# The Future of Zero Calorie Sweeteners and Innovation in the Food and Beverage Industry

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### Highly dynamic times for the global food & beverage industry

Governments more engaged on health

### **40+** Proposed/passed

sugar taxes or nutritional label

### Health & Wellbeing is important

66% Of consumers are interested in buying products with 'natural' claim

## Sugar Under Fire

Consumers are concerned with sugar related health issues

# Companies are looking for a new sweetener option

Global Data, War on Sugar Report, April 2018

# Stevia uniquely offers consumers best of both worlds: natural and zero calories



### Consumers are driving global demand for stevia





### Meet PureCircle

**Global Leader in Stevia Sweeteners & Taste Solutions** 

# WHO WE ARE

World's Leading Producer & Innovator of Stevia Sweeteners





# **OUR VISION**

Our vision is to make stevia the zerocalorie natural mainstream sweetener for the beverage and food industries.



### Taste gap existed with early stevia products

# **REB** A





### Our newest generation of stevia leaf sweeteners - the best tool for sugar reduction

#### **Great Taste + Natural + Zero Calories**



Unlike earlier generation, Reb M Sweeteners can deliver on:

**Clean Sugar Like Taste** 

**Global Scale** 

**Cost Effective** 

Non GMO & Clean Label





From a range of options, we believe that Reb M sweeteners combines the best of consumer needs with customer requirements of price & capacity



# Vertical integration and supply chain innovation means that we can scale these newest stevia leaf sweeteners

< 1yr ago : 300MT Reb M

#### **TODAY**: Scaled up leaf 10x to produce 3,000 MT Reb M



#### **Stevia Leaf – the Source of Innovation**



# **R&D investment into plant breeding and processing has led to advances in stevia**

#### Industry-Leading Infrastructure

#### **Historic Milestones Achieved**

#### **Continuously Focused On Innovation**



PureCircle has R&D centers located in the United States, China, Malaysia, Paraguay, Kenya and Zambia supporting leaf diversity.

In 2018 PureCircle grew new stevia plant varieties with **40X more** of the best tasting stevia leaf content (Reb M)

2019 PureCircle stevia innovation initiatives include:

- 1. Trial plantations of superior lines of stevia plants produced in 2018.
- 2. Traditional breeding of more than **30,000 unique lines** of stevia.
- 3. Identifying stevia genome loci for best tasting molecules
- 4. Improving superior cultivars' vigor and leaf yields
- 5. Developing stevia varieties with high seed-setting rates
- 6. Production of Reb M from Reb A



### Leveraging stevia to this scale has positive impact beyond calories

# Using 3,000 MT of stevia could:



### Ultimately, next generation stevia sweeteners can unlock brand growth



level of 10 brix

# Thank you



