetration in China

India to replace the US as the second largest market in menstrual care by 2028

Diapers witness continued shift towards pants, led by APAC

Improved accessibility, size diversification and feature localisation support pants' expansion

Skin health, gender inclusivity and specific occasion care form key pillars of diaper innovation

Indonesia to replace Brazil as the third largest market in nappies/diapers/pants

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Market fragmentation escalates in APAC and MEA, driven by agile local rivals

Softys and Hengan sustain tissue share gains supported by channel and supply chain strength

Hygiene sees stronger foothold among top players

Western Europe leads private label penetration and historic period growth

Private label further attracts consumers across Western Europe with sustainability initiatives

Chinese Shanghai Xier capitalises on consumer-centric localised innovations and holistic care approach

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Quality, comfort and value for money lead spending priorities

Consumers continue to opt for alternative hygiene formats

Essity diversifies product options across hygiene symptoms and life occasions

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