# **New sense, good food, better balance** Key trends shaping shopping, cooking and eating in the next 2-3 years

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#### This session – highlights of the trends landscape internationally





#### Sugar wars and carb comebacks

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#### Good to guts, pure, pressed and really raw

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As awareness of the gut's role in all round health grows, the need for pure, raw fuel – as nature intended – and 'gut-friendly' formats is growing apace. And products are moving out of the health store and off the yoga mat into daily life.



## Permissible indulgence

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From everything in moderation, to green light go-ahead there's no end to ways to reason with your inner devil or reward mindful willpower.



#### Fuel my rhythm, power my day

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#### Homely, humble and house-made

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#### The macro trend context





My time, my terms



Eternal performance



Multi-sensory overload



Play and regression



Surprise and delight



**Provenance and story** 



Quest for agelessness



Everything in moderation



As nature intended



Truth and traceability



Digital downtime & detox



Badging and bragging

#### Pure power – new wave water

As former healthy heroes lose their crown – under scrutiny from hidden sugars or nasties, bottled water has risen again, with purpose. No longer just mineral or spring, new waters are multi-tasking and turbo charged: to put a spring in the step or deliver badgy 'eye candy' in the hand.

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ETERNAL PERFORMANCE

PROVENANCE AND STORY

> BADGING AND BRAGGING

Active and effective: HyDrive. Up. Enhanced. SuperCharged. Smart. Positive living: Confident. Sparkle. Happy. Love. Life Source. Exotic discovery: Igzu. Nari. Livi. Tenzing. Jubi.

# **Key Principle**

Celebrate and grow water's essential purpose.

# Worthy of exploration?

*'New water' infusions:* Layered benefits and discerning discovery *Power water:* Enhanced hydration benefits *Healthful kicks:* Caffeine, guarana – all of the power, none of the rubbish *Surfing the new water wave:* Melon. Palm juice. Tree saps. Aloe.

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### Watchwords

Provocative: Ugly. Rebellion. Addicted. Unsweet. Say no to.
Simplicity: Only. Just. Right. Refreshing. Exactly. Just wetter.
Upbeat: Veri. Enjoy. Sweet by nature. Get people drinking water again! Pro.
Revival: Powergrains. Supercarb. Nutri-G.

# **Key Principle**

Certainty and positive choices in the de-junking battle.

# Worthy of exploration?

*Alternative sugars:* Beyond artificials, with added benefits *Delighting all the senses:* Olfactory, textural and visual compensation *A new language of sweetness:* Feature the positive, avoid the reductive *Supercarbs:* Bringing ancient grains and starches into a modern context

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New era: The impossible. Eat no evil. Mind blowing. Plant powered. Raw-volutionary.
Optimism: Follow your heart. Good. Turn over a new leaf. For your soul.
Natural abundance: More than. 100% plant. Wild. Thrive. Goodness. Pack'd.
The finest: Master. Most elite. Purest. From the best.

# **Key Principle**

Good inside, better outside.

# Worthy of exploration?

Raw snacking? Powered up snacks with pleasure built in Real meat alternatives? Beyond tofu into true 100% pure holistic mimics Gut health = good health? New probiotics and tasty fermentation Sustaining and sustainable veg power? Mushrooms and algae as new meal heroes

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Affirmative: Nourishing indulgence. Moral fibre. Oppo. Yes! Motive. Be.Goodness: Lots of this. None of this. Bene. Nix. You are what you eat. Darling.Playful irreverence: Balls. Triple Sin. Neon. Kix. Be Mixed. Krave. Moon cheese. Ape.

# **Key Principle**

Playful and healthy have-it-all.

# Worthy of exploration?

Playful formats? For big kids (and the inner child) in everyone
Surprise and delight? Textural, colour and flavour novelty, naturally...
Adult edge? Grown up, layered experiences packed into innocent formats
New moderation? Beyond reductive into multi-sensory mimics and off setting with intelligence

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Life force: Live real. Lifeway. X% stronger. Powerpak. Activated. Time as currency: 5AM. 10K hours. Upgraded. Condensed. Compact. Straight talking: Tru. Real. Vivid. Stay focused. ...and breathe: Tranquil. Relax. Dream. Mellow out. Sound. Recovery.

# **Key Principle**

Intuitive and intelligent body food.

# Worthy of exploration?

Smart milk and clever protein?: Brain food and think fuel. Stamina in a bottle Sleep aids and downtime recharge? Playing with the agents of natural calm. Dairy, fruit, veg and nut charged? The coming together of many superfoods in one. Energy and recovery: Dairy nourishment, protein and repair coming together.

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Warmth & community: Our. Hearth. Farm estate. Folk
Pride, care & attention: Hand crafted. Old fashioned. Small batch. House milled.
Honest hard graft: Factory. Soda Works. Grown here. Dust cuttter.

Key Principle Lose the frills. Taste the pride.

# Worthy of exploration?

*Gritty and real:* Backlash brands that are all about what's inside not on the label *Language of small:* Small batch. Made with care. Heirloom (beyond tomatoes) *New craft cues and codes:* Hand milled. House made. Human made. *Heritage revivals:* New nostalgia. Soda fountain and milk bar venacular.

We hope you found this valuable. Do you have any questions?