



# PG Skills: Creativity and problem solving, why are these skills so important?

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#### **PRESENTERS**

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CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING @ MDLZ

Laura Brooks Ali Malik





#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**



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ALI MALIK, CA

GLOBAL LEAD, OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS INFORMATION BUSINESS SERVICES





#### CHOOSE A "CHECK IN" QUESTION (OR CREATE YOUR OWN) AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR MEETINGS TO TAKE A PAUSE FOR PURPOSE

- HOW IS WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DISCUSS LINKED TO OUR PURPOSE?
- HOW HAVE YOU LIVED OUR PURPOSE THIS WEEK?
- WHAT'S A RECENT DECISION YOU MADE THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR PURPOSE? WHAT WAS THE BENEFIT TO THE BUSINESS/TEAM? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?
- SHARE A TIME WHEN IT WAS CHALLENGING TO LIVE OUR PURPOSE. WHAT WERE THE BARRIERS AND HOW CAN WE REMOVE THEM?
- HOW DOES OUR COMPANY PURPOSE CONNECT TO YOUR PERSONAL PURPOSE?



# MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL

Who are we?

## **ABOUT THE COMPANY**





# POLL

What is your favourite MDLZ Brand

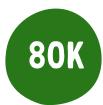
- A) Oreo
- B) Cadbury
- C) Belvita



#### **BREAKING DOWN OUR BUSINESS**



At Mondelez International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MDLZ) we love snacks – they're our world, so we do everything we can to give people the right snack, for the right moment, made the right way.



We have approximately **80,000 employees** around the world



2019 net revenues of approximately **\$26 billion** 



Our snacks are enjoyed in over **150 countries** 



37% of 2019 net revenues from **emerging markets** 



4 Regions with 14 Business Units around the world

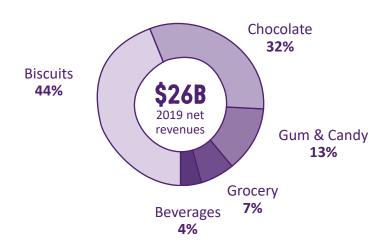


\$800M investment in local communities\*



We hold the #1 market share globally in **biscuits** and #2 market share globally in **chocolate, candy and gum**.\*\*

#### % OF 2019 NET REVENUES BY CATEGORY



#### % OF 2019 NET REVENUES BY GEOGRAPHY



\*Includes ~\$450MM in donations, both cash and products since 2012 and a \$400MM investment for our Cocoa Life program
\*\* 2019 category position. Source: Euromonitor





# EMPOWER PEOPLE TO SNACK RIGHT

#### **OUR PURPOSE**



#### THINK ABOUT IT.

All around the world there's a universal cultural tension: the lines between meals and snacks are blurring.

From on-the-go "second breakfast" needs to a mindful moment of indulgence in the evening, our brands and products have opportunities to satisfy consumers throughout the day.

So there's an increasing snacking need, but consumers don't want to have to choose between snacking and eating right.

Insert Mondelez International... and our Purpose to empower people to snack right.

Consumers decide what and how they want to eat. We simply obsess over their interests and innovate to make sure they continue to reach for the goodness of our snacks when they want a delicious, wholesome, nutritious or indulgent bite made from ingredients and packaging they can feel good about.

Our Purpose drives each decision we make. It is the lens through which we see the world. It inspires us to give our best each day. And it gives our work deeper meaning.

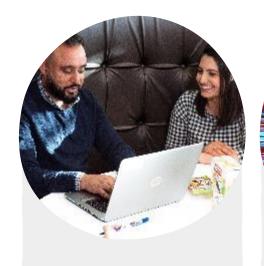
WE EMPOWER PEOPLE TO SNACK RIGHT.



# INFORMATION BUSINESS SERVICES

Who are we?

#### **5 DISTINCT STRATEGIC PILLARS**



INVEST IN PEOPLE

Our Greatest Asset



STRATEGIC SIMPLIFICATION

Speed and Agility



DRIVE DOWN ECONOMICS

Save to Reinvest



INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Win Win Partnerships



**Digital** 





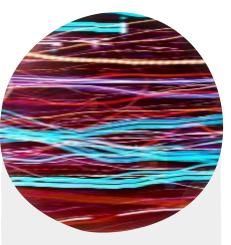
#### 5 DISTINCT STRATEGIC PILLARS



#### INVEST IN PEOPLE

#### Our Greatest Asset

Invest in digital skill sets and capabilities, empowering colleagues to grow and enable transformative processes, solutions, and platforms



#### STRATEGIC SIMPLIFICATION

#### Speed and Agility

Reduce complexity in our work processes, application landscape and end to end work environment to deliver value and top and bottom line growth



### DRIVE DOWN ECONOMICS

#### Save to Reinvest

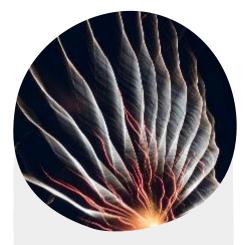
Drive the best total cost to serve and ownership through scaled technology and shared services, reinvesting in our strategic initiatives to accelerate business plans



# STRATEGIC & INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

#### Win-Win Partnerships

Establish strategic partnerships (quality vs. cost) driving competitive advantage through innovative processes, capabilities and solutions



# DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES & PLATFORMS

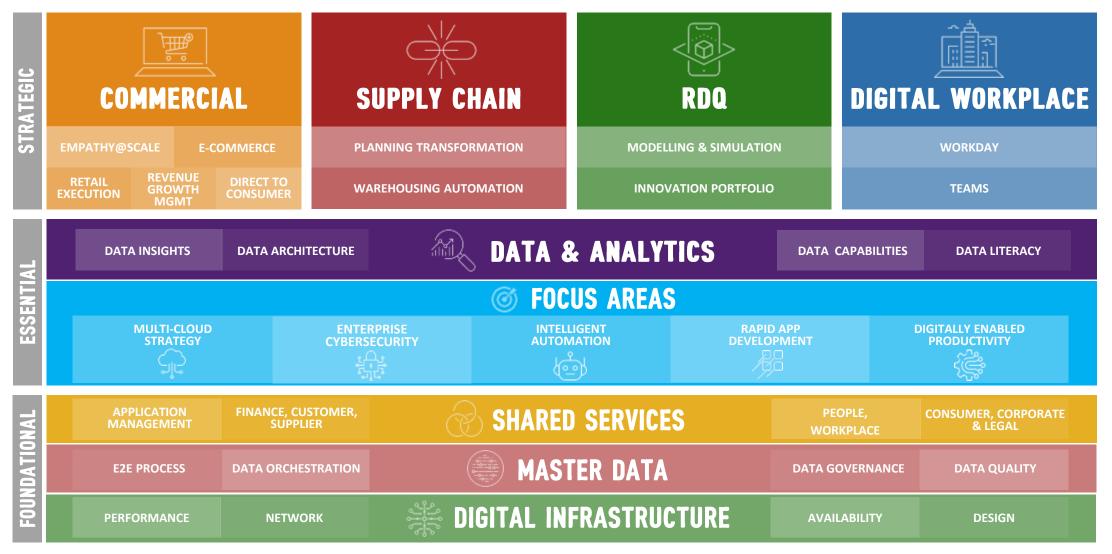
#### Accelerate Balanced Growth Powered by Digital

Drive top and bottom line growth through disruptive technologies, platforms, data and analytics creating new work processes and business models with unique insights





#### DIGITAL CAPABILITIES TO DELIVER BALANCED GROWTH - AC20/21









# **PROBLEMS** ARE NOTHING BUT WAKE UP CALLS FOR **CREATIVITY**

**Gerhard Gschwandtner** 



#### WHAT IS CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING?

#### **GROWTH MINDSET**

A belief that that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts, your strategies, and help from others. Everyone can change and grow through application and experience

#### **AGILE MINDSET**

Agile is a set of principles and values that guides how we work together and engage with our customers.

#### **DESIGN THINKING**

A customer-centric approach to problem solving that helps entire organizations scale their design processes to create better, human-centered user experiences and disruptive products

#### STRONG CONSUMER FOCUS







#### FIXED MINDSET:

## Believing that your qualities are carved in stone

A fixed mindset is based on the belief that our abilities are limited.

It tells us that we were born with a fixed amount of skills and don't have the capacity to learn new ones.

For decades, this idea was thought to be backed by science.

At the time, common scientific belief was that after early adulthood, the human brain can't change, a concept popularized by the saying, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks."







#### **GROWTH MINDSET:**

"This growth mindset is based on the belief that that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts, your strategies, and help from others.

Although people may differ in every which way – in their initial talents and aptitudes, interests, or temperaments – everyone can change and grow through application and experience."



# WHAT IS IT IN A WORKING ENVIRONMENT THAT BRINGS OUT YOUR FIXED MINDSETS?

- I can't lead a project
- I can't take budget responsibility
- Leading a cross-functional team is too difficult
- I'm not a good presenter
- I'll never be as smart as...
- My opinion isn't worth anything
- I'm just not creative
- I'm not analytical

WHAT IS IT FOR YOU?

















# AGILE MINDSET



#### WHAT DOES AGILE MEAN?

Agile is a set of **principles and values** that guides how we work together and engage with our customers.

Consumer Centricity



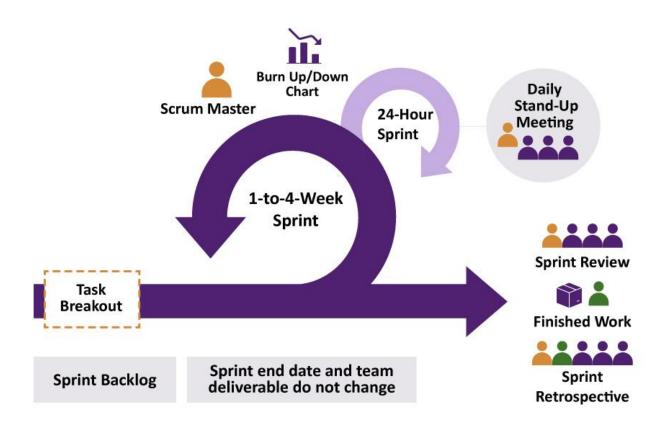
Responding to change





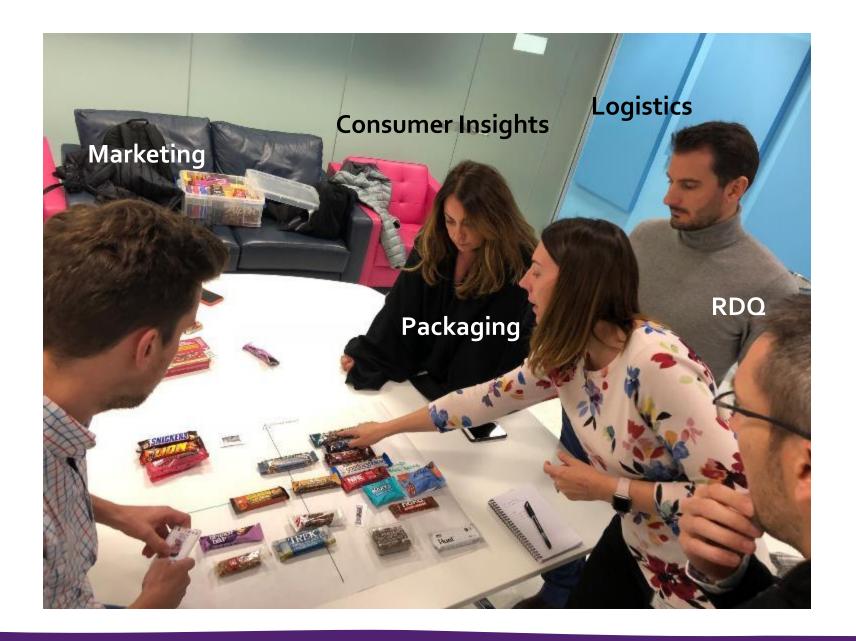
#### WE ARE DEFINING AGILE IN TWO WAYS: "DOING" AGILE AND "BEING" AGILE

#### **Agile Methodology – Doing Agile**





#### **GO NUTTIER - TEAM STORY**





#### THEY WERE GIVEN TWO THINGS...



#### **Ambition**

In six months, demonstrate viability of a Cadbury wellbeing offer in the UK to recruit consumers in the afternoon occasions.

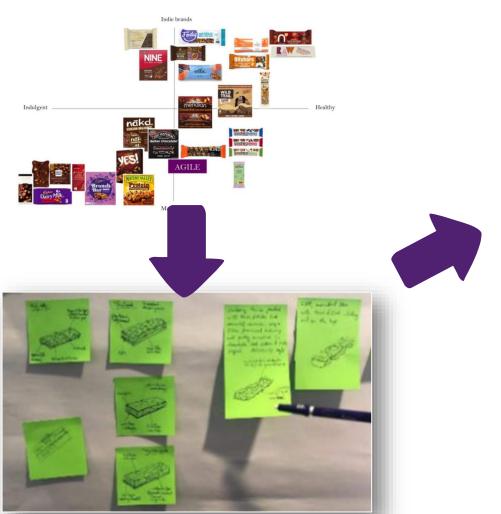






#### IT WAS CHALLENGING UNTIL THEY FOUND THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS

#### Mapping the Category - nut, fruit and chocolate bars

















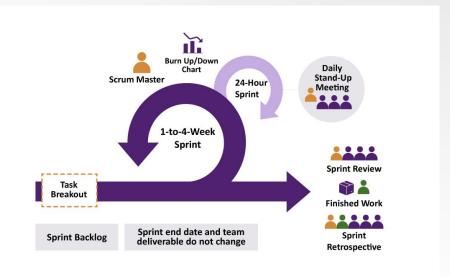
# WHAT DID THIS TEAM DO DIFFERENTLY? POST YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE CHAT (OR COME OFF MUTE)



#### DOING AGILE

The team members who worked on the Go Nuttier project were **Doing Agile**.

- Were able to be totally **dedicated** to the project and had no other competing priorities
- Followed a Scrum methodology that included full-day planning sessions every two weeks
- Tested concepts and prototypes regularly with consumers
- Made recommendations on how to move the project forward to stakeholders every two weeks
- Held retrospective / reflection meetings every two weeks



#### WE ARE DEFINING AGILE IN TWO WAYS: "DOING" AGILE AND "BEING" AGILE

#### Agile Culture – Being Agile





#### BEING AGILE DEPENDED ON THREE KEY BEHAVIORS

The ability to decide their own direction

DECISION MAKING

The ability to **prioritize** the most important work

**PRIORITIZING** 

Getting
feedback early
and often
through
prototyping

**PROTOTYPING** 





#### WHY

- helps entire organizations scale their design processes to create better, humancentered user experiences and disruptive products
- drives action

#### **WHAT**

A customer-centric approach to problem solving

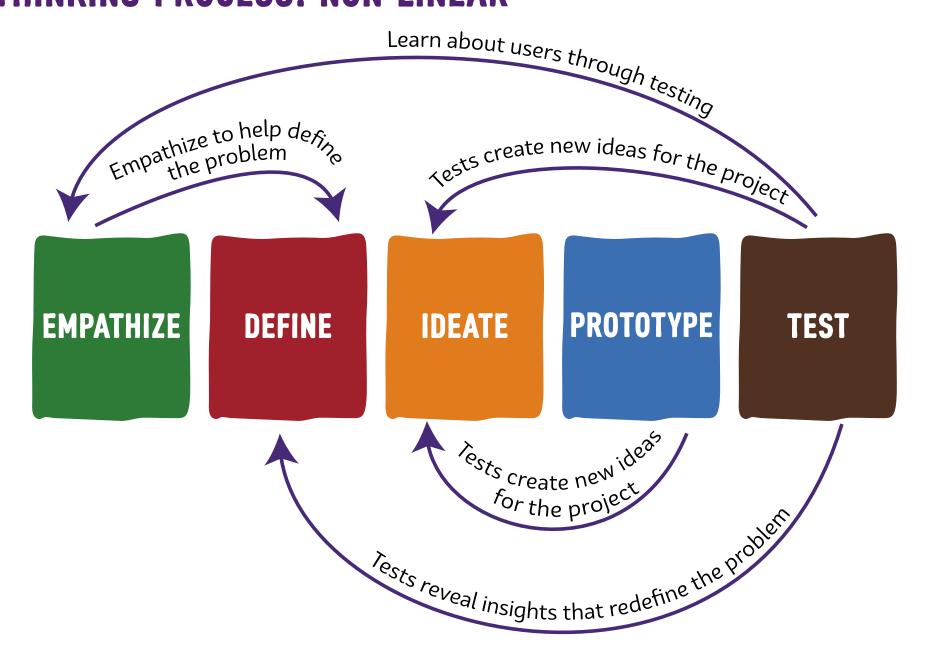
#### HOW

By bringing everyone, not just designers, into the design process.





#### **DESIGN THINKING PROCESS: NON LINEAR**





### "DESIGN IS NOT JUST WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. DESIGN IS HOW IT WORKS."

Steve Jobs



#### **COMMON ELEMENTS TO ENABLE CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING**

# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- Carefully define the problem you need to solve
- Ask Questions
- Review your scope regularly throughout the process



- Know your consumer they are the people who can help the most
- Work out who you need to help you
- Be clear on who are the decision makers



- Who says you're not an ideas person?
- Review your ideas with your consumers, early and often
- Don't be afraid to submit the crazy ideas





### MONDELEZ EARLY CAREERS



#### **EARLY CAREERS**

Our schemes & Opportunities

- GRADUATE SCHEMES
  - 3 YEARS IN LENGTH
  - AIMED AT RECENTLY GRADUATED STUDENTS
  - AVAILABLE IN FINANCE, ENGINEERING, SALES & MARKETING, INFORMATION BUSINESS SERVICES, CUSTOMER SERVICE AND LOGISTICS



#### • INTERNSHIPS

- 12 MONTHS IN LENGTH
- AIMED AT CURRENT STUDENTS, IN THEIR 3 YEAR OF THEIR DEGREE, OPEN TO RECENTLY FULLY GRADUATED STUDENTS
- AVAILABLE IN ENGINEERING, SALES, MARKETING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION BUSINESS SERVICES, COMMUNICATIONS



#### **OUR RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

# STEP 1 - ONLINE APPLICATION

### STEP 2 - ONLINE TESTS

# STEP 3 - VIDEO INTERVIEW

# STEP 4 - ASSESSMENT CENTRE

STEP 5 – OFFER!

Our recruitment process starts with an application form, including some background information, motivational questions and competency based questions

If you pass the online application stage, you will be invited to complete online tests

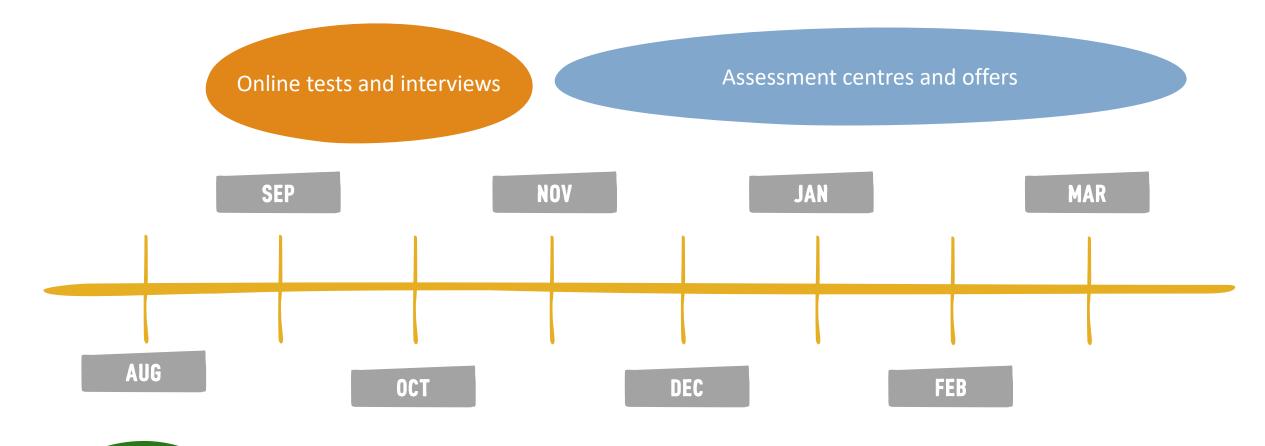
This could include: SJT Ability tests Or other! If you are successful from the online tests, we would invite you through to a video interview. This is your opportunity to meet with someone in the recruitment team. They will ask motivational and competency questions

Finally, we have the assessment centre. This is currently a range of tasks that allow you to see the day in the life of a Mondelez member, and we get to see you! Currently this includes presentations, group work, and an interview





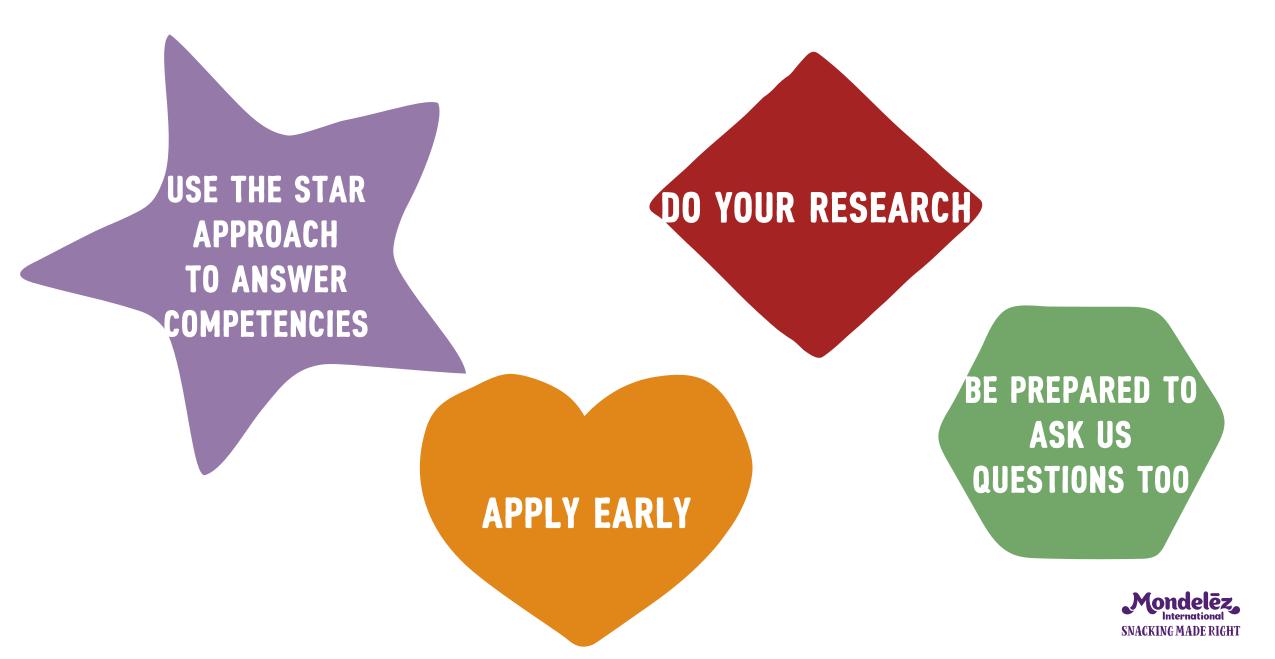
#### THE RECRUITMENT TIMELINE



Applications for graduate schemes and internships open!



#### KEY TIPS FROM THE EARLY CAREERS MANAGER



## ANY QUESTIONS?

