# SALTY SNACKS – INDIAN CONSUMER – 2019

Packaged brands need to target different benefits to specific demographics to stay relevant in the highly competitive snacks market.



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What you need to know

# **Key drivers**

- Eat Right Movement
- · Packaged products catering to healthy consumers
- · Category blurring between snacks and meals
- · Help utilise long commute times faced by urban Indians

# Global trends and how they are playing out in India

- · Help Me Help Myself
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What you need to know

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- · Vegetable snacks: growing flavours
- · Nuts: growing flavours
- · Corn-based snacks: growing flavours
- · Wheat- and grain-based snacks: growing flavours

#### MARKET APPLICATIONS

· What you need to know

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- · Customise snacks to different need states
- · Expand the 'healthy' claim
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- · Recreate fruit chaat
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- Cold snack mixes
- · Snacks that promote relaxation and stress relief
- Tyson Foods explores a new format for its brand ¡YAPPAH!
- · Promote fibre as good for the gut

# **APPENDIX**

Consumer survey methodology

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