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UK Food & Beverage M&A Volumes Ease from Record Highs, but Deal Values Hold Firm

Oghma Partners is pleased to share the release of its review of the latest Mergers and Acquisition activity within the UK Food and Beverage Industry.

Deal volume normalised to 30 transactions in the first tertial of 2026 (T1), compared to the record 49 deals completed in T1 2025, while estimated deal value proved resilient, declining just 2.3% to c. £850m – implying a meaningful increase in average deal size.

Looking ahead, deal activity is expected to remain selective and strategically driven. Food inflation has eased to 2.2% and headline CPI stands at 2.8%, providing some relief for operators, though the timing of future rate cuts remains open. A pipeline of larger announced transactions is expected to support deal values through the remainder of the year.

A full copy of the report is available on request.

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