

### April 2021

#### Desserts - UK

“COVID-19 has fuelled a sharp rise in dessert sales, bucking its previous ongoing decline. This ambient category has been the main engine room of this uptick; its nostalgic brands and value-for-money proposition chiming well at a time of upheaval and economic uncertainty. The increased focus on health brought about by ...

#### Specialist Food and Drink Retailers - UK

“Specialist food and drink retailers have suffered in a year like no other in recent times. With the economy struggling as the pandemic took hold, wages dropped and footfall on the high street plummeted as online retail surged. There is light at the end of the tunnel now however, and ...

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#### Free-from Foods - UK

“There is a pressing need for free-from products to justify their prices and improve their value for money image amid more cautious spending habits. In the longer term, the pandemic’s acceleration of sustainability and health trends will support the market’s continued growth. However, brands will have to go the extra ...

#### Crisps, Savoury Snacks and Nuts - UK

“More people being at home all day during COVID-19 lockdown periods has supported growth in sales of crisps, savoury snacks and nuts, the biggest usage occasions being snacking during the day or the evening, and with lunch. Flavour innovation continues to be a major theme in NPD, including tapping interest ...

#### Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“GDP grew by 1.0% in the final quarter of the year as the economy bounced back more strongly than in expected

#### Online Grocery Retailing - UK

“Online grocery was not just the leading growth area in the grocery sector in 2020, but across all of UK retail. A combination of consumer concern and greater in-home food and drink demand served to not only see the channel record growth during the periods of lockdown but throughout the ...

#### Pasta, Rice and Noodles - UK

“The pasta, rice and noodles market has enjoyed a sharp uplift thanks to COVID-19. While the move to the next normal will see sales ebb, the lasting rise in working from home, newly gained cooking skills and expected enduring plant-based trend all hold potential for the market. The consumer interest ...

#### Attitudes Towards Healthy Eating - UK

“Whilst the majority of people state that they try to eat healthily all or most of the time, this is in stark contrast to the true poor state of the nation’s health, which COVID-19 has shone a light on. This widespread mistaken belief of healthy habits will prove a challenge ...

in December, following the dip in November caused by the second lockdown of England and other lockdowns and restrictions in various parts of the country. Despite this slight ...

### January 2021

#### Leisure Outlook - UK

“The closure of pubs and restaurants across large parts of the UK prior to Christmas resulted in a record number of people regularly ordering takeaway food over the festive period. The momentum gained by the takeaway sector will continue beyond the peak of the pandemic, but pubs and restaurants that ...