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2019 GLOBAL CONSUMER SNACKING TRENDS STUDY BY:





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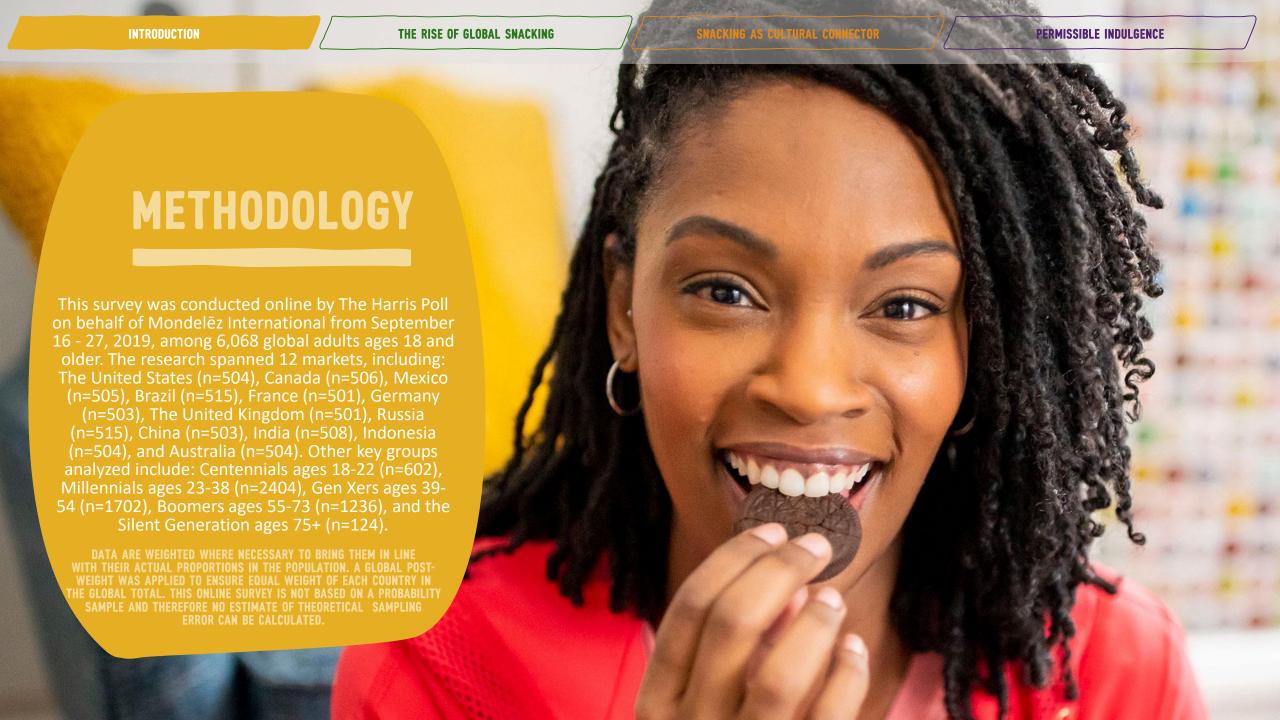
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# A MESSAGE FROM DIRK VAN DE PUT

#### CHAIRMAN & CEO, MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL



As the global leader in snacking, we've always obsessed over the role snacking plays in our consumers' lives, not only fueling our bodies, but how they shape our daily rituals, habits, and even sense of culture and identity. A year ago, we took this a step further by launching a new business growth strategy and announcing our purpose at Mondelēz International - empower people to snack right by offering the right snack, for the right moment, made the right way.

My team and I are constantly learning about our consumers' evolving behaviors, emerging trends, and range of needs to uncover insights to shape how we serve up snacking made right. We've combined our vast global trends and consumer behavior expertise and partnered with an independent consumer polling specialist to study the evolving role snacking plays in the lives of our consumers around the world. From millennials in Indonesia, to grandparents in Germany, we gained insight to the daily snacking habits of thousands of people across our markets and confirmed what we have always known to be true: as the complexity of our daily lives deepens, snacking is outpacing mealtime but what, how, and why we snack is about so much more than what we eat as our relationship with food fundamentally changes. As the snacking market continues to grow globally, the majority of adults, 6 in 10 of us, now prefer to eat small bites throughout the day as opposed to larger meals. For millennials, that number increases to 7 in 10. In fact, snacking has become so integral to how we eat, that 61% of us say we can't imagine our life without daily snacking moments. A third of us (30%) are so dedicated to our favorite snack that we'd rather give up social media for a month than miss out on enjoying a daily treat.

At Mondelez International, we have long known that wellbeing plays an important role in why we snack, and we're committed to helping people around the world be more mindful in the way they enjoy our products across the spectrum from wholesome to indulgent. And increasingly, consumers are thinking about how smaller bites are integral to their emotional wellbeing, as well as their physical health. In Asia, 77% of us believe snacking is as important to our mental health as our physical state, compared to 7 in 10 of us in the rest of the world. Among millennials, 8 in 10 use their snacking moments as an opportunity to slow down and find moments of guieter, mindful reflection. And as our sense of wellbeing evolves, 77% of us agree there is a time and a place for healthy and

indulgent snacks alike. This is why I am confident our growing portfolio of global brands and local jewels will continue to be the right snack, for the right moment, made the right way for generations to come.

As you read through this inaugural **State of**Snacking™: 2019 Global Consumer Snacking
Trends Study, you will see that the topics I've
touched on barely scratch the surface of what
snacking means in our lives. You will read that
for some of us, enjoying a small bite is a way
to connect ourselves to home, while for
others, it opens bite-sized doors to cultures
worlds away. But whatever you take from the
findings, I hope you will agree that snacking
trends around the world are as diverse as the
consumers who enjoy them.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments.





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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# THE GLOBAL CITIZENS OF SNACKING

INTERNATIONAL'S GLOBAL SNACKING INSIGHTS WITH NEW CONSUMER RESEARCH FROM THE HARRIS POLL REVEALS THE RISE OF THE \$1.2 TRILLION SNACKING OPPORTUNITY AND EXAMINES THE EVOLVING ROLE SNACKING PLAYS IN THE FUTURE OF FOOD: FROM CONNECTING ACROSS CULTURES, DEFINING IDENTITY TO DELIVERING ON TRENDS LIKE FUNCTIONAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

As the snacking market continues to grow globally, people are turning to these personal points of daily satisfaction as a common ground for shared experiences, connections, and identity. This report explores the nature of daily snacking moments, mindsets, and rituals that fuel not only our bodies but also our individual and cultural identities and sense of wellbeing.

Key research findings include:



#### SNACKING IS ECLIPSING MEALS GLOBALLY AS APPETITE FOR SMALLER BITES GROWS

The average adult now eats more snacks than meals on a given day, with younger consumers and those in developing markets particularly leaning into snacks as a meal replacement. The majority of global adults say they "prefer to eat many small meals throughout the day, as opposed to a few large ones" (59%), including 72% of those in developing markets and 70% of millennials.



#### SNACKING OFFERS BITE-SIZED RITUALS CONNECTING US TO CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Snacking is a key way people around the world connect to their culture and share their sense of identity with their communities and families. Over 7 in 10 global adults say snacking is a way to remind themselves of home (71%), more than 8 in 10 parents use snack time as a small way to connect with their children (82%), and 3 in 4 want to pass cultural snacking rituals on to their children (76%).



#### SNACKS NOURISH BODY, MIND, & SOUL WITH INDULGENCE REMAINING A PRIORITY

Two-thirds of global adults see snacking as a way to help "improve their quality of life" (68%), including 76% of those in developing countries. The majority also say snacks are just as important to their mental (71%) and emotional (70%) wellbeing as their physical wellbeing. The majority of global adults acknowledge the need for balance, saying they "appreciate having the option of both healthy and indulgent snacks depending on the moment of need" (80%). Two-thirds often look at portion control when selecting snacks (65%), and 83% of people agree a balanced diet can include a little indulgence.





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## SNACKING OUTPACES MEALS AS APPETITE FOR SMALLER BITES GROWS

6 IN 10 ADULTS GLOBALLY SAY THEY "CAN'T IMAGINE THEIR LIFE WITHOUT SNACKS" (61%)

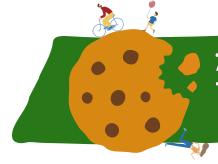


GLOBAL ADULTS "PREFER TO EAT MANY SMALL MEALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS OPPOSED TO A FEW LARGE ONES" (59%).

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At Mondelēz International we are consumer obsessed and on a mission to offer our consumers the right snack, for the right moment, made the right way. The inaugural **State of Snacking Report** is yet another way we're step changing our understanding of consumers' busy lives and how our brands — both global and local — can play an important role. Around the world, snacking serves a greater purpose than nourishing body and mind. Our brands have had an important place in consumers' lives for generations. Ensuring our brands relevant means recognizing that one-size-fits-all no longer works with consumers who want authenticity, meaning-for-me and local connections."

- MARTIN RENAUD, CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL



72% OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, 7 OUT OF 10 MILLENNIALS, AND TWO-THIRDS OF PEOPLE WHO MAKE HEALTH A TOP PRIORITY (66%) PREFER TO EAT MANY SMALL MEALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS OPPOSED TO A FEW LARGE ONES.



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## SNACKING IS AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF CONSUMERS' EVERYDAY LIVES

7 IN 10 SAY, "SNACKING HELPS ME GET THROUGH THE DAY" (71%) AND THAT "IT GIVES AN ESSENTIAL BREAK IN MY BUSY DAYS" (73%)



We've deepened our insights into consumer behavior and developed a new proprietary framework and knowledge base that takes a broader view of how consumers snack and what drives them. The emotional and often cultural connection people have with snacking is something we should never lose sight of. At Mondelēz International, our role is not just to understand what's happening today, but to predict what consumers will need tomorrow and beyond. That means focusing on big trends in food like wellbeing and premium, and creating new experiences for consumers that disrupt the state of snacking."

- STEFANIA GVILLO, GLOBAL HEAD OF STRATEGIC INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS, MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL

71%

of adults say snacking gives them time to connect with themselves—and more than half look forward to the snacks in their day more than the meals (53%).

3 IN 10

adults worldwide would give up social media for a month to have their favorite snack every day (30%), while 1 in 5 would give up their cell phone (20%).

# **MORE THAN HALF**

of adults say "quick, on-the-go bites are more suited to their lifestyle than full meals" (53%), including two-thirds of millennials (66%), while convenience ranks as the #1 driver of snack choices for adults around the world.

#### TWO-THIRDS

of adults globally say they tend to snack around the same time each day.

# 3 IN 4

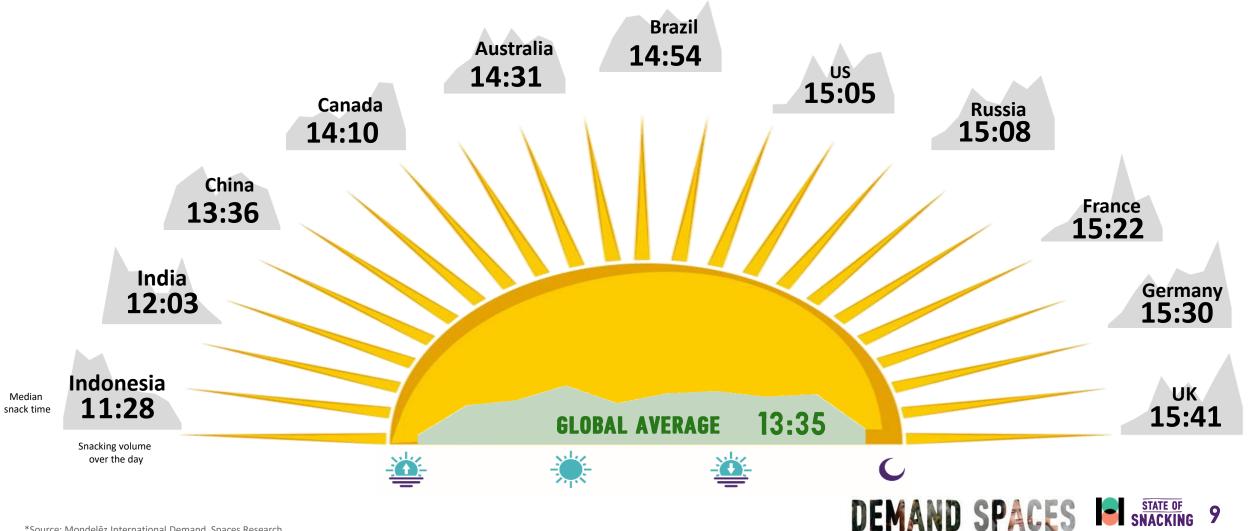
people around the world say snacking gives them an essential break in their busy days (73%), while 8 in 10 millennials use their snacking moments as an opportunity to slow down and find moments of quieter, mindful reflection (77%).



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# SNACKING IS HAPPENING DURING DIFFERENT DAYPARTS AROUND THE WORLD

WHILE DEVELOPING MARKETS PREFER SMALL BITES IN THE MORNING, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TEND TO SNACK LATER IN THE DAY





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### SNACKING IS FOUNDATIONAL FOR SHARING CULTURE & TRADITION

ADULTS EVERYWHERE ARE FINDING COMMON GROUND IN SNACKING FOR SHARED EXPERIENCES, CONNECTIONS AND IDENTITY

79%

"FOOD IS OUR ONE TRUE UNIVERSAL LOVE LANGUAGE AROUND THE WORLD."

#### **SNACKING REPRESENTS...**

NOSTALGIA

3 in 4 people say some of their fondest childhood memories include sharing a snack with their parents (74%) and that snacking on these childhood favorites makes them nostalgic (76%).

TRADITION

Most say there are snacks their family eats that have been passed down through many generations (70%) and that, to this day, they have traditions about how they eat certain foods that developed when they were children (77%).

O IDENTITY

78% of millennials say food is a major part of their identity, while 82% say sharing a snack is a simple way to connect across cultures.

CONNECTION

7 in 10 people around the world make an effort to share their favorite childhood snacks with others (70%), even admitting that, "sometimes it's worth the extra calories to share a snack with someone I love" (74%).



As our collective sense of boundaries blur and the idea of 'home' evolves, food is becoming our universal language. It's a cultural connector, rooted in tradition and nostalgia and ever-present need for sustenance for body and mind. Snacking offers bite-sized moments to share tradition, connect with our sense of self, community and family. And for younger generations snacking addresses our wanderlust by allowing within-reach experiences of cultures other than our own.

- BRIGETTE WOLF, HEAD OF INNOVATION, SNACKFUTURES, MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL



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# PARENTS PRIORITIZE PASSING THESE TRADITIONS TO THE NEXT GENERATION

3 IN 4 PARENTS SAY, "THE SNACKS I GIVE MY CHILDREN ARE INSPIRED BY THE ONES MY PARENTS GAVE ME AS A CHILD" (75%)

#### PARENTS WANT TO PASS ON...



71%

OF ADULTS SAY,

"SNACKING IS A WAY TO REMIND MYSELF OF HOME."



HEALTHY SNACK TRADITIONS (85%)



THEIR FAVORITE
CHILDHOOD SNACKS
(81%)



CULTURAL SNACKING RITUALS (76%)

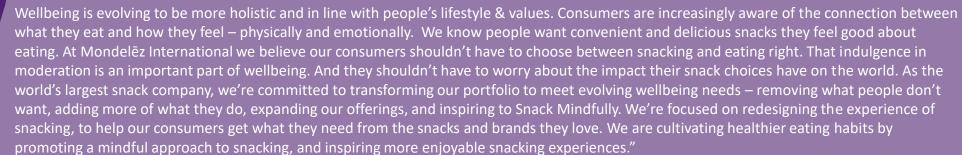
82% OF PARENTS GLOBALLY SAY, "SHARING MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD SNACKS WITH MY CHILDREN IS A SMALL WAY TO CONNECT WITH THEM."

**KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS, PART 3** 

# PERMISSIBLE INDULGENCE

SNACKERS OF THE FUTURE SEEKING BOTH TASTE & NUTRITION





- CHRISTINE MONTENEGRO MCGRATH, VP & CHIEF IMPACT SUSTAINABILITY & WELLBEING, MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL

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#### SNACKERS ARE BECOMING MORE MINDFUL & HOLISTIC

SNACKING MEETS A VARIETY OF NEEDS, FROM INDULGENCE TO WELLBEING WITH 77% OF ADULTS WORLDWIDE AGREEING, "THERE IS A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEALTHY SNACKS, AND A TIME AND PLACE FOR INDULGENT ONES"





#### **SNACKING GETS PERSONAL**

6 in 10 global adults say, "the snacks in my day are more for my personal needs, while meals tend to meet the needs of others" (60%).

THE MAJORITY OF ADULTS SAY SNACKS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT TO THEIR MENTAL (71%) AND EMOTIONAL (70%) WELLBEING AS THEIR PHYSICAL WELLBEING.



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# MANY ARE LEANING INTO SNACKING FOR BUILT-IN PORTION CONTROL

TWO-THIRDS OF ADULTS SAY THEY "OFTEN LOOK AT NUTRITION INFORMATION ON SNACKS BEFORE BUYING THEM" (67%) AND MORE THAN HALF SAY SNACKS OF THE FUTURE WILL BE HEALTHIER THAN THEY ARE TODAY (54%)

71%

"Snacking helps me control my hunger and manage my calories throughout the day."

79% DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(VS. 66% DEVELOPED)

#### **INGREDIENTS OF THE FUTURE**

In the next 5 years, people's top hopes for snack foods are that they become more functional to meet nutritional needs (47%) and provide more personalized nutrition (42%).

#### FRESH COMES FIRST

The top 3 qualities people around the world seek in their snacks are freshness (43%), lowsugar (36%), and low-fat (31%).

#### TWO-THIRDS OF ADULTS WORLDWIDE SAY...

"SNACKING IS A GOOD WAY TO CONTROL THE PORTIONS I EAT" (66%)

73% DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (VS. 61% DEVELOPED)

"I LOOK FOR SNACKS THAT ARE PORTION CONTROLLED" (65%)

76% DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (VS. 56% DEVELOPED)

"SNACKING HELPS ME MEET MY NUTRITIONAL NEEDS FOR THE DAY" (65%)

76% DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (VS. 56% DEVELOPED)



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#### MINDFUL SNACKING IS...

EATING WITH INTENTION AND ATTENTION, FOCUSING ON THE PRESENT MOMENT, AND SAVORING HOW THE FOOD TASTES SO YOU REALLY ENJOY IT



More and more people use mindfulness for wellbeing and balance.

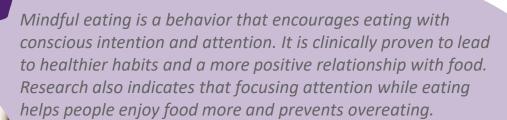


Mindful eating can be practiced by anyone, anywhere, and by all ages.



#### **EFFECTIVE**

Research clearly shows multiple benefits of mindful eating. The evidence continues to build.



- DR. SUSAN ALBERS, PSY.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR FOCUSED ON MINDFUL EATING



# HOW TO SNACK MINDFULLY...

- Minimize distractions
- Portion out your snack
- Focus on the smell and taste
- Notice the textures
- Chew thoroughly
- Finish one bite before starting the next





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