

SOUTHEAST ASIA & CHINA MARKET TRENDS 2023: SNACKS





Market revenue and CAGR for snack products segment in Southeast Asia & China, 2023-2028

**Southeast Asia Market** 

US\$28.5B

Revenue in the Snack Food segment in 2023<sup>1</sup>

8.68%

Market growth (CAGR 2023-2028)<sup>1</sup>

**China Market** 

US\$58.0B

Revenue in the Snack Food segment in 2023<sup>2</sup>

9.08%

Market growth (CAGR 2023-2028)<sup>2</sup>

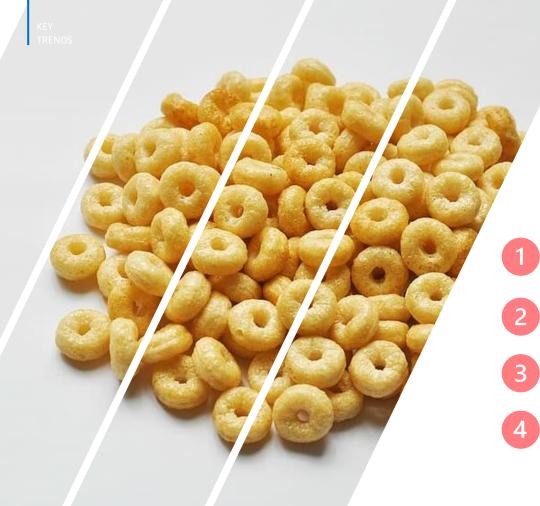
IN-SCOPE:
Potato Chips
Extruded & expanded snacks
Cookies & crackers
Pretzels

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MARKET

**OVERVIEW** 





## **KEY TRENDS**

TO WATCH IN SEA COUNTRIES & CHINA

1 Innovation in Taste

2 Guilt-free Snacking

3 Healthy On-the-go

Premiumization

# 'Snacking is more than just a trend; it's a lifestyle shift"

In this topic, the trends will be covered for:



In Southeast Asia, Malaysia led in terms of snack launches at 27% between May 2022 -**April 2023**<sup>1</sup>.

Malaysians are creative in how they express affection for local delights like Nasi Lemak, and they aspire to elevate comforting local tastes to the next level<sup>2</sup>.

A growing trend of Asianflavoured snacks is gaining traction, showing a CAGR of **6.11%** in launches between 2017 & 20213.





Snack Food in Malaysia, 2023 - 2028<sup>4</sup>

**US\$3.4B** 

Revenue in the Snack Food segment in 20231

7.89%

Market growth (CAGR 2023-2028)1

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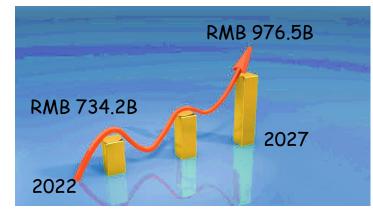
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Among Chinese individuals aged **18 to 24**, the proportion of those who consume snacks to fulfill cravings surges to **82%**.

Snacks need to cater to these cravings, whether by offering delectable sweet or savory flavors, or through enticing textures<sup>1</sup>.

### China's Snack Market, 2022 - 2027<sup>2</sup>









In 2022, **flavoured snacks**, encompassing varieties like meat-based options, salty treats, and fried nuts, emerged as the most favored categories among Chinese consumers, accounting for **38%** of total consumption<sup>2</sup>.



#### **Twisties Kaya Butter Toast Flavoured Corn Snacks**

- Twisties has added yet another Malaysian local flavour to its product list, the Kaya Butter Toast variant. This move came after the brand kicked off its "Embrace Your Twists" tagline in 2019. According to the brand, the new flavour offering reflects the brand's purpose by introducing fresh twists to its product lineup.
- Halal Malaysia
- Contains Celery, Soya and Wheat
- Product of Malaysia



#### **Tipitip Spicy Hearts**

- Pioneers in the snack market in Sri Lanka, Tipi Tip is the most popular extruded snack island wide.
   Selected as a 'Super Brand' by a panel of experts in the field of marketing in the year 2006.
- Product of Sri Lanka

**Ingredients**: Maize Grit, Cholesterol Free Vegetable Oil, \*Nature Identical Flavourings, Spices.



#### Lay's x Peking Duck

- Lay's has upped its localized snack game with a new range of creative Chinese chip flavours including this Peking duck flavour. They've also collaborated with a few recognizable local brands to give weight to branding.
- · Product of China

Ingredients: Potato, Vegetable Oil, Mustard Flavour (White Sugar, \*Maltodextrin, Salt, \*Whey Powder, Soy Sauce Powder, Caramel Colour, Disodium Succinate, L-alanine), Wheat, Soy, Whole Milk Powder, Monosodium Glutamate, \*Edible Flavour, Shrimp Powder (Shrimp Extract, Salt, Msg Starch, Malt Paste, Vegetable Fat, Milk, \*Yeast Extract, \*Dl-malic Acid, \*Citric Acid, \*White Vinegar Powder, Brewed Vinegar, Silica, Ginger Powder, Fish Meal, Aspartame, \*Phenylalanine.



#### **Glico Pejoy Lavender & Blueberry Flavour**

- Tantalize your taste buds with Pejoy Lavender Blueberry
  Flavor Biscuits a real treat from China! These delicious
  biscuit sticks are the perfect snack to satisfy your sweet
  cravings. Indulge in all the tasty lavender and blueberry
  flavor with each bite.
- Product of China

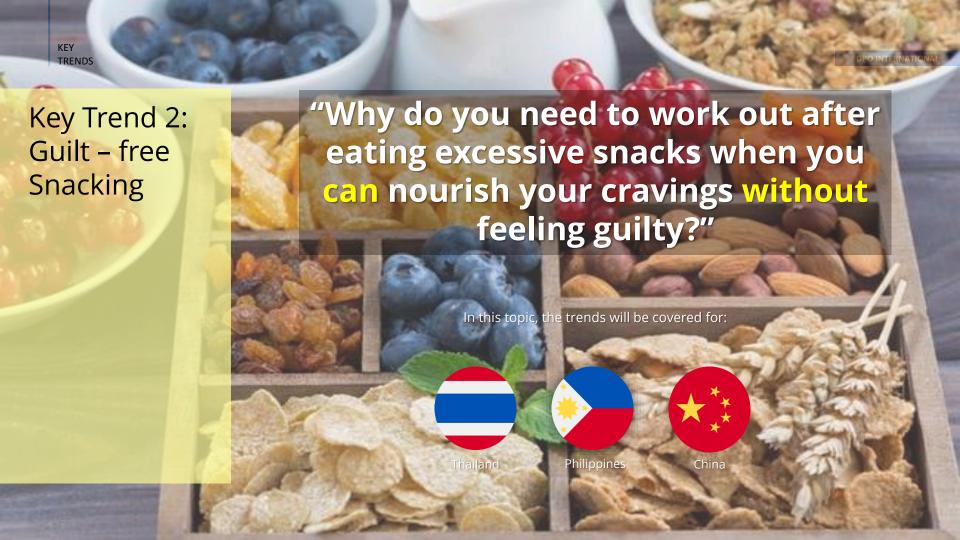
Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Whole Milk Powder, Vegetable Shortening, Blueberry Powder (2%), \*Liquid Malt Extract (Water, Barley, Malt), Colour (E120, E133), Raising Agent (E500), \*Emulsifier (E322 Soy Lecithin, E473), \*Acidity Regulator (E296), Salt, Rose Powder.



#### **Mister Potato Yay-Yers Potato Chips**

- Mamee is offering a new textured snack with layers to bring the snacking experience to the next level. In Malaysia, snack innovation is years behind neighbouring Thailand but what the new Mister Potato Yay-Yers has effectively done is narrowing the innovation gap in textured snacks.
- Mister Potato Yay-Yers comes in two flavours spicy tebabo and cheezy wheezy. The spicy tebabo flavour stands out. Unlike the other spicy snacks from Mister Potato, this one can be quite spicy.
- Product of Malaysia

**Ingredient:** Corn Flour, Palm Olein (Contains Permitted Antioxidant E321), Contains Permitted Flavouring Substances (Contains Soybeans), Sugar, Tapioca Starch, Salt, Contains \*Stabilizer (E170, E500), Anticaking Agent (E551) And Spices.



- **76%** of Thai consumers like to eat snacks while working/doing leisure activities, and when bored/stressed<sup>1</sup>.
- **Interesting Fact** During the epidemic, 77% of Thais turned to **salty snacks**, and this figure further increased to 81% among those aged 25 34<sup>1</sup>.
- GNPD shows that between Jan 2019 Dec 2021, launches of **salty snacks with natural ingredients & no additives** have gained interest (19%)<sup>1</sup>.





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- Filipinos are becoming more and more health conscious recently1.
  - Food industries start to introduce **new ingredients & production techniques** to meet consumer interest in healthier snack alternatives.
  - For e.g., **Oh So Healthy** has launched a mixture of natural fruit purees & juice concentrate made into crispy Longer shelf lives & Higher nutrition values<sup>2</sup>.





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- **80.7**% of China consumers like to eat snacks while studying/working/doing leisure activities<sup>1</sup>.
- Half of the surveyed consumers eat snacks ≥3 times a week; while 7.7% have snacks every day<sup>1</sup>.
- After pandemic, healthy snacks have become **increasingly popular** among Chinese consumers<sup>2</sup>.
  - Respondents prioritize **flavour** (61.4%) when choosing snacks, followed by **ingredient** (59.1%), **quality** (45.7%), and lastly **additional function** (14.9%) <sup>1</sup>.
  - > Ingredient with **low calories & fats** would be preferable.



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#### **Doi Kham - Dehydrated Dried Fruits**

- Made from 100% natural fruit.
- · High fiber.
- No artificial colour & flavour.
- · Product of Thailand

Ingredient: Fruits, Sugar, Antioxidant INS 223, Preservative, Sulfite.



#### **Sunsnack - Sunflower Kernel**

- 100% natural ingredients, rich with vitamin B1.
- No cholesterol, msg & preservative.
- 150 kilocalories per unit.
- · Product of Thailand

Ingredient: Sunflower Kernel, Cereal, Seasoning, Iodized Salt.



#### **Oh So Healthy - Guava Purple Yam Banana Crisps**

- Made with natural fruits.
- Source of fiber & potassium.
- · Vegan friendly & gluten free.
- No added preservatives.
- Not fried, low-calorie, cholesterol free.
- Product of Philippines

**Ingredient:** \*Guava Puree, Sweet Potato Puree, \*Banana Puree, Purple Yam Puree, Apple Juice Concentrate, Organic Coconut Sugar, \*Cornstarch, Organic \*Maltodextrin, Organic Rice Bran.



#### Three Squirrels (三只松鼠) - Cashew Nuts

- Selected large cashew nuts are roasted and seasoned with salt.
- High in protein & healthy fats.
- Product of China

Ingredient: \*Cashew Nuts, Vegetable Oil, Wheat Flour, Starch, Glutinous Rice Flour, White Sugar, Maltose, Edible Salt, \*Monosodium Glutamate, \*Yeast Extract, Bulking Agent, Food Flavor.



#### Wang Bao Bao (王饱饱) - Healthy Cereal

- Low sugar, baked oats with chunky pieces of dried fruit as its main ingredient, fully conforming to the product's healthoriented position.
- Assorted large pieces of dried fruit, nuts and yogurt, to enrich the complexity & improve the product's sensory characteristics.
- Product of China



"In a post COVID-19 world, convenience, nutrition and meeting localised needs as the primary factors that food companies aiming to innovate in the Asian healthy snacking market."

In this topic, the trends will be covered for:







Sri Lanka

China

<sup>1</sup>McKinsey & Company. (2023). For love of meat: Five trends in China that meat executives must grasp.

The snack industry possesses an opportunity to take advantage on the rising demand for more health-conscious snack alternatives crafted from sustainable protein sources, low in sodium and appealing for being baked, not fried<sup>1</sup>.





Despite snacking throughout the day and every day, Thais remain among the slimmest and healthiest populations globally<sup>2</sup>.





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<sup>2</sup>Tasty Thailand (2011). Best healthy, low-calorie snacks in Thailand. <sup>3</sup>Samejaidee, T. (2022). Grab spots 2023 consumer trends. Bangkok Post **74%** of Thais consumed at least one healthy meal every two or three days<sup>3</sup>

Thais consume snacks that are low in fat and calories, opting for small portions. This approach helps them maintain a healthy weight while sustaining their energy levels<sup>2</sup>.

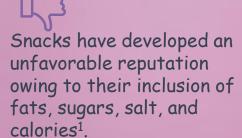


## Snacks' retails sales value 2021 (Indonesia), in USD Million<sup>1</sup> Sweet biscuits, snack bars, and fruit snacks 1.98K 1.9K Confectionery 1.8K Savory snacks Ice cream and frozen desserts 425

- Within the snack industry, there are appealing prospects for market participants to expand their growth through snack bars, driven by factors like functional ingredients, decreased sugar content, savory variations, and the inclusion of plant-based proteins<sup>1</sup>.
- The idea of snacking on-the-go is associated with the convenience of consumption, often involving manageable options like snack bars<sup>1</sup>.
- The idea of snacking while on the move is associated with the convenience of consumption, often involving manageable options like snack bars<sup>1</sup>.

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## **BUT**

Who says you can't enjoy healthy snacks that you can munch on any time of the day!



- Filipinos look for beneficial ingredients, with 63% ranking fiber as the foremost attribute among the snacks they consume.
- They also show a greater concern for the lack of ingredients rather than their inclusion, demonstrating a preference for entirely natural components (56%) and natural flavors (54%).



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## Eri Rocket Crispy Pastry with Erie Silk Pupa Powder, Grilled Squid Flavour

- A futuristic snack made from a new source of protein.
- For a stable food market, selecting high-quality ingredients from farms to promote products and careers of Thai farmers.
- Delicious and unique, produced by a secret process. If you try it, you will be fascinated.
- Product of Thailand

Ingredients: Jasmine Rice 45.27% Finely Ground ,Palm Oil 20% ,Grilled Squid Seasoning (Food Flavoring (Disodium 5'-ribonucleotide)) 15% , Corn Flakes 12.94% , Erie Silkworm Powder 6.74% , Anti-caking Agent INS340(II) , \*Natural Flavouring, \*Artificial Flavouring, No Preservatives Used.



#### **Take Root Sour Kream & Chive Kale Chips**

- Imagine a completely vegan chip that combines the taste of tangy sour cream with freshly-cut chives!
- Our best-selling Sour Kream and Chive flavor is made with allnatural ingredients and nutrient-dense, pesticide-free kale sourced from small, local farms in the Philippines. These famously addicting kale chips are never baked or fried but dried at low temperatures.
- Product of Philippines

**Ingredients:** Kale, Cashews, Onion, Apple cider vinegar, \*Nutritional yeast, Lemon, Garlic, Chive, Sea salt.



#### Fitbar Snack Bar Tiramisu Delight

- Fitbar is a healthy snack made from Oat, Quinoa and Whole
  Wheat which is a source of fiber and also free of cholesterol, free
  of trans fat, and has a low-calorie content. It's much lower than
  other snacks. With Fitbar now you can snacking with no worry!
- Product of Indonesia

Ingredients: Rice Crispy (17.6%), Dark Chocolate Compound Coating (Sugar, Vegetable Fat, \*Cocoa Powder, Milk Powder, \*Emulsifier (E322)(19.9%), Oats (9.9%), Chocolate Rice Crispy (7.5%), Glucose Syrup, Whole Wheat Flour (5.6%), Soy Puff, Corn Flakes, High Fructose Syrup, Vegetable Oil (Palm Oil), Sucrose, \*Natural Sweetener Isomalt, \*Vegetable Humectant Glycerine, Quinoa Powder (1%), \*Inulin, Skim Milk Powder, Natural Sweetener Maltitol, \*Natural Identical Vanilla Flavor, \*Artificial Chocolate Flavour, \*Emulsifier Soy Lecithine, Salt, \*Antioxidant Tocopherol And Ascorbyl Palmitate, \*Calcium Carbonate, \*Sodium Ascorbate, \*Vitamin A, \*Vitamin B12.



#### Yum! Tempe Chips

- Chocked full of plant protein, these preservative free, gluten free, trans-fat free tempe chips are a game changer. These protein rich vegan snack are a healthy and delicious alternative when you are craving something savoury and crispy. Great on its own or paired with your favourite dishes, there is rich umami nutty flavour that you won't forget. This pack has our shiok vote!
- Product of Indonesia

Ingredients: Soybean, Tapioca flour, Vegetable oil, Salt.



#### Yum! Tempe Chips

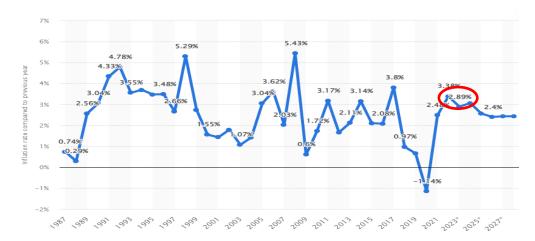
- Consists of with quality, all natural nuts like almonds, cashew nuts, macadamias, and pistachios. No preservatives & enriched with proteins and other minerals.
- Aromatic, simply delicious, adequately nutritious
- Product of Thailand

**Ingredients**: Almonds (34.6%), Cashew Nut (29.6%), Pistachio (17.6%), Macadamia (16.6%), Salt (1.5%), \*Maltodextrin (0.1%).



- Ongoing inflation in Malaysia puts upward pressure on unit prices in 20231.
- This affects consumers' behavior, especially in this industry.
  - Demand for impulse buying and indulgence products is falling, consumers become more selective in their snack choices<sup>1</sup>.
  - ➤ **Interesting Fact** As the labor market is enhanched by the government, this helps to boost consumer spending and thus supporting Malaysians' greater demand for premium foods².

#### Malaysia Inflation Rate From 1987-2027





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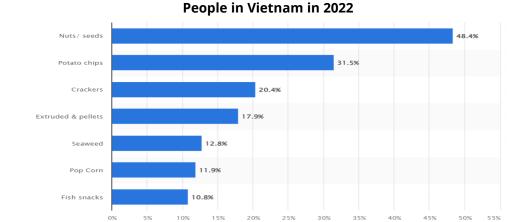
- Premiumization remains a critical trend for the continued growth of total FMCGs<sup>1</sup>.
- This segment is growing, but it has come primarily from value growth rather than from a buyer base.
  - ➤ It is EASY for premium brands to increase value, but it is HARD to recruit new buyers¹.
- Premiumization of local street food creates new eating habits & opportunities for brands<sup>2</sup>.
  - For e.g., cheese & chocolate used to be the most popular toppings. Products from specific brands (Nutella, KitKat etc) are now used as key toppings as well.
  - Expose them to a wider audience & create a healthier image<sup>2</sup>.





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- With the rise in disposable incomes & middle-class population, higher number of premium products are being introduced and preferred by Vietnamese<sup>1</sup>.
  - 23% of the snack market fall under the premium segment<sup>1</sup>.
  - ➤ **Interesting Fact-** Offerings, benefits, & packaging are the major components that define premium in the market, rather than <u>price</u><sup>1</sup>.



Share of respondents

**Most Bought Savoury Snacks Among** 



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#### **Signature Market Premium Caramel Popcorn**

- Fluffy, light as air with a caramel coating that brings back the nostalgic taste of traditional popcorn, our Premium Caramel Popcorn is here to make your movie nights even more exciting.
- Product of Malaysia

**Ingredients:** Mushroom Corn, Sugar, Margarine, Vegetable Oil, Caramel, Salt



#### Rubio - Inessence Premium Golden Crisps: Black Caviar

 Experience an exotic taste of the sea with these black caviar flavour premium plant-based potato chips by Rubio - expert crisps makers stretching back three generations! Ideal for all your vegan parties and gettogethers!

Ingredients: Potatoes, Sunflower Oil, Olive Oil And Caviar Flavour [Flavour, Salt, \*Flavour Enhancers (Monosodium Glutamate, Sodium Guanilate, Sodium Inosinate), Colouring (Turmeric)].



#### **Poca - Crunchy Fried Chicken Potato Chips**

- With crunchy fried chicken on each piece of crispy, delicious potato.
- Delicious, premium and quality, easy to carry around.
- Product of Vietnam

Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Tapioca Starch, Refined Vegetable Oil, \*Cornstarch, Crispy Roasted Chicken Seasoning Powder, Sugar, \*Chicken Powder, Salt, Shortening, Foaming Powder, Flavor Enhancer (621), \*Calcium Stabilizer Carbonate, Chili Powder, \*Onion Powder.







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