

MONDELEZ IN RUSSIA: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Mondelez International is an American multinational confectionery, food, holding, beverage, and snack food company [based in Chicago's West Fulton Market](#).
- Well-known Mondelez brands include, [but are not limited to](#): Cadbury, Chips Ahoy, Clif, DiGiorno Pizza, Milka, Oreo, Philadelphia Cream Cheese, Ritz, Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, Tate's Bake Shop, Triscuits, Toblerone, Tuc, Wheat Thins.
- Shortly after the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Mondelez issued a [statement](#) condemning "this unjust aggression." In the same statement, Mondelez announced that it is "scaling back all **non-essential** activities in Russia," focusing its operations on "**basic offerings**," while discontinuing new capital investments and suspending advertising spending.
- Mondelez employs [3,000](#) people in Russia across three factories, and [10,000](#) farmers indirectly. It works with [30,000](#) local suppliers.
- Mondelez has not disclosed the financial statements of its Russian operations since 2023. Despite the classification, according to estimates by the [Kyiv School of Economics](#) (KSE), Mondelez generates approximately \$1.4 bn in annual revenue from its operations in Russia, contributing around \$62 mn in taxes to the Kremlin.
- The company's profitability in Russia remains "above historical levels," according to its latest yearly [filing](#).
- In May 2023, Ukraine's National Agency on Corruption Prevention [designated](#) Mondelez an "International Sponsor of War" on the basis of its ongoing contribution to Russia's wartime economy.
- In June 2023, Mondelez publicly committed to making its Russian operations "stand-alone, with a self-sufficient supply chain before the end of the year." Yet the company has since [removed](#) its statements on Russia from its website and remained silent in its latest annual report, released in February 2025.
- CEO Dirk Van de Put [stated](#) that Mondelez's investors "**do not morally care**" about the company's continued operations in Russia. He also said that the Mondelez's shareholders **had not pressured** the chocolate maker to exit the country.
- CEO Van de Put [argues](#) biscuits could be an essential breakfast food and "so, we do feel that we supply products to the normal consumer in Russia."

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