Abstract

Join us on April 5th to hear two expert views. First, the U.S. Chief Financial Economist at Oxford Economics will provide valuable insights on the economy, trade issues and consumer trends. Secondly, the Director of Corporate Strategy at IFF will discuss how a leading supplier to consumer product goods (CPG) companies plans to leverage emerging growth opportunities.

In the Consumer Market, the global operating environment is more dynamic and the pace of change is accelerating. Over the past several years, macroeconomic conditions have remained uncertain, consumer preferences have continued to evolve, and CPG companies have faced pressure from challenged organic volume growth and continued industry consolidation.

IFF, a leader in the Flavor & Fragrance industry, fuels innovation and sensorial experiences for CPG players around the world. As the industry has undergone changes, IFF has positioned its strategy to address these shifting dynamics.

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