# Blend it well

#### Assessing the case for multi-methodology programs





# Premier Foods has an ambitious goal for its cake business!!!







# A complex and multifaceted challenge

Breadth and depth Crystal ball and foresight Robust yet simple and inspirational



# **Typical strategic planning processes are linear**





# This wouldn't work for us







No single method would address our requirements

We had to be grounded in insight & lifted by foresight

This could never be a simple stepped process



# We needed to design a plan



### Our blend-buildprove model was a series of loops

#### 1: Model conceptualisation:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Issue definition

#### 2: Model development

- Prototype framework
- Insight gaps identified
- Approach designed

#### 3: Model refinement

Our stages of research

#### 4: Model validation and use

 Innovation workshop & sprint – proof of concept





And we placed as much emphasis on what happened before and after the research as the research itself





# Each element of our process played a distinct role



# Reverseengineering





Crucial to this success of this approach was how we started – the model conceptualisation







Model development: Starting to scope the category vision and broad opportunity areas



MINTEL EXTRACT

INSIGHT AND INPUTS REVIEW



**CATEGORY VISION** 

Model refinement: fine-tuning the vision, scoping the framework



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**OPPORTUNITY** 

PLATFORMS

**SPRINGBOARDS** 

Model validation: proof of concept





EXPERT CONSULTATION

INNOVATION WORKSHOP

CONSUMER SPRINT



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# So what did we learn?



## **1** Getting the brief right



Aligning visions

Managing expectations

Designing in pause points



## **2** Getting the methodology right





## **3** Getting the ways of working right



Open-minded

Continuously (re)thinking

Collaborative throughout



# **4** Getting the delivery right





Complex process, simple integrated story

Focus on the 'proof of concept' and work backwards



Connect directly to the commercial opportunity with immediate action planning



# Avoiding a mish-mash



# Three key success factors





# Triangulate

What people say they do





## Be prepared to pivot





## **3** A prototyping way of working





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