CLAIMS

1. A powder composition comprising a tea leaf extract and a dextrin, wherein the percentage of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 250,000 in the molecular weight distribution of the composition is in the range of from 0.5 to 10%, and wherein the dextrin comprises two types of linear dextrins.

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the percentage of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 300,000 in the molecular weight distribution is in the range of from 0.2 to 5%.

3. The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the ratio of the percentage (b) of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 300,000 but less than 350,000 in the molecular weight distribution relative to the percentage (a) of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 250,000 but less than 300,000 in the molecular weight distribution ((b)/(a)) is not less than 0.3.

4. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the ratio of the percentage (c) of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 350,000 but less than 400,000 in the molecular weight distribution relative to the percentage (a) of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 250,000 but less than 300,000 in the molecular weight distribution ((c)/(a)) is not less than 0.1.

5. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the dextrin further comprises a cyclic dextrin.

6. The composition according to claim 5, wherein the dextrin further comprises a spiral dextrin.

7. Use of a dextrin for enhancing the ability of a powder composition comprising a tea leaf extract to retain fragrance components derived from tea leaves, wherein the percentage of a molecular weight fraction of not less than 250,000 in the molecular weight distribution of the dextrin is not less than 10%, and wherein the dextrin comprises two types of linear dextrins.