

# FMCG Sector in Georgia

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## FMCG market in Georgia: sector is growing steadily

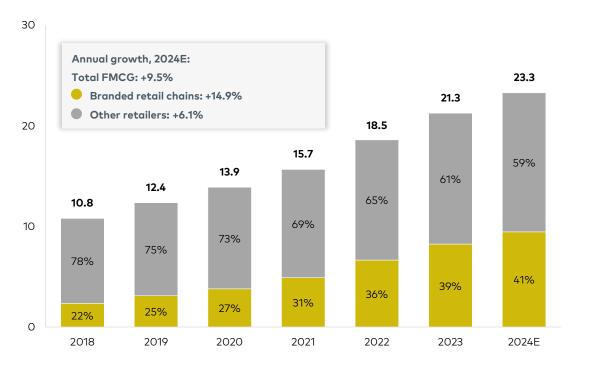
- FMCG sector revenue is expected to reach GEL 23.3bn in 2024, reflecting a 9.5% y/y increase. Revenue growth is primarily driven by increased demand, with minimal impact from price changes. Notably, branded retail chains are growing at a faster pace (+14.9%y/y to GEL 9.5bn in 2024E) compared to other formats (+6.1%y/y to GEL 13.8bn in 2024E). Branded retail chains currently hold 40.7% of the market share, up from 38.8% in 2023, with dynamic growth expected to continue.
- Revenue of branded retail chains expected at GEL 9.5bn in 2024, up 14.9% y/y. This growth in revenue is primarily driven by geographic expansion, with 500 new stores added in 2024, bringing the total number of branded retail chain stores to over 4,000. Notably, the number of branded retail chain stores in Tbilisi and the regions is now equal, although sales per store in Tbilisi are, on average, about 30% higher than in the regions. As a result, Tbilisi accounts for 56.7% of total branded chain revenue.
- Daily Group has emerged as the new market leader, capturing a 27.6% share of the branded retail chains market and a 9.8% share of the total FMCG market. In 2024, several companies merged to form Daily Group Holding, including Foodmart Ltd (with brands Spar, Ioli, and Kalata), Daily Ltd, Gvirila Retail Ltd (brand name Gvirila), and Retail Group Ltd (Magniti). As a result, Daily Group now owns over 1,600 stores out of a total of 4,000, accounting for 39% of the branded retail store market's total store count. In 10M24, Daily Group led the market with a 27.6% share of branded retail chains revenue, followed by Nikora with 17.0% and 2-Nabiji with 16.8%. Together, these top three companies account for 61.3% of the branded retail chains market revenue, with the remaining share spread across approximately 40 smaller retail chains.
- ● We expect FMCG sector revenue to grow at an average rate of 8.0% over 2025-28, primarily driven by increased purchasing power. Branded retail chains will continue to expand at a faster pace than other formats, supported by geographic expansion, assortment and format diversification, and other strategic developments. We forecast an average annual growth rate of 14.8% for branded retail chains over 2025-28 (compared to 24.5% in 2021-24), which will result in their market share increasing from 40.7% to 52.0% by 2028.



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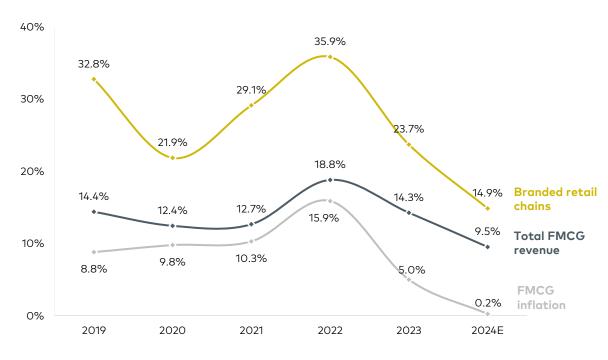
## FMCG sector revenue estimated at GEL 23.3 bn in 2024, reflecting a 9.5% y/y growth

#### FMCG sector revenue by retailer type, GEL bn (incl. VAT)



FMCG sector's revenue is expected to reach GEL 23.3 bn, marking a 9.5% y/y increase in 2024. Branded retail chains currently hold 40.7% of the market share (up from 38.8% in 2023), with dynamic growth expected to continue.

## Annual growth of FMCG revenue, revenue of branded retail chains and FMCG inflation



FMCG revenue growth in 2024 is primarily driven by increased demand, with minimal impact from price changes. Branded retail chains are growing at a faster pace than other formats.

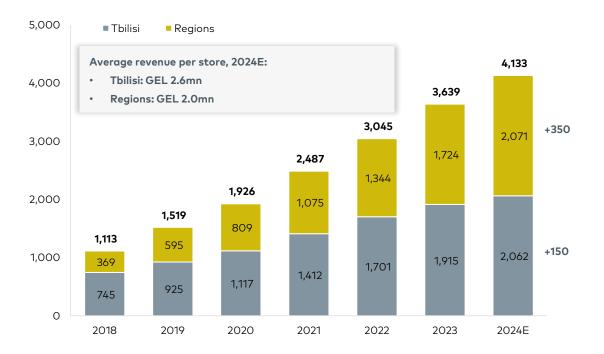
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## 2024 Summary - branded retail chains

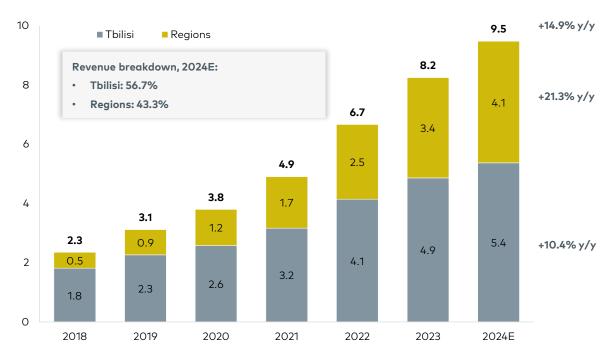
## Revenue of branded retail chains is growing faster in the regions due to geographic expansion

#### Number of branded stores in Tbilisi vs regions



The number of branded retail stores is growing faster in the regions than in Tbilisi, although sales per store are higher in Tbilisi. This revenue disparity can be attributed to lower purchasing power, differences in consumer behavior, and a higher share of unorganized markets and self-consumption in the regions.

#### Revenue breakdown of branded retail chains, GEL bn (incl. VAT)



Revenue of branded retail chains is expected to grow by 21.3% y/y in the regions and by 10.4% y/y in Tbilisi in 2024E. As a result, the share of regions in the revenue of branded retail chains will increase from 41.1% in 2023 to 43.3% in 2024.

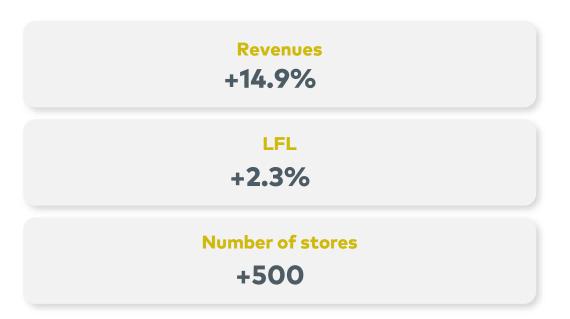
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## 2024 Summary - branded retail chains

## Daily Group became new market leader in 2024 following the merger of several companies

#### Revenue and store count growth of branded retail chains, 2024E

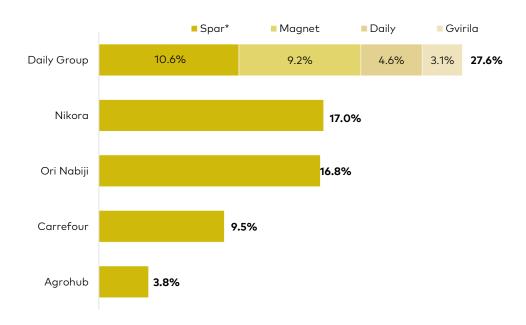


The increase in branded retail chains' revenue was largely driven by the opening of new stores in 10M24. These stores partially replaced traditional format stores and unorganized trade

Note: LFL (Like-for-Like) growth refers to the increase in sales from stores that were opened in the previous year.

**Source:** Company survey, Galt & Taggart

#### Market share of top-5 branded retail chains by revenue, 10M24



Daily Group has emerged as the new market leader. In 2024, the retail chains Daily, Gvirila, Magniti, Spar and Ioli were merged under the Daily group holding. As a result, Daily group now leads the branded retail chains market with a 27.6% share of revenue, 39% of the store count and a 9.8% share of total FMCG market revenue.

<sup>\*</sup>Spar includes Foodmart and their franchises



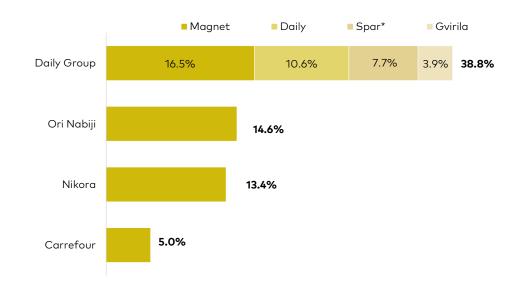
## 2024 Summary - market share of branded retail chains in Tbilisi and the regions

## Distribution of market share is different in Tbilisi and other regions

#### Market share of top-5 branded retail chains by revenue in Tbilisi, 10M24

### 19.8% Nikora Spar\* Magnet Gvirila Daily 12.8% Daily Group 3.6% 2.4% 19.0% Ori Nabiji 18.4% Carrefour 13.0% 5.2% Agrohub

### Market share of top-5 branded retail chains by revenue in the regions, 10M24



Nikora is the market leader in Tbilisi, with a 19.8% share of branded retail store sales revenue in 10M24

Daily Group is the market leader in regions, with a 38.8% % share of branded retail store sales revenue in 10M24

Source: Company survey, Galt & Taggart

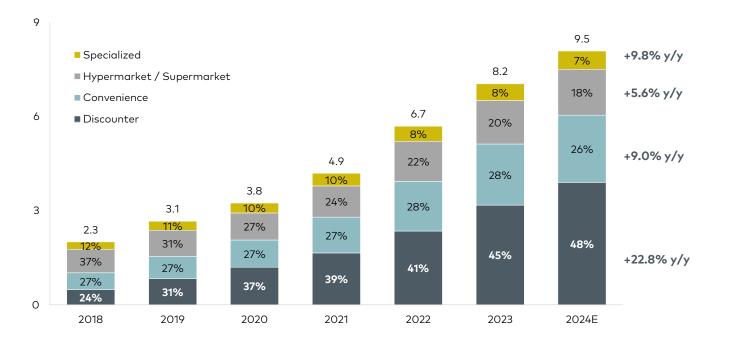
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## 2024 Summary - branded retail chain store formats

## The market share of discounter stores is growing the fastest, while the share of hypermarkets is decreasing

#### Revenue breakdown of branded retail chains by store formats, GEL bn (incl. VAT)



Discounters have the highest market share, in line with global trends. The rapid growth of discounters has been further accelerated by high inflation in recent years.

Most companies operate in specific segments, while the number of multi-format chains remains limited.

 Format diversification will help attract consumers with varying preferences, which is particularly important in a market with a non-growing population.

#### Daily Group formats:

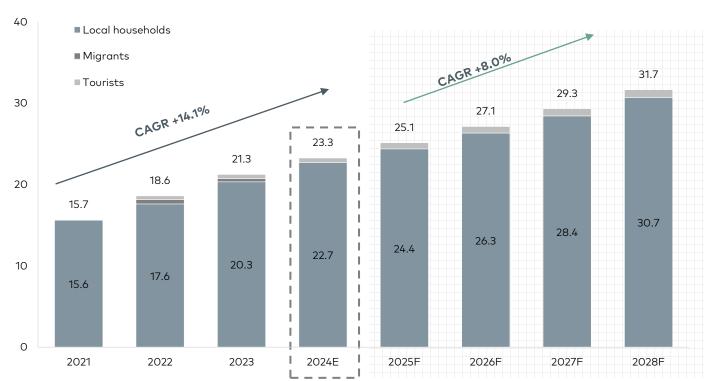
Daily Group operates across various formats. Daily and Magnet primarily serve regional markets and cater to the budget segment in the **discounter** format. Gvirila targets this segment nationwide. Spar and Ioli, along with their franchises, primarily operate as **convenience** stores.



## Growth outlook for 2025-28

## FMCG sector revenue is expected to grow at an average annual growth rate of 8.0% over 2025-28

#### FMCG sector revenue by consumer group, GEL bn (incl. VAT)



The FMCG sector grew mainly due to the increased consumption of local population, although tourism recovery and migrant influx had a significant contribution in 2022-23

FMCG sector revenue expected to grow at an average growth rate of 8.0% over 2025-28 and reach GEL 31.7 bn by 2028

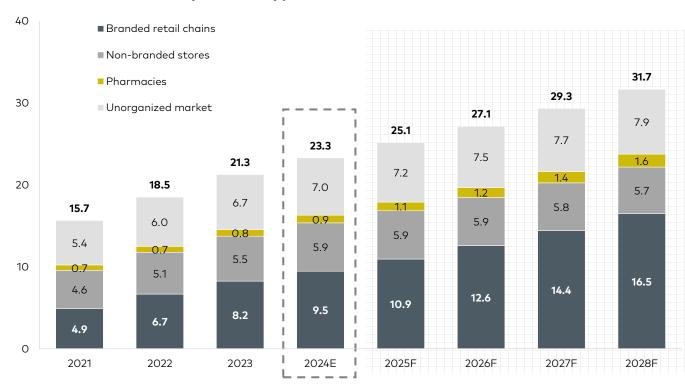
The main growth driver will be increase in purchasing power of the population.



### Growth outlook for 2025-28

## Over half of FMCG market revenue is expected to come from branded retail stores by 2028

#### FMCG sector revenue by retailer type, GEL bn (incl. VAT)



The share of branded retail chains increased from 31.3% in 2021 to 40.7% in 2024E. The revenue of branded retail chains is expected to grow by 14.9% CAGR over 2025-28 due to geographic expansion and strategic development, lifting the market share to 52.0% by 2028.

Market share breakdown				
	2021	2024E	2025F	2028F
Branded retail chains	31.3%	40.7%	43.5%	52.0%
Other retailers	68.7%	59.3%	56.5%	48.0%

Source: Geostat, SARAS, Company Survey, Galt & Taggart

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## Revenue growth strategy of branded retail chains for 2025-28

## **Regional expansion**

Adjara, Kvemo Kartli and Tbilisi are most attractive for expansion.

#### **Branded stores**



For details, refer to Galt & Taggart's <u>January</u> <u>presentation</u>, pages 10-15

#### **Assortment**

To gain additional market share and optimize costs, it is important to:

- Expand product assortment
- Develop private label
- Develop data analysis and personalize

For details, refer to Galt & Taggart's <u>January</u> presentation, pages 17-18

#### **Sales channels**

For the attraction of new consumers it is important to diversify sales channels:

- Diversify formats
- Increase E-Commerce sales

For details, refer to Galt & Taggart's <u>January</u> presentation, pages 16,21



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