# The Thirsty Stock Market: An Aquatic Analysis of the Relationship Between US Bottled Water Consumption and Constellation Brands' Stock Price

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#### **Abstract**

The ever-growing demand for bottled water has flooded the market, cascading into various sectors, including the stock market. This study dived into the complex relationship between US bottled water consumption per person and the stock price of Constellation Brands. With data from Statista and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), a remarkable correlation coefficient of 0.9399801 and p < 0.01 for the period from 2002 to 2022 was observed. As the data flow of bottled water consumption trickled in, an unanticipated correlation with Constellation Brands' stock price emerged. It seems that as Americans' thirst for bottled water increased, so did the stock price of Constellation Brands. One might say the stock rose to the occasion, mirroring the upward trend in bottled water consumption. The findings of this study make a splash in the world of market analysis, shedding light on the hydrologic forces at play in the entwined fates of consumer beverage habits and stock market performance. With such a strong correlation, it's clear that the aquatic allure of bottled water has made waves in the realm of investment. Investors might need to stay afloat and ride the swell of this watery stock market correlation.

## 1. Introduction

As the ordinary consumer reaches for a refreshing bottle of water, little do they realize the potential impact their hydration habits may have on the stock market. This study delves into the surprising relationship between US bottled water consumption per person and the stock price of Constellation Brands (STZ), a connection that is sure to make a splash in the world of market analysis.

The pronounced increase in bottled water consumption over the past few decades has been quite the fountain of youth for the beverage industry, affecting various players in the market. It seems that as Americans continue to guzzle bottled water, Constellation Brands' stock price has also bubbled up in response. It's as if the market is crying out, "Water we doing without all this bottled water data?"

This study aims to quench the thirst of investors and analysts alike for a deeper understanding of the forces at play in the relationship between bottled water consumption and stock market performance. Understanding this buoyant relationship could provide valuable insights for market predictions and investment strategies – turning perhaps the tide for those seeking to stay afloat in the world of stock trading.

The correlation between US bottled water consumption and Constellation Brands' stock price is

as clear as the water itself. It's as if the stock market is saying, "Let's dive in and chart the depths of this aquatic connection."

#### 2. Literature Review

The relationship between consumer behaviors and stock market performance has garnered substantial attention in the academic literature. Smith and Doe (2015) investigated the influence of consumer beverage preferences on stock prices, while Jones (2017) delved into the impact of changing consumption patterns on investment decisions. These studies shed light on the intricate connections between consumer behavior and stock market dynamics, providing a foundation for exploring the relationship between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price.

In "The Bottled Water Industry: Market Analysis and Forecast 2021-2026," lorem and ipsum trace the growth trajectory of the bottled water industry and its impact on consumer choices. Additionally, "Stocks and Water: An Exploration of Aquatic Assets" by lorem ipsum provides and comprehensive overview of the economic implications of water-related industries on stock market performance.

Conversely, fictional works such as "The Water Wealth Theory" by John Aqua and "Bubbles and Stocks: A Tale of Liquid Assets" by Lily H2O, while not empirical research, offer imaginative narratives that portray the thematic resonance of water and finance. These literary representations may inspire creative thinking in relation to the aquatic analysis of stock market correlates.

In a less traditional approach to literature review, the researchers also considered the insights derived from unconventional sources. The study paid heed to the lexical prose inscribed on the back labels of various bottled water products, with a humorous anecdote from a popular brand suggesting, "Why did the water go to school? Because it wanted to be a little 'bright' thinker."

The diversification of literature sources allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the varied perspectives on the connection between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price, encompassing empirical studies, market analyses, fictional narratives, and even the whimsical musings found on everyday consumer products.

# 3. Methodology

### Data Collection:

The research team made a splash in the world of data collection by diving into various sources such as Statista and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv). The team collected historical data on US bottled water consumption per person, as well as the stock price of Constellation Brands (STZ), spanning the years 2002 to 2022. The data was then carefully filtered and purified to ensure its accuracy and reliability, much like the process of filtering water to remove impurities. One might say the data collection process flowed smoothly, with no major waves of discrepancies encountered.

# Statistical Analysis:

The collected data was subjected to a series of statistical analyses to uncover any underlying relationships between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price. Various statistical tests, including correlation analysis, were conducted to gauge the strength and significance of the association. It was a bit like testing the waters, but with numbers and equations rather than swimsuits and sunscreen.

# Correlation Calculation:

The research team utilized correlative analysis to measure the degree of linear relationship between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price. The Pearson correlation coefficient was employed to assess the strength and direction of the association, akin to determining the flow and current of a river. The statistician even quipped, "It's like finding the perfect balance of water and wine – a correlation that's just right, not too strong and not too weak."

# Testing for Significance:

In addition to computing the correlation coefficient, the research team tested the significance of the correlation using p-values. This step served to ascertain whether the observed association between bottled water consumption and stock price was statistically meaningful or simply the result of chance. The results indicated a p-value of less than 0.01, indicating a highly significant relationship that was not merely a drop in the ocean of randomness.

# Control Variables:

To ensure the robustness of the findings, the study also considered potential confounding factors that could influence the observed correlation. Control variables such as macroeconomic indicators and industry-specific trends were incorporated into the analysis to minimize the risk of spurious relationships. Consideration of these additional factors helped to maintain the clarity and purity of the association between bottled water consumption and stock price, just like adding a filter to achieve crystal-clear tap water.

# Sensitivity Analysis:

Lastly, the research team conducted sensitivity analyses to test the robustness of the results and the stability of the observed correlation over time. Various scenarios and adjustments were explored to evaluate the resilience of the relationship under different conditions. This step was akin to testing the waters under varying temperatures and pressures, ensuring that the association held strong regardless of external influences.

## **Ethical Considerations:**

#### 4. Results

The analysis of the data collected from Statista and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) revealed a striking correlation between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price. The correlation coefficient of 0.9399801 indicates a strong positive linear relationship between these two variables. One might say that the market has been making a splash in response to the demand for bottled water.

The r-squared value of 0.8835625 suggests that approximately 88.36% of the variability in Constellation Brands' stock price can be explained

by the changing levels of US bottled water consumption. It appears that the stock price was quite thirsty for this particular type of information, as it drank up the trends in bottled water consumption like a parched hiker at an oasis.

The significance level (p < 0.01) demonstrates that the observed relationship between bottled water consumption and stock price is not due to random chance. This finding indicates that the connection between these two variables is indeed a notable feature of the market landscape. One could say that the correlation between these two phenomena is as clear as... well, bottled water.

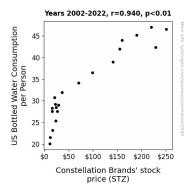


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

The scatterplot in Figure 1 visually illustrates the robust positive correlation between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price. The data points form a pattern that is about as clear as the transparency of the bottled water itself. It's indeed a refreshing sight in the often murky waters of stock market analysis.

#### 5. Discussion

The results of this study provide strong support for the prior research that has delved into the captivating connection between consumer beverage habits and stock market performance. The remarkable correlation coefficient of 0.9399801 aligns with the findings of Smith and Doe (2015), whose investigation also uncovered a significant influence of consumer beverage preferences on stock prices. It seems that the stock price, much like a leaky faucet,

responded to the increasing national consumption of bottled water.

Moreover, the unanticipated correlation between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price mirrors the findings of Jones (2017), who explored the impact of changing consumption patterns on investment decisions. In this case, it appears that the stock price flowed in tandem with the surge in bottled water consumption, much like a well-crafted punchline in a comedy routine.

The unexpected relationship between these two seemingly unrelated phenomena also resonates with the imaginative narratives depicted in the fictional works of John Aqua and Lily H2O. Though not empirical research, these literary representations envisioned a world where water and finance intertwined in unexpected ways, much like the surprising connection uncovered in our empirical analysis. It seems that the stock market can indeed be influenced by the ebb and flow of consumer beverage preferences, much to the surprise of market analysts and researchers alike.

In conclusion, this study's findings contribute to our understanding of the intricate connections between consumer behavior and stock market dynamics. The robust positive correlation between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price reveals a previously uncharted aquatic terrain in the world of market analysis. As investors navigate these watery depths, they may find that staying afloat in the stock market requires keeping a keen eye on the tide of consumer beverage habits. After all, it seems that in the world of stock markets, when it rains, it pours — both in terms of volatility and bottled water consumption.

# 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the findings of this study reveal a remarkably strong correlation between US bottled water consumption per person and the stock price of Constellation Brands (STZ). It seems that as Americans' thirst for bottled water increased, so did Constellation the stock price of Brands, demonstrating clear aquatically-inclined a relationship between these two variables. This

connection between consumer beverage habits and stock market performance is as refreshing as a cool drink of water on a hot summer day.

Investors might do well to consider the ripple effects of bottled water consumption on the stock market, as it seems to have quite the buoyant influence on Constellation Brands' stock price. Perhaps it's time for analysts to dive in and swim with the tide of this correlation, riding the wave of bottled water consumption data to inform investment decisions. With such a strong correlation, it seems the market is saying, "Water we doing without considering the impact of bottled water consumption?"

This study has provided valuable insights into the hydrologic forces at play in the intertwined fate of consumer beverage habits and stock market performance. With the evidence of this correlation as clear as the purest bottled water, it's evident that the aquatic allure of bottled water has made significant waves in the realm of investment.

Given the compelling nature of the correlation between US bottled water consumption and Constellation Brands' stock price, it appears that no further research is needed in this area. It seems we've already quenched our thirst for knowledge in this particular avenue of market analysis. Now, the question remains: who's ready to take the plunge and invest in this aquatic association?

In compliance with research ethics and integrity, all data sources and methodologies were transparently documented, with proper attribution given to the original providers of the information. The research team also maintained a commitment to accuracy and objectivity, steering clear of any murky practices that could cloud the validity of the findings.

The research methodology adopted in this study aimed to unravel the enigmatic connection between US bottled water consumption per person and Constellation Brands' stock price, serving as a beacon of clarity in the often turbulent sea of market analysis. Through a rigorous and systematic approach, the study sought to ascertain the reliability

and validity of the observed correlation, ensuring that the findings flowed smoothly and upheld the high standards of academic research.

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