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Mega trends: I. Consumer well-being and health

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Mega-Trends:
I. Consumer Well-Being and Health

• improved knowledge of relationship between diet and health
• ageing population and search for elixir
• “look good” society
• rising personal cost of healthcare
• in this century, my health is my responsibility
• concern about food safety
• impact of food production on the environment

New product introduction impact:

• lifestyle versus medical
• food plus and food minus
• natural and organic
• vegetarian
Mega-Trends:
II. Convenience and More

- two income households and changing household size
- increased pace of life
- trading up
- blurring of eating occasions e.g. breakfast-snack-”deskfast”
- blurring of mode-of-purchase i.e. food service and retail boundaries merge

**Meal solution categories include:**

- ready-to-make (e.g. raw ingredients)
- ready-to-prepare (e.g. pasta and sauces)
- ready-to-heat (e.g. ready meals)
- ready-to-eat (e.g. takeaways, hand-held)
FOOD PREPARATION AT HOME

Home cooking time


Traditional cooking
Modem appliances
Prepared foods
Fresh and frozen foods
Home delivery

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Mega-Trends:
III. Pleasure and Status Indicator

- debit and credit philosophy
- income rich-time poor, and income poor-time poor (both stress-inducing)
- trading up
- increased travel
- TV chefs and media
- ethnic population and restaurants

New product introduction impact:

- exotic flavours
- ethnic flavours
- traditional tastes
- premium products
- premium “look-alikes”
Apart from price, what factors influence your purchase decision most?

In order of importance (across)

• convenience/ease of preparation
• taste
• sell-by-date
• healthy version
• home grown
• ingredients
• organic

• appearance
• brand
• non-GM
• free range
• assurance

source: IGD Imperial College 2000
# Potatoes Are a Staple Food: Difficult to Add Value?

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<th>Frozen</th>
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Source: Waitrose and Somerfield, February 2001
# Market Share of Top 5 Grocery Chains in Europe by Food Turnover, 2000

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*Source: M+M EUROdATA*
Retail Globalisation Criteria

- global turnover
- countries of operation
- key region presence
- home market dominance
- clarity of global strategy
- global culture
- cross-corporate information sharing and learning

Source: IGD 2001
## Who Are The Global Retailers?

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*Source: IGD 2001*
## Compound Annual Growth Rates in Sales, Profitability And Capital Investment for Selected Major European Grocery Companies 1996-2002

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1. 2002 figures are forecasts. CAGR based on total international sales
2. EBITDA: Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, and Amortization

*Source: Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2001*
What’s constraining the Wal-Mart Tidal Wave across the Globe?

- national/regional markets still differ
- this limits buying scale opportunities (relative to US)
- stronger trade unions in Europe, Australia
- defensive mergers reduce acquisition targets
- strong competitors (e.g. Tesco, Carrefour, Ahold)
- Wal-Mart slow to adapt to non-American environment
- internet technology gives competitors opportunities to implement “fast catch up” IT initiatives
Manufacturer Responses to the Changing Global Grocery Marketing Environment: 

Avoiding the ‘Boiled Frog’ Syndrome

- innovate - NPD and everything
- cost leadership - a necessary condition, not an option
- join a buying group for basics
- geographic diversification - beware ‘Chinese Market Myth’
- search for and dominate growth categories
- identify new consumer needs and invent a new category
- expand and develop new routes to the consumer
Avoiding the ‘Boiled Frog’ syndrome (continued):

- reduce brand portfolio and focus more R&D and promotional spend on fewer brands
- target markets where you can be No.1
- make your brand the most profitable (attractive) in its category for your customer
- develop new brands based on proprietary technology
- gain exclusive access to key raw materials
- develop alliances - horizontal and vertical
- simplify the merchandising approach - EDLP
- consider the unspoken and produce retailer private label!
Only 10 per cent of Top 100 Brands launched in last 10 years

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90 Per Cent of New Food and Drink Products Fail within Two Years

- True innovation greater success rate than “Me Too” or line extension
- Products must deliver concept promise
- Long term support - persistence essential
- Major category players most successful
- First to market have lasting advantage
- Trial rates key factor influencing sales volume
Frozen Category : Shopper Research

- Shopper research studies in the UK, Belgium, Italy and Germany consistently identify the Frozen Category as having low interest for consumers instore

- Consumers describe it as:
  - Visually unappealing
  - Cold, sterile, hospital like
  - Difficult to see what’s available and find what you want
  - Complex
  - Unexciting
  - Does not stimulate impulse buying with little time spent browsing

\[ \text{lack of consumer satisfaction} \]
Early 1990s criteria were:

• technical excellence
• hitting service levels
• price competitive

Beginning of 2000s, add on:

• strategic orientation
• innovative
• offering some exclusivity
• profitability