# Chobani



# **Building An Internal Agency Within**

### **Topics**

- Team Structure & Areas of Focus
- Team Purpose & Responsibilities
- Innovation
  - 5 Cs of Innovation
  - Chobani Innovation Process
- Process Showcase
  - DIY + Partner Support
  - Marrying Quant & Qual Approaches
- Key Learnings
- Q&A



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# **Insights & Analytics Team Structure**

A small but mighty team spanning 3 key verticals



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Amazing Team Leader

#### Platform & Innovation

#### 3 team members

Trend Tracking
Idea Screening
Category Discovery
Concepts/Positioning Testing
Packaging Testing
Flavor & Claims Prioritization
Platform Road Mapping
New Item Volume Estimates

### **Shopper & Pricing**

#### 2 team members

Custom Shopper Studies

Foundational Category Research

Sales Thought Leadership

Decision Tree Development

Category Forecasting

Consumption & Pricing Analysis

## Marketing & Media Measurement

#### 1 team member

Social Listening
Brand Tracking
Campaign Analysis
Shopper Analysis
Commercial Mix Model

# **Innovation & Platform: Vertical Purpose**

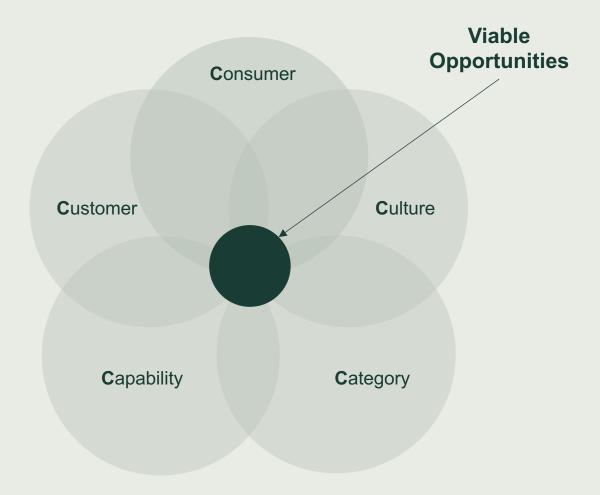
### **Primary Focus**

<u>Consumer</u> understanding – the macro <u>Cultural</u> trends impacting their lives and identifying behaviors, needs, and desires as it pertains to our current and future portfolio – platforms and suite of product offerings.

### **Secondary Focus**

Always considering and keeping our current and potential <u>Categories</u>, Chobani's <u>Capabilities</u>, and our <u>Customers</u> at the forefront our our recommendations to ensure true commercial success.

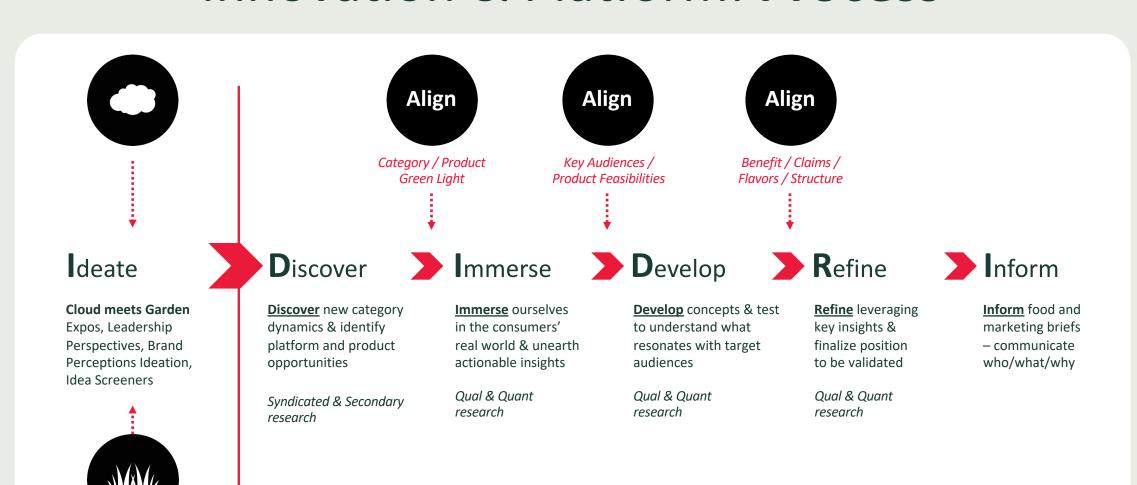
# The 5 Cs of Innovation



# Innovation & Platform: Responsibilities

New Categories	New Platforms & Products	Platform Expansion	Performance Expectations	Thought Leadership
Core dynamics & Opportunity Identification	From ideas to execution	Expanding platforms with purpose and clear intent	Volume estimates to inform steady state of new item launches	Macro cultural trends impacting consumer behaviors
Landscape Assessments	Ideation		Innovation	Hot Topics
White Spaces	Concept Development		Line Extensions	Quarterly Trends
Innovation Models	Positioning		Rotating Seasonals	
Platform Table Stakes	Road Mapping  Staged Launch Plans	Platform Growth Strategy		
	Packaging Structure & Design			
	Marketing Messaging			

## Innovation & Platform: Process



# A DIY Process with Critical Partner Support





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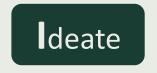


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### **Brand Perceptions**





#### **Partnered Execution**

Recruitment **Digital Focus Group Platform**  **Objective:** 

Understand how consumers view the Chobani brand, platforms, new items.

Identify opportunities & where we have a right to play.

Metho:

12 Focus Groups: 3 X 4 Region Key Regions (~50 consumers)

Chobani Yogurt / Chobani Cross-Category / Note engaged but Open

**Inputs:** 

Master Brand Pillars & Elements / Portfolio Architecture

Stakeholders:

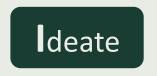
Leadership / Corp. Comms. / NPD / Marketing

Timing:

~12 Weeks from kick-off to report finalization

**Key Learnings:** 

- Shift from "Yogurt Company" to "Dairy Company"
- Need for more marketing & portfolio wide campaigns
- Philanthropic areas to focus on / Stories to celebrate
- Chobani Food Equity & Categories to pursue





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### Where They Would Like Us to Play Next: Unaided

Many categories consumers desired from Chobani are currently being considered for future pipeline plans. Some communicated we should consider growing more slowly to not loose trust with consumers.

> **9 Total Key Categories** for Consideration

**3 Key Categories** with multiple ways in







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### Idea Screener



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**Internal Execution** 

Assess the potential of a range of innovations that Chobani could potentially pursue **Objective:** 

in the near future

Survey – key metrics: Branded PI / Rank Metho:

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Inputs: 45 Cross-Category Ideas

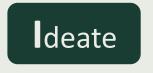
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Timing: ~14 Weeks from Idea generation to results share-out

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Consumers desire Chobani to play in dessert and drinks





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### Category **Discovery**











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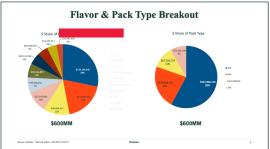
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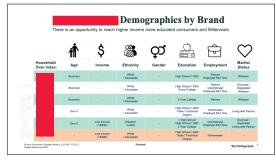
4 weeks

#### **Key Learnings:**

- \$ size
- composition
- key competitors
- consumer/shopper
- flavors
- formats/sizes
- seasonality
- retail set
- competitive brand positioning
- landscape & opportunity









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### **Behaviors** & Desires





#### **Partnered Execution**

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Understand how consumers view the space, what consumption look like, brand

perceptions, and desires for a new entrant

**Digital Community** Metho:

week of daily activities & survey, 2 Groups: Category Engaged / Lapsed Users (~200 per)

Inputs: 5 Day Activity Guide (Key Business Qs) / 2 Concepts

NPD Stakeholders:

Timing: 4 Weeks

 Validated Chobani acceptance in space by category users **Key Learnings:** 

Table Stakes = great texture / Barriers = "overly processed" offerings

Food implications / tactics to bring lapsed users back to category

Classic flavors with a Twist (elevated) most desired



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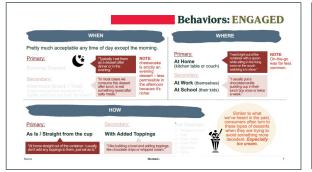
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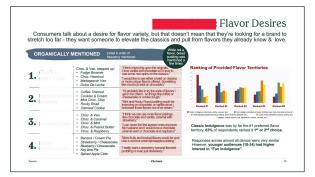




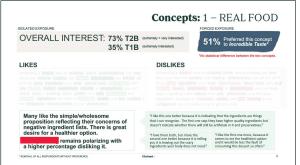
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### Concept **Optimization**



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#### **Vendor Execution**

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BASES Optimizer: ID all possible ideas (5,289 combinations), consumers select preferences, Metho:

algorithm identifies top 25, measurement & ranking

All potential concept variants: Food Bases / Inclusions / Textures / Flavor Profiles / Inputs:

Pack Structures / Claims

NPD / R&D Stakeholders:

Timing: 8 Weeks

 Prioritization of 2 lead concepts with broad reach **Key Learnings:** 

Strengths & Weaknesses of all concepts

Target Market for all concepts

Existing packaging structures not ideal for concepts





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### Concept **Optimization**



**BASES Optimizer** 

#### **Vendor Execution**

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#### **Optimized Top Concepts** Out of 5,289 possibilities, 15 leading ideas emerge from optimization.



### Strengths and Watch-Outs: TC L



### **Concept Performance** s the most appealing Top Concept. TC D is the best



#### What's Working, What's Not

Base Ty	pe	Flavor Profile	Inclusio	ns	Texture	
Appeals:		Appeals: Classic Chocolate Flavors Indulgent Dessert Flavors Flavor Swiris	Appeals: Whipped Layer Dessert Sauce Marbled Dessert Sauc		Appeals: Classic Whipped, light Custardy, Rich	
Does Not Appeal:		Does Not Appeal: Jassic Vanilla Flavors Jassic Full Flavors Jassic Warm Caramel Flavors	Does Not Appeal: Fruit Puree Mix-Ins Sprinkles Nuts No Inclusions			
		Str	ucture			
Appeals: Plastic 6pks Plastic 4pks Paper 4pks Glass Jars						
Does Not Appeal: Plastic 2pks Plastic SS Paper SS Family MS						







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### **In-home Usage Test**







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# **Key Learnings: Our Innovation Process**

- Not Just Researchers but PROJECT MANAGERS & STRATEGISTS
- 2. Be PROUD of TEAM SKILLS, but willing to LEARN from VENDORS
- 3. COLLABORATION, collaboration
- 4. EMBRACE RESTRAINTS (business & capabilities realities)

- 5. Be the DRIVING FORCE (put pen to paper)
- 6. Data VISUALIZATION is critical
- 7. Design different reports for DIFFERENT AUDIENCES







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