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"Brazilians already seem aware that healthy eating contributes not only to weight loss, but also to good general health. There is an interest in products that contribute to both physical health (such as those that help with muscle development) and mental wellbeing (such as stress relief)."

- Naira Sato, Food and Drinks Specialist

This report looks at the following areas:

- AB consumers can maintain their healthy habits and still save money
- Gluten-free and lactose-free products can be positioned as heathy food options
- Exploring healthful alternatives without compromising taste

Brazilians are still striving for a healthy lifestyle; however, they still face problems regarding price, functionality, and taste of the products they consume – barriers that companies can help them overcome by taking into account the needs of each demographic group. Consumers have become aware that a healthy lifestyle must include physical activities and are looking for products related to this. Today, healthy food and drink products are increasingly using benefits normally associated with other categories and are seen by consumers as helping to supplement their diets with additional nutrients and improving their physical appearance.

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Women need specific nutrients at different stages of life

Protein and fiber as sources of energy

#### Who's Innovating?

Women are interested in products for different stages of their lives

Figure 5: Percentage of launches of food and drink products with claims targeted at women, within the total number of launches of this type of products in the world, by top 10 countries,  $2016^*$ 

Fiber and protein can also be used to boost energy

#### The Consumer – What You Need to Know

Women take care of their health by eating less

Men see exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle

Benefits related to physical appearance appeal to AB consumers

Young, unemployed consumers are attracted to promotions

#### **Attitudes toward Healthy Food/Products**

Due to inflation, the healthy food/drinks category is perceived as becoming increasingly expensive Figure 6: Attitudes toward healthy food/products, June 2016

#### Fortified and natural products could appeal more to AB consumers

Figure 7: Attitude "It's better to eat food fortified with vitamins than to take vitamin supplements," by socioeconomic group, June 2016

#### Women believe that healthy eating is eating everything in small portions

Figure 8: Attitude "Healthy eating means having everything in small quantities," by gender, June 2016

#### **Attributes of Healthy Food/Products**

Products for light exercise/active lifestyle have the potential to grow Figure 9: Attributes of healthy food/products, June 2016

#### Healthier cooking shortcuts can appeal to female consumers

Figure 10: Attribute "I'd like to learn how to cook in a healthier manner," by gender, June 2016

#### Men exercise more than women to maintain a healthy life

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### Brazilians are interested in benefits related to their mental wellbeing

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Figure 13: Interest in innovation "Enhances sleep quality," by age group, June 2016

### Benefits related to physical appearance appeal to AB consumers

Figure 14: Interest in innovation "Improves physical appearance (eg skin, nails, hair)," by socioeconomic group, June 2016

#### Healthy Eating Spending Habits

#### Opportunity for wholesalers to promote the habit of cooking at home

Figure 15: Healthy eating spending habits, June 2016

### Young consumers look for more discounts in healthy food and drinks

Figure 16: Healthy eating spending habit "I have bought healthy food when it was on promotion," by age group, June 2016

#### DE consumers are the least loyal to brands of healthy products

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Figure 17: Healthy eating spending habit "I have switched to cheaper brands of the same types of healthy food," by socioeconomic group, June 2016

Appendix – Abbreviations

Abbreviations

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