

Press release

CRICKET PASTA IS HOPPING OVER TO THE UK

Bugsolutely is a finalist at the Gama Innovation Awards. Bugs are becoming trendy, thanks to sustainability, taste and nutritional values.

September 23, 2016 — Cricket Pasta, the only pasta with 20% cricket flour, will be exhibited at London [Food Tech Week](#), Tuesday, October 18, at Carousel London, 71 Blandford St, London W1U 8AB. And, on October 25, Bugsolutely will be in Manchester, at the [Gama Innovation](#) Conference & Awards, where it has been selected as a finalist for the SME Award.

An Immersive Solution to Today's Food Problems

Cricket Pasta is one of the protagonists of London Food Tech Week's "Experiential Insect Bar"; an interactive experience allowing participants from the food industry to try edible insect products and discuss the growth trajectory in the edible bug space. Absolute innovations like the bug ice cream and Bugsolutely's Cricket Pasta with Cricket Bolognese sauce (from the Canadian company One Hop Kitchen), will boost the conversation around insects, not just as a protein source, but as a tasty ingredient in the kitchen. Alicia MacCara, Bugsolutely Marketing Specialist, will provide information regarding the pasta features and nutritional properties. "I am not surprised Bugsolutely's product was



designed in Thailand", commented Dr. Korsak Towantakavanit, Policy Specialist of Innovation for the Industry Department at the Thai National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office. "Our country is the *kitchen of the world* and Cricket Pasta is a great example of food R&D in our country."

Recognition of Cricket Pasta's Outstanding Innovation

Cricket Pasta is a finalist for the Gama Innovation Award – SME, which recognizes outstanding innovation in small and medium businesses. Together with Crobar, a UK energy bar containing cricket flour, they are the only edible insect products shortlisted at this event, which is to be attended by dozens of



leading executives from the global FMCG community.

The person designated to represent Bugsolutely is Debora Lasoen, Senior Marketing Manager. The event will include a conference in the morning, bringing together industry leaders to share their strategies for

success and innovation. In the evening, the awards will be presented, recognizing outstanding innovation in fast-moving consumer goods.

Gama founder and CEO Cesar Pereira commented: "Bugsolutely Cricket Pasta highlights the potential for insect ingredients – especially cricket flour – to make an impression within the mainstream food industry. Bugsolutely's cricket flour formulation helps make insect foods more accessible, overcoming the 'yuck' factor that is likely to prove an obstacle to insect-based formulations, especially in Western markets".

The edible insect industry is growing

According to the analysis from GMI, the edible insect market looks financially promising. The global revenue is forecast to exceed USD 522 million by 2023. Another research firm, Arcluster, expects an even bigger growth, concluding the global bug market will reach USD 1.5 billion by 2021. Bug

brands like Exo Protein have been funded with million of dollars, and government support is increasing, as in the case of European Union, South Korea and Switzerland.

About Bugsolutely

Bugsolutely is a food company specialized in edible insect products. Founded in 2015 in Bangkok, Bugsolutely is at the forefront of the rapidly growing market of "bug foods" by producing Cricket Pasta, the only pasta in the world containing 20% cricket flour. Cricket Pasta is a superfood with great nutritional values, including a high protein content, and a very low environmental impact.

For more information and photos, please visit:

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About the Food Tech Week

It's an interactive platform and a series of venues aiming at creating opportunities for food startups, investors and big companies to connect over meaningful partnerships. <http://yfood.com/all-events/>