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Brand Power. Pepsi sells nine of the top 40 packaged food and beverage trademarks in the U.S., which is most of any consumer packaged goods company. Pepsi also sells nine of the top 50 packaged food and soft drink brands in Russia, which is again most of any CPG company, seven of the top 50 in Mexico and six of the top 50 in the U.K.

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