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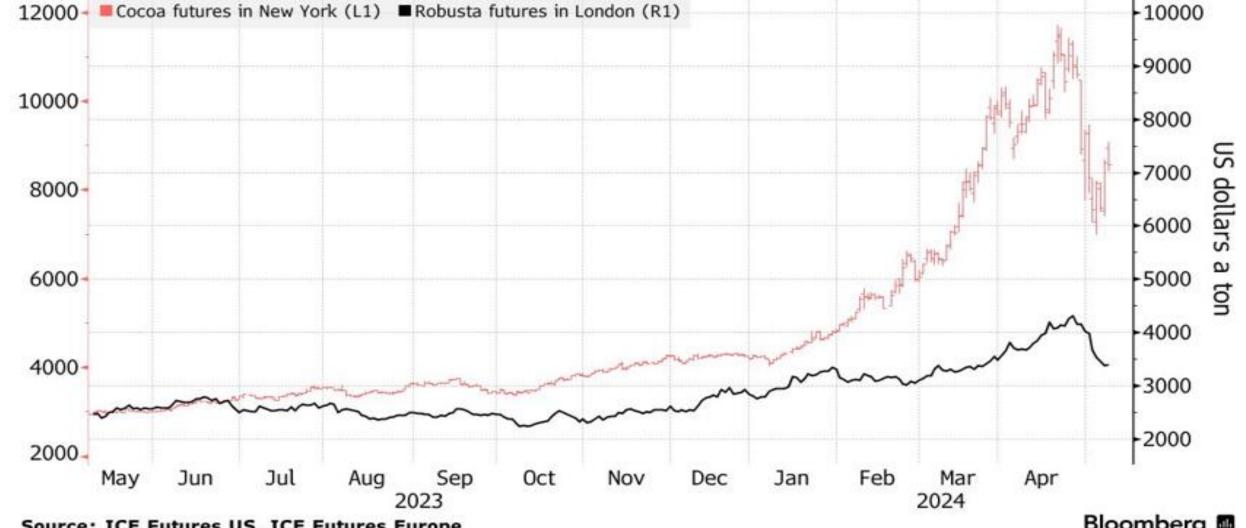
Managing Value Amid Rising Commodity Cost

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#### Cocoa and Coffee Surge Amid Bad Weather at Key Growers Rallying prices drained liquidity and made markets more volatile



Source: ICE Futures US, ICE Futures Europe

Bloomberg .

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Falling Commodity Prices Could Mute Inflation Risks from Trade Tensions



Price volatility is an inevitable part of the coffee industry. With recent spikes in both arabica and robusta prices, roasters have to figure out the best ways to adapt and stay agile.



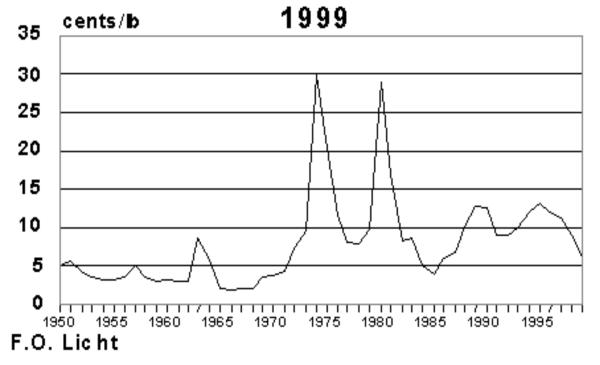
A complex interplay of market conditions is driving up the C price – and it's unlikely to fall going into 2025. Roasters will need to be more strategic than ever and increased transparency with customers will work in their favour.

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## Development of Raw Sugar Prices 1950 -





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Trump unleashes tariffs



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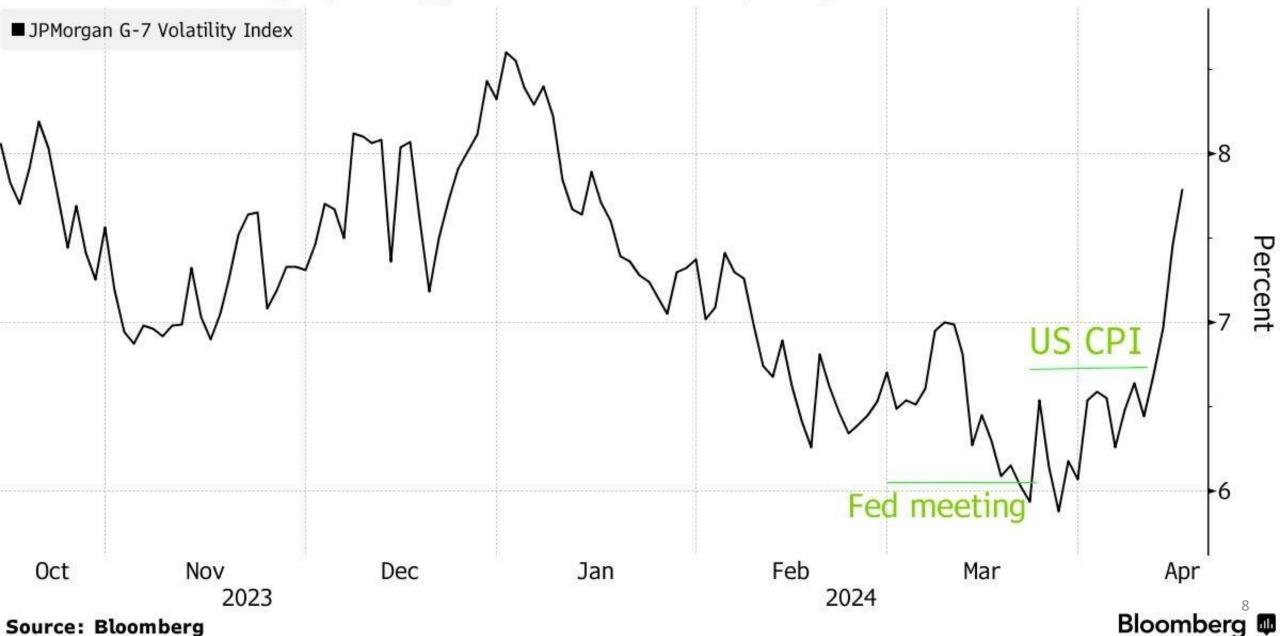
Trump triggers \$1 trillion global trade war - in threat to UK jobs and wages







FX Volatility Rallies as Fed Repricing Meets Geopolitical Risks Demand for the high-yielding, haven dollar reshapes options outlook



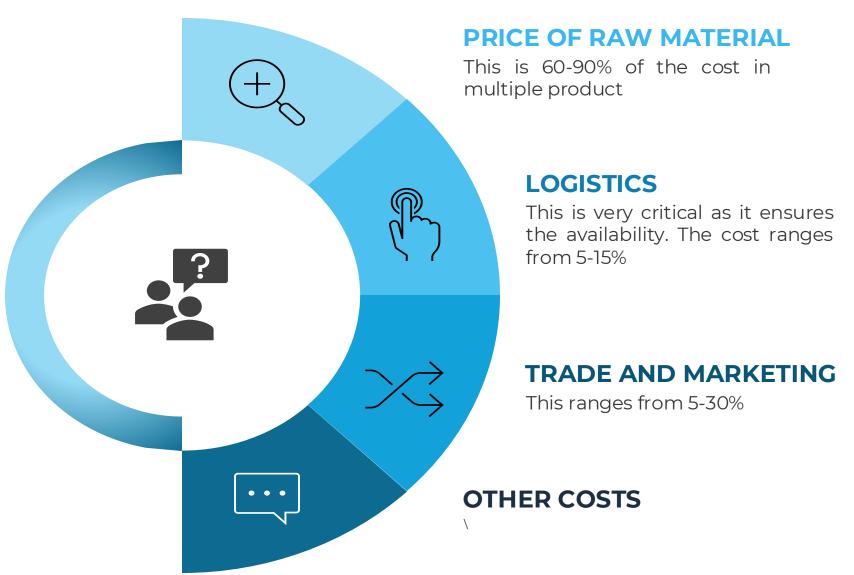
Source: Bloomberg

# So what comes to your mind??



# What Impacts the price of the product??

As the raw material cost is most important (availability and cost) – the factors influencing it impacts the product cost most



# How the Raw Material cost is impacted?

#### **Availabilty**

- 1. Local produce and Local demand
- 2. Local government polices
- 3. International market demand
- 4. Price volatility



- 1. Crop Damage
- 2. Yield output



#### Inter regional **Tensions**

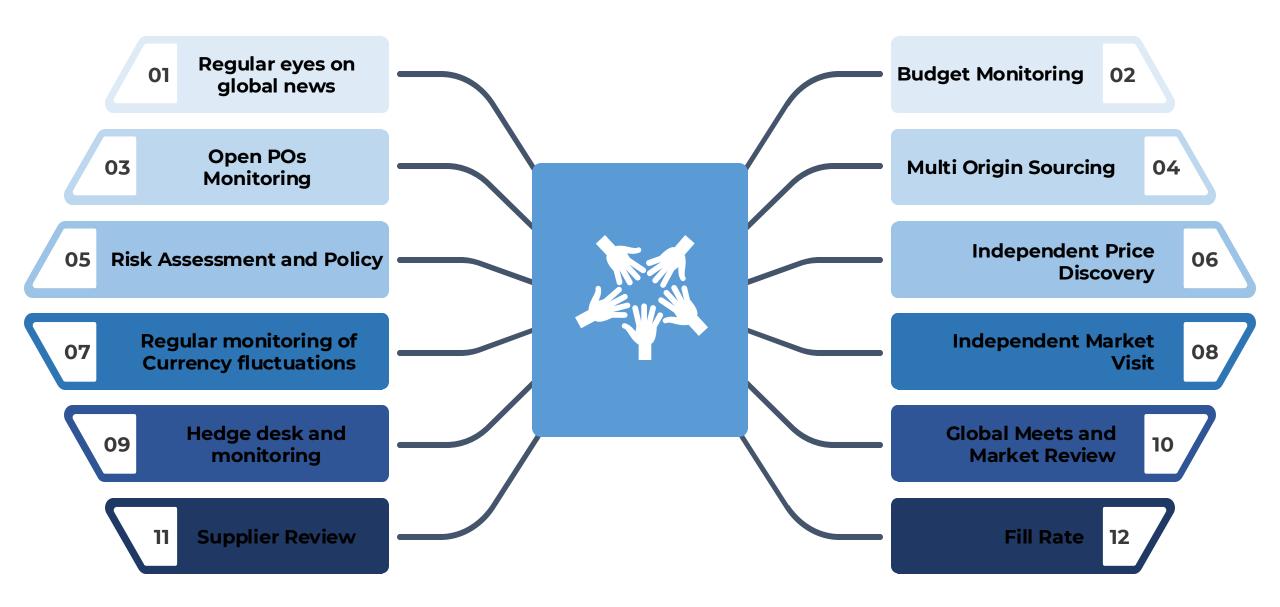
- Conflicts
- 2. War
- 3. Preferential treatments
- 4. Tariffs



# **Currency Cost**

- 1. International factors
- 2. Local Factors
- 3. The volatility sometimes multiples the cost by even 50%
- 4. Hedge is a safety option but comes at cost

# What we as Leaders can do to mitigate surprises?



# **Roadmap for Today**



## The APAC FMCG Landscape: A Crucible of Complexity



#### **Hyper-Fragmented Channels**

4M traditional trade stores dominate, requiring ultra-granular, localized strategies for distribution and trade spend.



#### **Digital-First Disruption**

Rapid e-commerce & social commerce growth (Shopee, Lazada) makes digital shelf and promo ROI critical.



#### **Fierce Local Competition**

Intense pressure from local brands on price and global brands on innovation, squeezing margins.



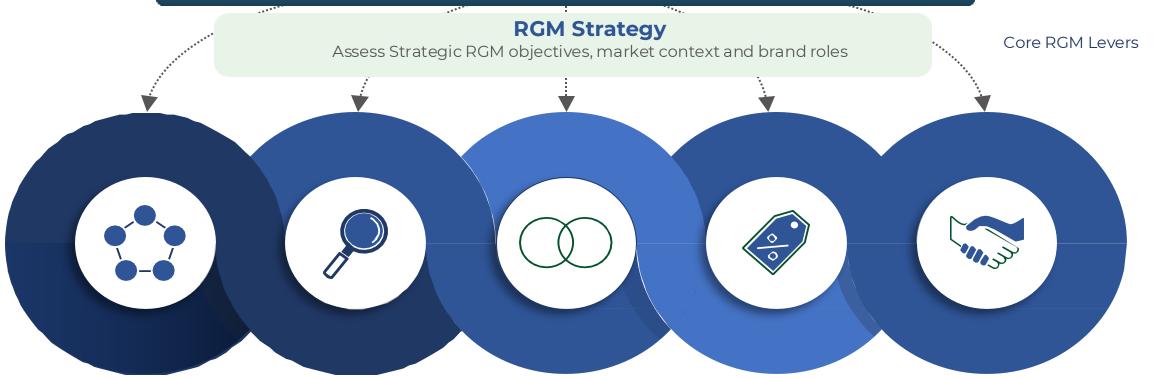
#### **Promotion-Driven Consumers**

Frequent, deep discounts erode value. Winning requires precision in promo optimization and premiumization.

Implication: Blunt strategies fail. Winning requires granular, data-driven RGM.



#### **Revenue Growth Management (RGM)**



# Brand Portfolio Pricing

Capture full value of our brands to consumers – in each demand space, price tier, geography and channel

# Pack Price Architecture

Provide right format, pack, at the right price for each occasion and shopper mission

## Active Mix Management

Drive brand/pack /channel mix to where profit growth lies – setting right sales priorities

## Promotion Optimization

Invest promotion based on where value and growth lies - by channel, customer, + promo type

#### Trade Spends Management

Align and optimize contractual trade spend by brand and customer – drive preferred behavior

People & organization

**Processes** 

Tools

**Capability Build** 

## **Data Driven RGM**

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Strategic
Alignment &
Growth Ambition

- 1. Integrate RGM objectives to enterprise vision, brand strategy, and market positioning.
- 2. Translate ambitions into measurable commercial KPIs to drive accountability.

Data & Advanced
Analytics
Enablement

- 1. Establish a unified, high-integrity data ecosystem embedding commercial, operational, and financial streams.
- 2. Apply advanced analytics; diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive for decision optimization.

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Value-Optimized
Pricing, Portfolio &
Promotion
Architecture

- Engineer price-pack structures using various modelling (e.g. elasticity, sensitivity etc.) to balance margin and volume.
- 2. Segment portfolios for targeted consumer groups and shopper missions.
- 3. Institutionalize promotion guidelines (Closed-Loop) with strong ROI tracking.

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Assortment & GTM Differentiation

- 1. Rationalize SKUs for efficiency and profitability.
- 2. Align assortment and distribution to channel-specific dynamics and demand patterns.
- 3. Drive market penetration through availability at critical purchase points.

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Capability Building, Collaboration & Strategic Agility

- 1. Position RGM as a cross-functional initiative integrating Sales, Marketing, Trade marketing, Finance, and Supply Chain.
- 2. Build organizational capability in data and commercial.
- 3. Deploy agile performance management to adapt rapidly to competitive and macroeconomic shifts.

# **Building a Sustainable Capability**



Top down cultural push to data driven ways of working

As an example – Market mix model acceptance and use is very different across organizations and big difference is the putting it to action is mandated and followed in the better organizations



Integration with organizational processes

In good organizations RGM outputs inform and guide key core business processes.
e.g. strategy planning, insights and innovation, portfolio management, financial planning & analysis



Sustainability of the RGM sprints

Critical to have tools and playbooks to make the sprints shorter and sustainable.

Key to ensure timely actionable output and on a regular basis vs. in discrete sprints

# **Optimizing Trade Spend**



**Understand** market, category, and channel nuances with their primary and secondary sales drivers.

**Review** the closed-loop process's effectiveness and the strength of on-ground trade execution.

**Evaluate** system integration (DMS, TPM, ERP) to eliminate data blind spots in trade spend.

**Conduct** market visits to gain direct ground-level insights from channel partners and retailers.

**Leverage** advanced analytics on closed-loop data to detect leaks, anomalies, and optimize ROI.

# **Guest Speaker**



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# Thank You!



## **Gross-to-Net Revenue Management Software for Consumer Goods Brands**

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