# THE FUTURE OF BISCUITS, COOKIES AND CRACKERS: 2020

Global Annual Review: what's now and what's next for the biscuit, cookie and cracker market.





# Report Content

· A look back, and a look ahead

#### THE BIG STORIES

Mintel's perspective

#### Push plant-based protein

- North America drives a slowdown in high-protein biscuit innovation in 2019
  - Graph 1: Percentage split of sweet biscuit/cookie launches with a high/added protein claim by region, Jan 2017-Dec 2019
  - Graph 2: penetration of sweet biscuit/cookie launches with a high/added protein claim, Jan 2017-Dec 2019
- · Plant-based proteins could drive acceptance of high-protein cookies
  - Graph 3: instant reaction & purchase intent, high-protein cookies Jan 2017-Nov 2019
- · Make a virtue of recognisable plant-based ingredients in high-protein cookies

#### Tickle taste buds with tempting flavours

- · Consumers seek more flavour adventure from biscuits and crackers
- Target adult snackers with sophisticated savoury-flavoured crackers
- · Look to the Asia Pacific region for the next salted caramel

#### Concerns over taste impede sugar reduction

- · Globally, sugar reduction makes very slow progress
  - Graph 4: penetration of sugar-free, no added sugar and low/reduced sugar claims in sweet biscuit and cookie launches, Jan 2017-Dec 2019
  - Graph 5: top 10 sweeteners present in sweet biscuit and cookie launches with a low/reduced sugar, no added sugar or sugar-free claim, Jan 2017-Dec 2019
- Concerns over taste hinder progress on sugar reduction
- · Tout taste credentials of sugar-free biscuits to sway consumers

#### IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Mintel's perspective

#### Make room for meat in biscuits and crackers

- Biscuits and crackers can take inspiration from meat snacking bars
- · The positive benefits of meat are well understood by consumers
- · Meat can be used in a variety of ways in biscuits and crackers

#### Tap into the edible cookie dough trend

- · Established cookie brands are missing a trick with edible cookie dough
- · Traditional cookie brands must evolve to remain relevant
- · Focus on natural and healthy cookie dough formulations

#### Bring on bedtime biscuits

- · Stress and sleep claims are lacking in the bakery category
  - Graph 6: top 10 food & drink categories with stress and sleep claims in launches between Jan 2017-Dec 2019
- · Numerous categories have tapped into the nighttime opportunity
- · Bank on botanicals for a natural calming effect

#### IN FIVE YEARS AND BEYOND

- Mintel's perspective
- · Patent activity suggests biodegradable food and drink packaging will increase
- DNA test kits and 3D printers make hyper-personalisation a reality
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- Use of synthetic palm oil will grow in bakery

#### **KEY MARKET DATA**

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- · Fastest/slowest growing biscuits, cookies and crackers markets
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