

# Food for Body and Mind

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Scope

Taking a 360  $^{\circ}$  view to approach the mental wellbeing space Key findings

#### CONSUMERS' QUEST FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Mental wellbeing drives health perception in our post-pandemic world Stress, anxiety and sleeping problems are immediate health concerns Stress affects sleep behaviour

Consumers make different attempts to improve their state of mind

## FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENTS AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Functional ingredients in support of cognitive and mental health thrive
Superfoods revert to their ability as natural brain boosters
Botanicals and fungi drive cognitive focus benefits
Adaptogens arouse interest for their stress reduction properties
Dairy and snacks with potential for applications of botanicals
Consumers increasingly search for functional ingredients on the web

#### SUPPORTING BRAIN/MEMORY HEALTH

Brain/memory health claims have a prevailing position in baby food MFGM inspires milk formula innovation trying to close gap to breast milk Natural/traditional solutions to treat memory issues arouse interest Japanese dairy producers introduce products acting as brain juice

# TARGETING COGNITIVE PERFORMANCE

Nootropics represent an emerging niche in the food and beverage space Natural nootropics inspire product innovation around mental focus Nootropic products targeting the eSports community

#### MOOD FOOD AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

Seeking authenticity Generation Z is most demanding for natural solutions Innovative ingredient solutions create opportunities for food industry Gut-brain connection to support promotion of mood food Adaptogens arouse consumer interest and inspire product innovation Superfoods and adaptogen blends for the right consumption occasions Consumer curiosity and evolving legislation pave the way for CBD edibles Sleeping problems create demand for calming and sleep aid products Lines continue to blur – candy meets supplements

### OUTLOOK

Personalised nutrition offers expected to shape future direction Challenges to overcome Future Outlook

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