

# Quality and Innovation through Sensory Excellence



## A Leading Global Agribusiness & Food Company

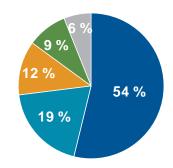
### **Key Facts**

Revenue: \$46 Billion

Employees: ~32,000

Facilities: ~400

Countries of Operations: 30+



#### **Average Net Operating Assets**

- Agribusiness
- Sugar & Bionenergy
- Food & Ingredients
- Fertilizer
- Other

#### **Agribusiness**



- A global leader in oilseed processing
- A global leader in grain and oilseed marketing

#### Sugar & Bioenergy



- 21 mmt sugarcane milling capacity producing sugar, ethanol and electricity
- #2 in global trade and distribution

#### **Food & Ingredients**



- Leading producer of oils, margarines & industrial fats in the Americas and Europe
- Growing oils position in Asia
- Leading corn and wheat miller in the Americas

#### **Fertilizer**



- Fertilizer operations in Brazil, Argentina and the U.S.
- Joint venture with OCP in Morocco

# Bunge, Food & Ingredients

#### Our Leading Bottled Oil Brands



Floriol in Hungary, Romania and Poland

Ideal in Russia

Kujawski and Oliwier in Poland

Oleina in Russia and Ukraine

Rozumnitsa in Ukraine

**Unisol** in Romania

**Vénusz** in Hungary

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# Bunge, Food & Ingredients

#### Our Leading Margarine Brands

Smakowita, Maslo Roslinne, Manuel and Masmix in Poland **Deli Reform** in Germany

Keiju in Finland

Benecol in Poland and in Finland

Holland Premium, Linco and Summer Light in Hungary





Production and sales

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# Why sensory quality is a key consumer driver?

- Taste is one of the major motivation for consumers
- Sensory quality is much more than taste
- We need to record and minimise the variation in sensory quality resulting from variation in raw materials, factories, processes,...
- Superior sensory quality can lead to a clear competitive edge and gain market share



# Understanding consumer needs

- We need to understand consumers and target product development to fullfill consumer needs
  - Monitoring evolution of the market and our perceived quality compared to the competition
  - Understand key quality drivers and allow to improve them
- Strong consumer trends toward value for money force to focus on precise attributes



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# Innovation through Sensory Excellence



# Expert panel training

### Testing of senses

- To identify the suitable panelists
- To select the unsuitable persons
- To get information about the special sensitivities or weaknesses of the suitable panelists



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# Expert panel training

## Product specific training

- Learning the characteristic attributes of the product
- Recognizing the off- and after flavours
- Training is done using wide variety of products from the market; own- and competitor products
- Tasting of ingredients used in product category and learning how to describe for example raw material taste

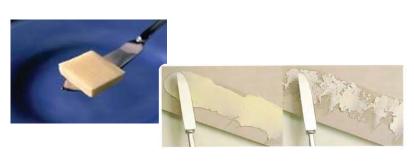




## **Expert panel training**

### Instructions on sensory methods

- To learn the own sensitivity and ability
- To get information on sensory analytical methods (e.g. profile method)
- To get information on sensory preference method



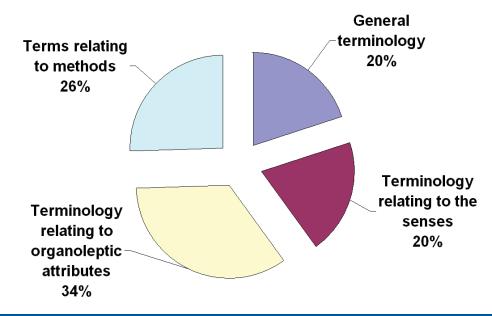


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## **Product training**

- Sensory Attributes of product category
- Definition of terms and creation of a glossary
- Selection of reference materials and comparison samples



## Expert panel work

#### Discrimination tests

 To check similarities or differences in samples or products (pair test, triangle test, A/notA, etc.)

### Descriptive tests

• Produce objective descriptions of the sensory characteristics of products which enables comparisons between products

Identification, description and quantification of the sensory components of a

consumer product

### Types of application

- New product development
- Monitor of competitors products
- Quality control in production
  - Outlook of packaging & product
  - Product's odour, taste and structure
  - Acceptance compared to specification

Example: Key attributes of Margarine

- Appearance: color, glossiness
- Smell: butter, milky, yoghurt, fermented
- Taste: salty, sour, butter, milky, yoghurt, fermented
- Mounthfeel: melting
- Texture: optical structure, hardness, brittleness

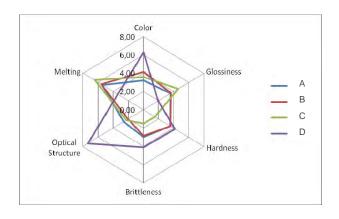
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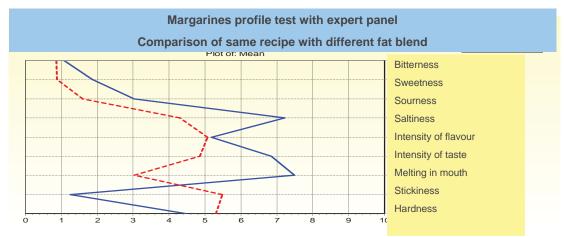


# **Profiling**

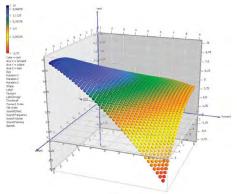
#### Attributes

- Taste
- Odor
- Texture
- Vision
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## Physical and chemical measurements





- Attributes can be measured by physical instruments and chemical analyses
- ▶ Texture is a complex measure of resistance, penetration, elastic property, etc..
- Outlook and colour can be also measured analytically
- 'Freshness' can be measured chemically
- Analytical results are compared to sensory evaluation results

Example: Margarine	
Analytical	Sensory
Solid fat content, dropping point, melting point	Melting in mouth, hardness, stickiness
Colour	Observed colour
Texture analysis, penetration	Observed structure, hardness, brittleness etc
Peroxide value, free fatty acids	Rancid taste, old taste

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# Understanding and Testing Consumer Preferences



## Determinants of food choice

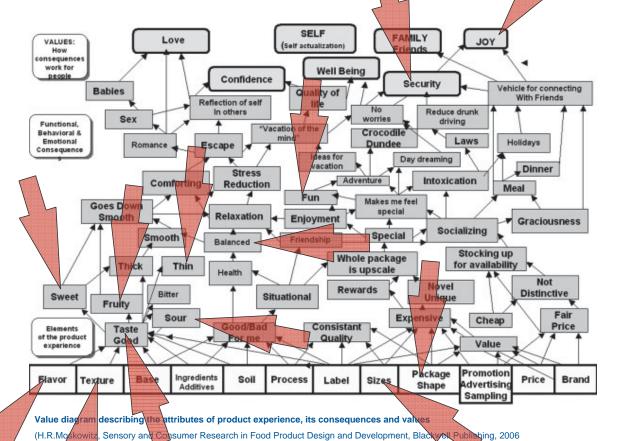
- ▶ Biological; Hunger, appetite
- **Economical**, Cost, income, availability
- Physical; Access / availability, cooking skills
  - Social; Culture, family, eating habits
- Attitude and knowledge; Nutrition, beliefs, sustainability

# **Taste**

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How to deliver products consumers want or need



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## Translation of consumer needs to food product

# Consumer tests analyse the appreciation of the consumer towards the appearance of the product in terms of

- Packaging, design, image, color,...
- Odor, taste, flavor, texture (when touching, when eating) and/or sound of a product
- Test organised as central location and home-use testing

#### Blind test

- Acceptance test on sensory basis, not testing product consept
- Selection of best product/recipe
- Guidance to development for new products or change of current products

#### Branded test

- Consept & packaging affects the result
- Previous prositive or negative experience affects the result
- Important when target is to estimate overall product acceptance and consumers intrest to buy the product

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# Translation of consumer needs to food product

#### Types of consumer tests

#### Qualitative tests

- Identifying most important quality attributes
- Trained Focus group test gives data on important positive and undesirable characteristics of product → useful tool before Quantitative tests

#### Quantitative tests

Quantifying overall preference and acceptance

#### Focus group

Consumers trained to sensory evaluation tehniques

- → Ability to give detailled descriptions of products
- → Gives important information for products screening before big consumer test
- → Cost & result effective



## **Hedonic Test: Preferences**

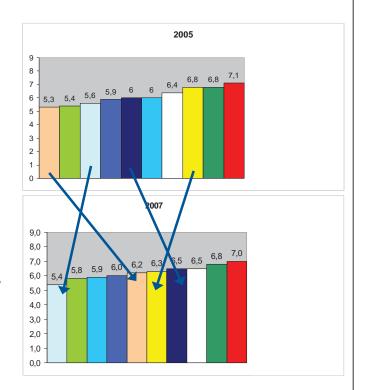
Is the product preferred?

Here is my product positioned relative to my competitors' products?

Why is my product positioned there?

How can I reposition my existing products?

What new products should I create?



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# Preference mapping

**Sensory evaluation** 

Sensory Profile by the expert panel

Consumer test

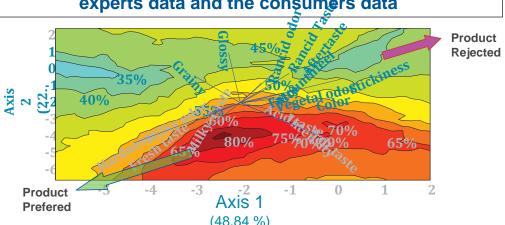






#### **Preference mapping**

Analysis based on specific regression models between the experts data and the consumers data



# Product development and Innovation



Focusing on innovation to better serve customers & consumers

#### Innovation on taste

- Development of solutions that meet consumers' needs for new experiences
- Understanding consumers needs in different markets

#### Innovation on health

Healthy solutions combine functionality to care for families

#### Innovation on convenience

• Packaging, portion size, easiness to use





# Modification of the composition and development of technology

- Sensory evaluation is used in every step of product & technology development
  - Selection of raw materials & ingredients
  - When changing recipes or processes
    - Improvements of product
    - Checking that change does not affect product characteristics
  - Actions based on consumer tests or feedback from consumers
  - Consumer needs & preference change during time → need to follow









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## Innovation: Smakowita De Luxe

- Flavor development based on Bread
- Increase Butterlikness significantly
- Consumer Preference increases
- Communication based on the delicious fresh bread odor
- Launch in Poland Sept 2010 with great success

Taste of spread makes sense only with

**Bread** 







## Innovation: Oleina Zapashna

I like taste and smell of crude oil, and I often buy it for salads.

But I always worry for its quality and safety for health.

### Oleina Zapashna

- Refined oil with addition of pressed oil; quality is guaranteed by Oleina
- Gives your salads light taste and aroma of seeds without risk for health
- Consumer Preference has raised significantly with this oil
- Oleina Zapashna has been launched in Ukraine in October 2010



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# Conclusion and perspective

- Sensory science allow us to characterize products and quarantee quality in production
- Preference test and preference mapping help us to understand which characteristic is driving the preference
- ▶ Taste and functionality are the most important trends in food
- This allows us to built excellent sensory property into product design
- ▶ It will allow also to create breakthrough innovation
   → All to the benefit of final consumer





