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Nelcome



Hello delicious readers and welcome to the first Quarterly Magazine bumper edition! We had a few bits extra to say and we couldn't possibly contain it to your regular 12-page issue.

Providing you with the finest of the snacking world, and having a strong positive Corporate Social impact are our two core principles. That's why at the Contract Catering Awards 2024, we were honoured to crown the latest CSR Award winner as the award's headline sponsor. To find out who won head to pages 10 – 11!

In this issue you'll find out more about some of our favourite brands that go above and beyond in the world of sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (pages 6-7), two of which are new brands!

This issue also brings you top performing best sellers – Manomasa will have your customers passing round the salsa with their oh-so tasty tortilla crisps. On the sweeter side of life, Prodigy is a plastic-negative heavenly, healthier choice of chocolate. Your customers will seek to quench their thirst and what better way than gut-loving Jamu Wild Water. If they're looking to supplement their active lifestyle, Barebells is here for all their protein needs in one luscious bar (...or shake!). Craving vegan swaps for classic chocolate products? This is where Mummy Meegz steps in – check it out!

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We love to bring into our family the latest and greatest challenger brands that focus on the healthy, sustainable, and downright delicious side of the snacking world. See below for our newest brands!

#### Best wishes to all you lovely folks & enjoy Delicious Ideas Quarterly Magazine – Issue 8!

#### Co-founders Jonathan & Emma and all the DIFG Team





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Chocolate, only better.



#### PEOPLE POSITIVE

We cannot sugar coat the facts. The mass production of one of our favourite childhood treats, chocolate has created a problem. A big, refined sugar shaped one.

The use of heavily processed, unsustainable ingredients and harmful levels of sugar is negatively impacting our bodies and our planet. From gut health to mental health, obesity to diabetes, habitat devastation to plastic pollution, "big chocolate" has transformed a revered indulgence into a disaster area.

Prodigy exists to change all that. A delicious, sustainable, and healthier alternative to the mainstream chocolate favourites. Never niche, instead of one or two "better" features we combine all of them. Plant based, ethically sourced, high in prebiotic fibre, premium natural ingredients, containing dramatically less sugar (natural, no sweeteners) and packaged in plastic free, biodegradable wrappers. Prodigy

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# **OUR BRANDS MAKING A**

## Tony's Chocolonely

Say a big hello to Tony's Chocolonely, the chocolate company on a mission to end exploitation within the cocoa supply chain.

They use a set of 5 sourcing principles, one of which involves paying above the Fairtrade price for their cocoa, which when implemented together help to reduce modern slavery and child labour from over 50% down to less than 5% with the long-term farmers they work with.

They're a certified B-Corp, their choccy is Fairtrade certified and palm oil free, and on top of that, all their packaging is plastic-free too! It's for these reasons, they have won the Chocolate Scorecard's Achievement Award (an independently assessed award that grades chocolate companies on ethical sourcing, sustainability and labour practises) for the 5th year at the top. Alone they make exploitation-free and sustainable chocolate, but together with your help they can make all chocolate exploitation-free. The more people who choose exploitation-free and share their story, the sooner 100% exploitation-free becomes the norm in chocolate.

#### The choice is yours. Are you in?







### **Candy Kittens**

Candy Kittens, a gourmet confectionery brand, champions sustainability by employing recyclable packaging and plant powered ingredients, reducing its environmental impact.

As a certified B Corporation, the company meets rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency. Candy Kittens' commitment to eco-friendly manufacturing processes and carbon emission reductions exemplifies its dedication to sustainability. By embracing B Corp principles, the brand not only ensures high-quality, delicious sweets but also upholds its responsibility towards a sustainable future, highlighting its role as an industry leader in environmental stewardship via its plant powered recipe.

# **POSITIVE IMPACT**



## VITAL

One tree planted and maintained with every can sold

> Ripple Africa charity partner. WK & USA registered charity.



## **VITAL Drinks**

VITAL is a new functional drinks brand on a mission to become the UK's favourite healthy drinks brand.

VITAL drinks are the only drinks in the market to contain 100% of vitamin groups whilst having ZERO sugar, ZERO calories and ZERO artificial sweeteners. All from British spring water. They also come with a unique environmental promise – a promise that is tangible and easily understood by the consumer.

# One can = one tree planted – every time – all the time.

VITAL has partnered with Ripple Africa, a UK and USA registered charity specialising in conservation. Its programmes focus on empowering communities in Malawi to "provide a hand up, not a handout". For every can purchased, Ripple Africa will plant one tree transforming landscapes and the communities they serve. They will even aim to replant any that don't make it.

The VITAL promise is ALWAYS on – and it starts from the very first can. That's quite a promise!

## Jax Coco

Jax Coco is for the lovers of life and believers of balance, those who really can do it all – because great tasting drinks don't have to be complicated. Sourced from the volcanic hilly regions of the Philippines, our coconuts help us to create the purest of products, with great taste, naturally. The brand was created in 2011 and has a huge presence internationally, particularly in Hong Kong.

"At Jax Coco we are committed to caring for our planet. That is why our coconut water is sold in an infinitely recyclable, premium can. In addition to this, we measure and offset 100% of our carbon emissions, supporting projects such as wind farms around the world. And we don't stop there, we also give 1% of our revenue to good causes with a key focus on projects benefiting regenerative agriculture through working with Pur Project."





#### Boost your scrumptious Gluten-Free offerings, just in time for Coeliac Awareness Month 2024 this May!

It's really easy to order – pick up the phone and let us know the product code or visit **delicious-ideas.com/shop** and order online!





#### ...AND MANY MORE!

#### Get Buzzing

GB001Nut Free & GF Banana BarGB002Nut Free & GF Vegan Wowbutter Bar

#### Boostball

BB013KETO Choco Hazelnut Protein BallBB014KETO Choco Brownie Protein BallBB016KETO Peanut Butter CupBB017KETO White Choco & RaspberryBB08PB Cookie Dough Protein BitesBB015Salted Caramel Protein Bites

#### **Olly's Olives**

OL003	Basil & Garlic Green Olives
OL004	Chilli & Rosemary Green Olives
OL004	Lemon & Thyme Green Olives

#### Cheesies

CHE001 CHE002 CHE003	Goats Cheese Red Leicester Cheddar			
Curators				
CF014	BBQ Veggie Puffs			
GLU02	Cheese Veggie Puffs			
Lazy Day Foods				
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Lazy Da LAZ01	<b>y Foods</b> Chocolate Orange			
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LAZ01	Chocolate Orange			
LAZ01 LAZ02	Chocolate Orange Chocolate Tiffin			

#### The Gut Stuff

The Gut Stuff				
TGS1	Apple & Cinnamon Fruit & Nut Bar			
TGS2	Sea Salt & Caramel Fruit & Nut Bar			
Wallaroo				
WALL01	Dried Whole Apricots			
WALL02	Dried Mango Slices			
WALL03	Dried Pineapple Chunks			
WALL04	Roasted Fava Bean Sea Salt Pieces			
WALL05	Toasted Coconut Chips			
Rheal				
RH001	Energy Banana Bread Bar			
RH002	Energy Blueberry Muffin Bar			
RH003	Energy Hazelnut Cacao Bar			
RH004	Energy Peanut Butter Bar			

# Order online at delicious-ideas.com/shop or call 01733 239003.





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# A NIGHT TO **REMEMBER**

# The 18<sup>th</sup> March marked the 12th annual **Contract Catering Awards**

Hosted by **Contract Catering Magazine**, the prestigious ceremony honoured the innovators of the contract catering industry who tirelessly raise the standards of the sector.



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We were honoured to sponsor an award directly aligned with our company vision – the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award. Even in the face of fierce competitors, CH&CO claimed victory for this award. Their commitment to sustainability resonates throughout the company, both internally and externally. They go the extra mile for their clients, with a pledge to aid in halting climate change, regenerating nature, and delivering high social value by 2040. All staff are being brought into this CSR framework, with Clare Clark (Head of Sustainability) leading their "Be The Change" programme that supports the business strategically while fostering a culture of sustainability.

CH&CO proved their exceptionalism in every aspect of their business, with an astounding 4 of the 15 awards going to them. To join their CSR accomplishments, Liam Hatcher of CH&CO won the People Development Award, while two of their brands, Gather & Gather and Vacherin, also won the Area Manager of the Year Award and the Business & Industry Award respectively.



Elior took home their share of the awards, with their chief executive Catherine Roe taking to the spotlight by winning Senior Executive of the Year. Their specialist brand Lexington Catering also won the coveted Contract Caterer of the Year award.

Education specialist Taylor Shaw's very own Claire Small shared in the night's awards, being crowned the Innovation Award winner.

The Rising Star Award, highlighting the future of our vibrant industry, went to Millie-Jay Hall of the NEC Group. The evening closed with Mark Philpott, the founder of Vacherin and now of Savore, being recognised for his dedication to contract catering for decades with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Chris Mitchell and Robbie Laidlaw from Genuine Dining were honoured on the night for their incredible feat of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean (3000 miles) in just 38 days, raising over £250k for Hospitality Action. Their incredible contribution will provide vital assistance to hospitality workers in need. Delicious Ideas was mentioned during their touching speech for not only sponsoring the cause, but also providing all the snacking fuel needed to complete the journey.

Everyone here at Delicious Ideas is proud to have been a part of such an illustrious award ceremony and to recognise those that share our core ethos of positive Corporate Social Impact. Special thanks to H2O Publishing for organising, and we look forward to what the next year holds for contract catering!

# The Contract Catering Awards 2024 Winners:

Area Manager of the Year Fiona Gilbertson, Gather & Gather

Business and Industry Award Sarah Thomson, Vacherin

**Contract Caterer of the Year** Lexington Catering

**CSR Award – CH&CO** 

**Development Chef of the Year Jack Godfrey**, TNS Catering Management

Education Award – Matthew Bennett, Chartwells Independent, Rugby School

Healthcare Catering Award Jane Mardle, TNS Catering Management

Innovation Award Claire Small, Taylor Shaw

Marketing Award The Pantry

People Development Award Liam Hatcher, CH&CO

Rising Star Award Millie-Jay Hall, NEC Group

Senior Executive of the Year Catherine Roe, Elior

Sports, Leisure and Event Catering Award Michael Mitchell, Sodexo Live, The ACC Liverpool

Unit Hero of the Year Charlie Becke, BaxterStorey

Lifetime Achievement Award Mark Philpott, Savore





# HIGH PROTEIN NO ADDED SUGAR





# WHAT GETS CONSUMERS SNACKING?

Here is our latest research into Mintel's statistics to assist you in optimising your offer to your customer needs and ongoing trends.

Taste and price both emerge as the dominant primary factors for UK customers with 76% of respondents prioritising taste and 74% price.

How healthy a product is, and whether its ingredients are natural are prevalent among a sizeable portion of the UK. 37% of respondents are focused on healthy snacking, and 32% want their food and drink options to be crafted using only natural ingredients.

The UK population are increasingly open minded when selecting a brand. Only 26% of respondents prioritise a preferred brand. This may suggest that 74% of respondents aren't shying away from trying new and exciting challenger brands that offer exciting flavours, as long as the taste and pricing needs are met.





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Product	Code	Case size
Fruit & Nut Selection 40g	GG001	1 x 40
Cherry Berry Nuts & Seeds 40g	GG002	1 x 40
Gourmet Jelly Beans 50g	GG003	1 x 40
Hot & Spicy Nut & Corn Mix 35g	GG004	1 x 40
Milk Chocolate Raisin & Honeycomb bites 50g	GG005	1 x 40
Raw Protein Nut Mix 30g	GG006	1 x 40
Salted Pretzel Pearls 30g	GG008	1 x 40
Smoky BBQ Corn 30g	GG009	1 x 40

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Awareness Days

Here's a list of awareness days associated with consumer trends. Find below some suggested products to help you increase your seasonal sales!













#### May – Coeliac Awareness Month

See page 8 for a whole range of gluten free treats!

#### 11th May – World Fair Trade Day

B0169: Ferrero Chocolate Gift Boxes 16 x 37.5g FW006: Vegan Double M\*lk Chocolate Meringue Bar 12 x 20g FW001: Flower & White Raspberry Crumble Meringue Bar 12 x 20g MFINE01: Mighty Fine Salted Caramel Honeycomb Bar 15 x 30g TONY02: Tony's Chocolonely Milk Chocolate 35 x 35g KD002: Karma Gingerella 24 x 250ml

#### 13-19th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

SVR004: The Savourists Sizzing BBQ Crunchits 12 x 25g SVR005: The Savourists Thai Chilli Crunchits 12 x 25g SVR006: The Savourists Teriyaki Crunchits 12 x 25g

#### 29th May – National Biscuit Day

PROD08: Prodigy Phenomenons Chocolate Coated Oat Biscuits 12 x 32g PROD09: Prodigy Phenomenons Chocolate Coated Digestive Biscuits 12x 32g LAZ03: Lazy Day Foods Millionaire Shortbread 12 x 50g F0241: Highland Shortbread Finger Snackpack 24 x 100g

#### **3rd-9th June – National BBQ Week**

GG009: Grab n Go Smoky BBQ Corn 40 x 30g CHIK12: Chikas BBQ Rice Crisps 21 x 22g PEAS09: Brave BBQ Roasted Chickpeas 12 x 35g WAT002: Well & Truly Banging BBQ 10 x 30g CF014: Curators BBQ Veggie Puffs 12 x 30g

#### 20th June – World Refugee Day

B06018: TribeTriple Deckers Choc Raspberry 12 x 40g B06019: TribeTriple Deckers Choc Peanut 12 x 40g B0388: KIND Dark Chocolate Orange Almond Bar 12 x 40g B0364: KIND Caramel, Almond & Sea Salt Bar 12 x 40g

#### 7th July – World Chocolate Day

SD007: Seed and Bean Milk 37% Hazelnut & Almond Fairtrade & Organic Bar 10 x 75g HIP705: H!P Mini Bar Salty Pretzel Oat M!lk Chocolate 24 x 25g FUEL003: FUEL10K Chocolate Breakfast Drink 8 x 330ml VM004: Barebells Bars White Chocolate and Almond 12 x 55g MF01: Misfits Vegan Chocolate Speculoos Protein Bar 12 x 45g

#### See you next quarter!