How To Reframe An Emerging Category On The Fly

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REAL FRUIT JUICE



What We Did

Help TCCC take advantage of the emerging prebiotic soda category

And do it fast!



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In January 2024....

Messy category

Endless hybridization Benefit duplication **Messy** consumers

Big say-do gap in behaviour

How can TCCC make sense of this opportunity?



Messy category

Endless hybridization Benefit duplication



Fast growth but no brand leadership

Not fully understood by consumers and retailers

Confused category management

(no store shelved the product the same way)

"I think these drinks are for people who love sparkling sodas and possibly people who are watching their diet."

Imani P., LA, Core



The broader world of prebiotics was blowing up

And they are attached to a dozen different perceived benefits



theguthealthdoctor

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Dr Megan Rossi

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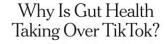
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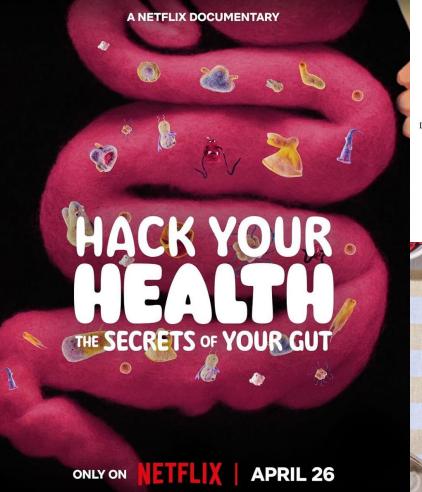


The New York Times

Account



Despite what social media might have you believe, there is no overnight shortcut to better digestive health.









In most stores, we found prebiotic soda ranged with kombucha...

Retailers and shelving strategy is highly influential in how we present the value and role of products

Kombucha is seen as a highly premium and functional aspect of the market





Premium & Purposeful

YOGHURT DRINKS

CHALLENGE #1

What is the strategic way in?

Develop a better tasting kombucha or a more purposeful prebiotic soda?



Tasty & Trendy



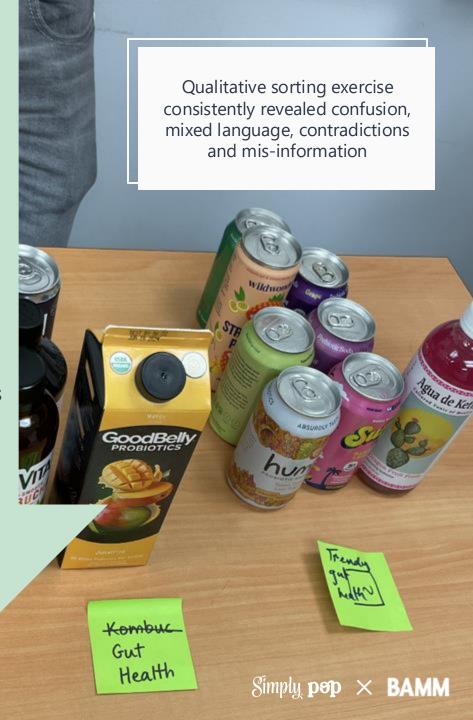
Messy consumers

Big say-do gap in behaviour

Consumers have an enormous say-do gap regarding their relationship with pre/probiotics

High interest in prebiotics as a trend, awareness and concern

But low knowledge & practice of pre/probiotics benefits or





CHALLENGE #2

What consumer need are we really solving for?

People are happily accepting of pre/probiotics as a "no brainer" good-for-you solution

Ingredient science is valuable knowledge, but people shop with their intuition & instincts

How can you win with seemingly low category engagement?



"My aunt was telling me about them [pre/probiotics], it was her latest 'fad'."

Janiyah W., ATL, Core



"The flavor could be anything but the prebiotic ingredients is why it's good"

Justin G., ATL, Core



The strategic crossroads

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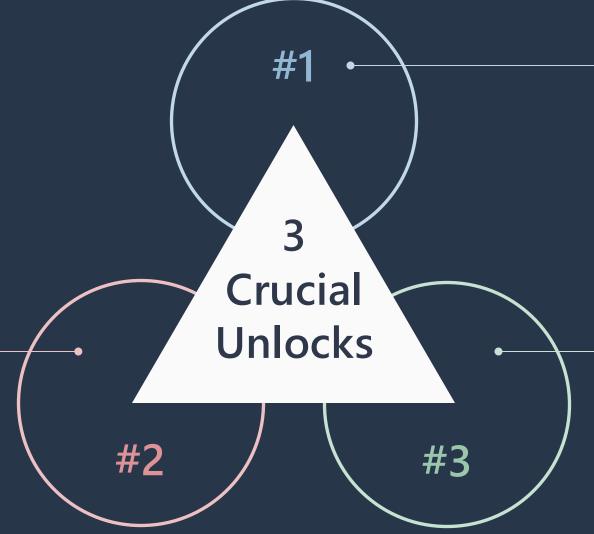
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The importance of making progress & emotional ease to people

Desirable and easy solutions are better drivers of behaviour change than "hard core" products and behaviors

Simply has the brand power to democratize prebiotics for all

Big brands matter

Embracing a bigger emotional need leads to a bigger market opportunity

Juice bridges the gap between premium purpose vs. tasty & trendy

The answer is juice

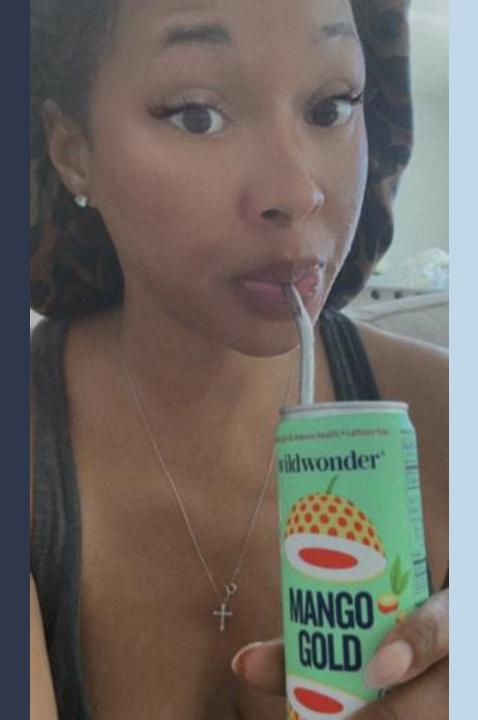
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CLUE #1

"I'm a kombucha lover, but I can't always afford it and quite frankly, it's a lot. Sometimes I just need to chill and enjoy myself"

Helen Y., LA, Core





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CLUE #2

They want pre-biotics in their lives

They want to make progress, but aren't always bothered by the details

The process of feeling good and making good choices is as validating as the results themselves





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Contains Real Juices

Feel like I'm making a good choice

A brand I'm proud to be seen with



Tasty & Trendy





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Real fruit juice can the bridge that gap between taste-first & purpose-first beverages



Fruit flavor makes everything tastier...



And feel good about your choices



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"Simply" brand does what small brands can't do...

Wholesome naturalness
Real fruit credibility
Approachability

Double Digit

Incremental top box trial score amongst Simply brand drinkers

Extremely high conversion

of prebiotic drink rejectors are Simply brand consumer





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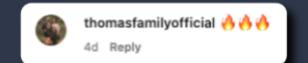














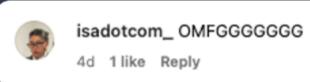
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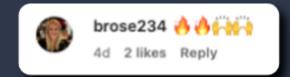
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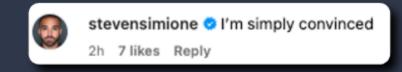


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