



Flexitarian Lifestyle Post COVID-19

Flexitarians dominate plant-based F&B usage

Flexitarians – those looking to incorporate more plant-based foods and beverages into their diets but still consume meat and dairy on occasion – represent ~85% of global committed plant-based lifestyle consumers (vs ~15% vegans + vegetarians)¹. They find comfort and support with like minded people, but still exert individualism as there is no one way to live flexitarian.

Flexitarians share three core motivations:



COVID-19 has accelerated the Flexitarian movement

The pandemic has elevated consumer health and safety concerns – which are linked to core flexitarian motivations – accelerating adoption and usage of plant-based meats...



Among Global Flexitarians¹:

Motivation Based Opportunities...

Healthier lifestyle

- Address perceptions that plant based products are overly processed via messaging and cleaner ingredient labels
- Add functional nutrients and nutrition claims (organic; high/added protein; etc) to appeal to Flexitarians looking to further improve their diets and lifestyle due to COVID-19

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...driving an upward shift in plant-based growth curve and a larger user base to fuel future growth

Sustainability

- Highlight health and safety based messages in near term during pandemic, with sustainability messaging a longer term opportunity
- Use credible clean label and environmental claims to increase trust
- Opportunity for cultured meat products

Whole plant intake

- Deliver assurances they are getting whole plant nutrition in messaging
- Leverage the health halo of 100% plant based products in innovation, which also cues the absence of animal ingredients