



Emerging Routes to the Consumer: Opportunities for Irish Food & Drink Producers

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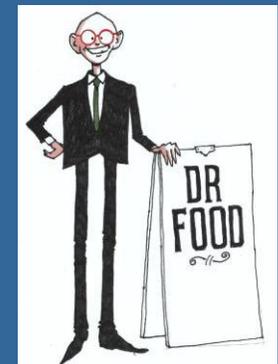


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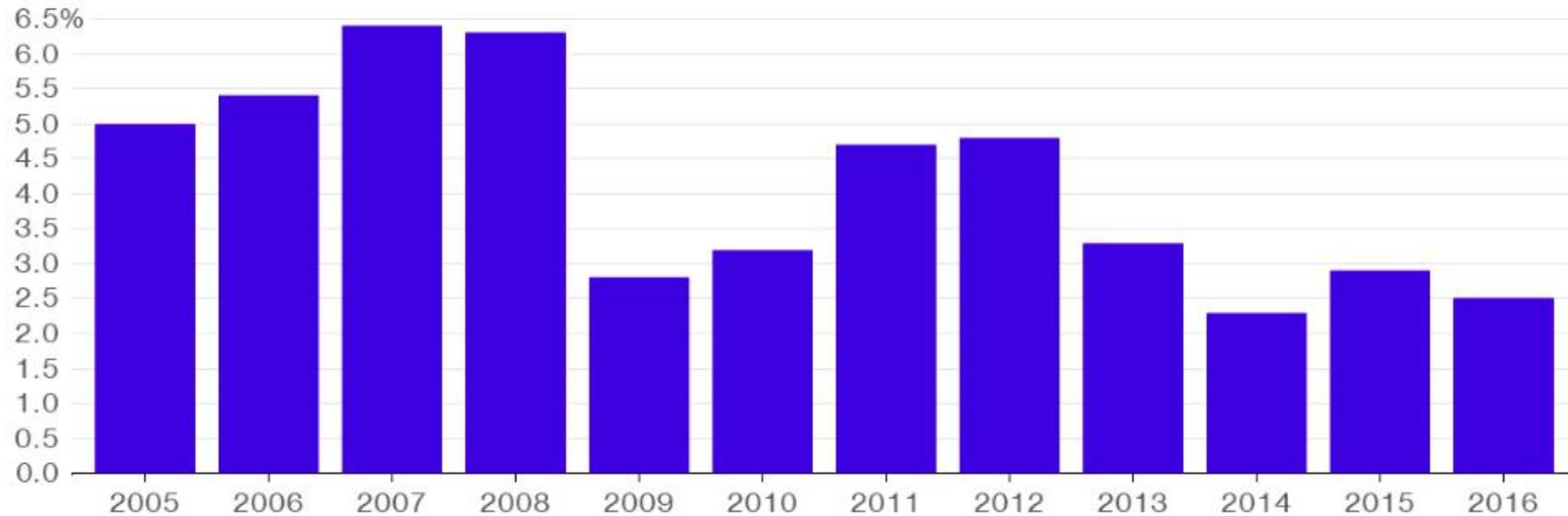
A National Act
of Plebicide!

Across the Globe, Big Food & Drink is Under Extreme Pressure

Consumer Titans Under Pressure

Mass market brands are losing share to healthier, niche alternatives

■ Organic Growth



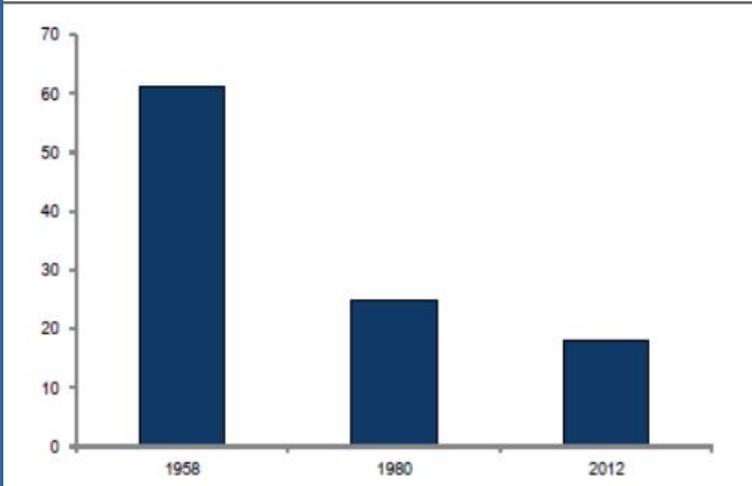
Source: Credit Suisse
Growth figure is average of 28 global consumer companies

Bloomberg 

America: Average life span of companies under 20 years

- The average age of an S&P 500 company is under 20 years, down from 60 years in the 1950s, according to Credit Suisse.
- The Wall Street firm says the trend is accelerating and blames the disruption from technology.

...as a result, the average lifespan of a S&P500 company is now less than 20 years, from c60 years in the 1950s



Source: Credit Suisse, 2017

"Sectors our analysts see as being at the epicentre of disruption include Autos, Oil & Gas, Utilities, Financials and Food Retail," the report says.

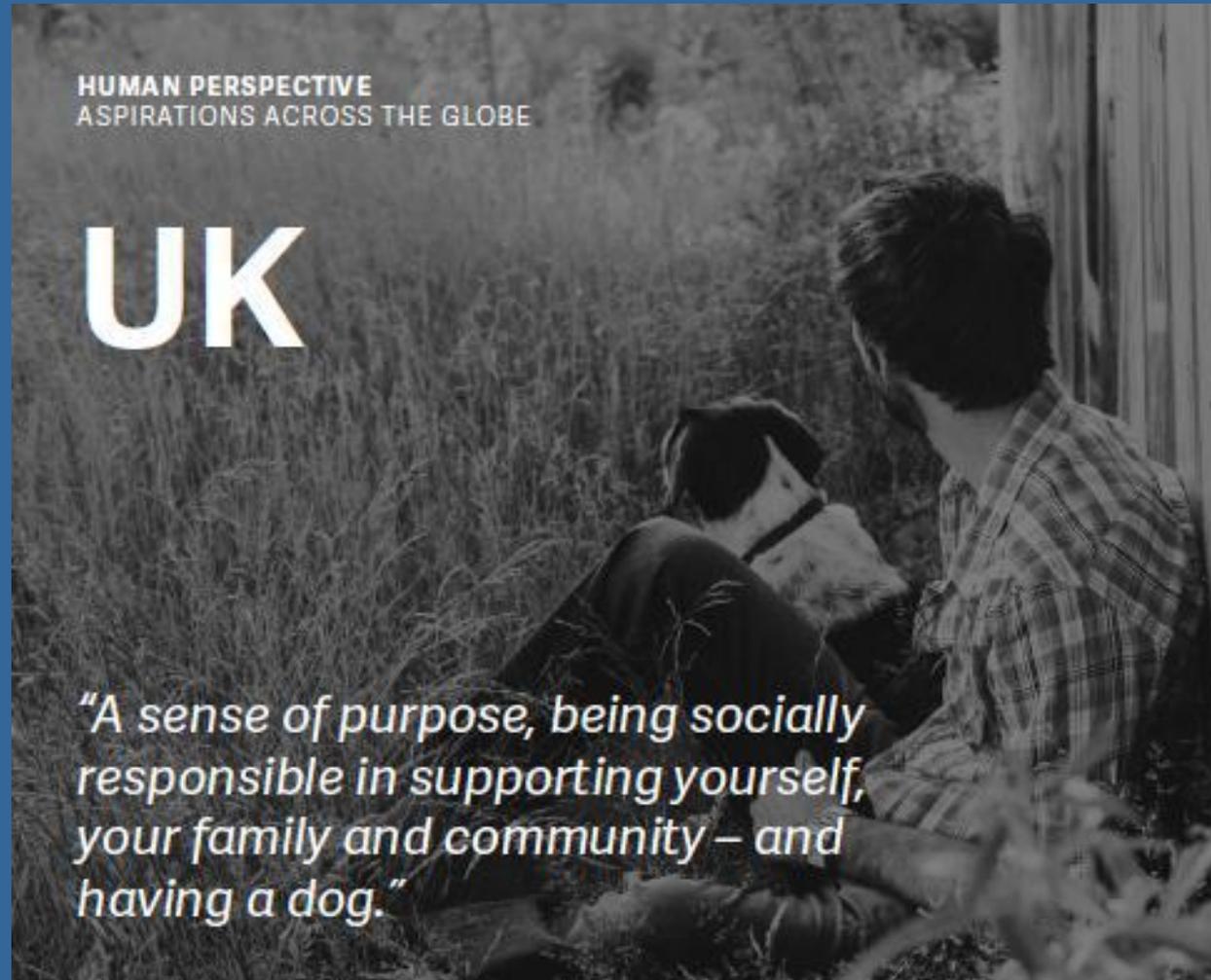
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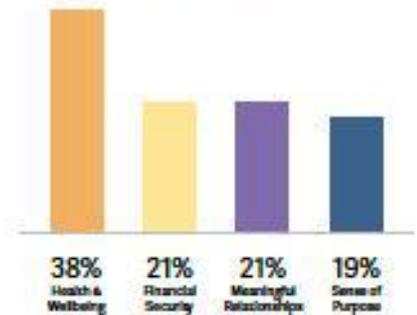
TOP CONCERNS

Extreme Global Poverty
Terrorism
War & Armed Conflicts

NET TRUST
In global companies

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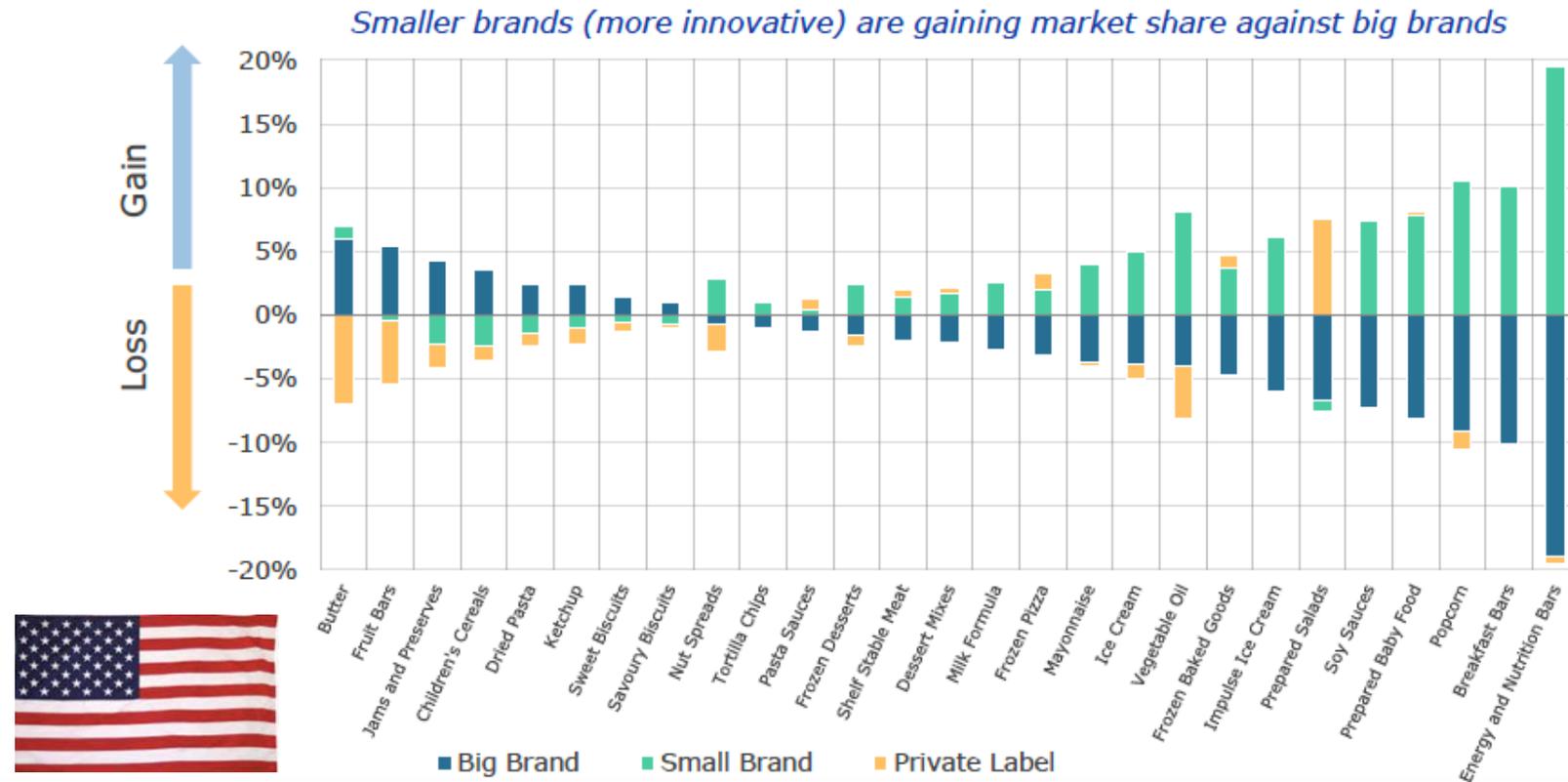
ASPIRATIONS RANKING



In Developed “Western” Markets, Big Brands Under the Cosh



Consumers are moving away from ‘big brands’



9th Consecutive Quarterly Sales Decline for General Mills

General Mills Moves with “Urgency” to Improve Sales



Natural and organic a bright spot in General Mills' portfolio

General Mills Loses the Culture Wars



Yoplait Sales Plummet
“Oui by Yoplait” Launched
in Premium Segment to
Claw Back Sales

More than a Whiff of Panic
in the FMCG Air!

General Mills forecasts another year of falling sales

17/18 FY

Retailers are squeezing already struggling CPG brands

Campbell's warns of more trouble ahead as lackluster sales are the hallmark of Q4



Campbell Soup Co. notes challenging market on flat full-year sales

Sales for 2016/17 Slip 1%
(11 Quarters of Declines)
Stock Price Down 25% Since
Beginning of 2017.
Whiff of Panic in the Air!

Campbell Soup Co. is striving to remain a pantry mainstay even as what, where and how consumers eat undergoes a transformation. The company is also facing investor pressure to reverse a yearslong revenue decline and lift its share price, which has fallen 15% this year. August 31st, 2017

Campbell snaps up snack group Snyder's-Lance in \$4.7bn deal

December 6th, 2017

More than a Whiff of Desperation
in Attempt to Stem Sales Declines



Campbell's US\$700m Cash Deal for Pacific Foods

July, 2017



Kraft *Heinz*

“Big Food” Giants Battle for Share in the Slow Growth UK Table Sauce Category



Table Sauce Category UK 2017 £559 million (% change y-o-y 0.2%)

Branded Share 83% (i.e. Private Label Share 17%)

Heinz Kraft and Unilever Share of Total Table Sauce Category 56%

HK/U Combined Share of Branded Retail Sales 67% (10 of Top 10 Brands in Category)

Why Does Unilever and Kraft Heinz Bother to Compete in Slow/No Growth Market?:

- High Margin
- Brand Loyal Customers
- Cash Cow

And, Now, Go Head-to-Head in Each Others Heritage Sectors! Smacks of Desperation!

Spice Maker McCormick Will Buy Reckitt Benckiser's Food Business For \$4.2 Billion



A Bargain at 10X Sales!



Kellogg's to cut sugar in kids' cereals by up to 40%

Two Cheers for Kellogg's UK: So, Why Didn't You Do This Before?



November 30th, 2017

Kellogg's 1894 fund debut investment in US firm Kuli Kuli



Kellogg invests in US smoothie maker Bright Greens

Kellogg's capital fund among financiers of US\$35m for MycoTechnology



Focus on New Age
Food & Drink
Investments 2017



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Talking at World Bison Event in Montana. This beauty is from Back40 Bison Ranch. You've gotta eat 'em to keep 'em!





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General Mills, Craving Organic Meat Snacks, Buys Epic Provisions

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\$100 million January 2016



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Nestlé leads \$77M round for healthy meal startup Freshly



Selection of Summer Purchases

Nestlé Is Buying Vegan Food-Maker Sweet Earth



Nestlé Targets High-End Coffee by Taking Majority Stake in Blue Bottle



Danone invests in French baby food start-up Yooji



French food giant [Danone](#) is teaming up with AccelFoods, a US investment vehicle that is looking to support the expansion of companies in the "disruptive" natural and healthy food sector.



Danone Launches “One Planet One Health” Signature to Join the Alimentation Revolution

CLIMATE

At Danone we target Zero Net carbon through solutions co-created with Danone’s Ecosystem.



WATER

We aim to co-build healthy water cycles that work in harmony with local ecosystems and communities.



BETTER WORLD

We believe that food produced sustainably can help protect and restore the health of our planet.

PACKAGING

We aim to build a circular economy for packaging.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

We support agriculture that is competitive, respects natural ecosystems and generates both economic and social value.





Jennifer Garner
**Co-Founder
Chief Brand Officer**

As a mom of three and social advocate for children, Jennifer guides the company's overall vision with a focus on brand voice, design, and activation.



John Foraker
**Co-Founder
CEO**

John, father of four and longtime organic industry pioneer, is responsible for leading our overall growth and champions our mission and values.



Cassandra Curtis
**Co-Founder
Chief Innovation Officer**

As our leader of product innovation and mother of three, Cassandra is responsible for developing all of our delicious and safe products using only the best organic ingredients.



Ari Raz
**Co-Founder
President**

Ari guides all aspects of our business operations and helps make sure you can find your favorite products in store.

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organic chocolate milk =
lunchbox paradigm shift.



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Living Differently



YOUNGER GENERATIONS WILL RESHAPE MARKETS & WORKPLACES WITH DIFFERENT ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS

Centennials



- Many now teens in school and college
- **Few financial commitments**
- First **mobile-native** generation
- **Resourceful** as have grown up in slow growth world

Millennials



- Many at life stage where **start spending more**
- **Settling down** and starting families
- By 2020, will form **50% of global workforce**
- **Idealist**, prioritise meaning over materialism

Of All the Attributes of the Millennial Consumer, Patience is NOT One!



Ms. Veruca Salt (Courtesy of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory)

IF they land on your web site, how long do you have to secure attention?

Snackified Eating

Traditional eating patterns built around three “square,” structured meals a day has given way to modern eating styles. 50% of all eating occasions are now snacks.



The Number 1 Global Mega Consumer Trend is the Increasing Concern About The Health of the Family and The Health of the Planet. When Food Shopping, Drives Shoppers Towards “Mindful Choices”*



And a Widespread View that Big Food, Big Business, Big Government are Part of the Problem NOT Part of the Solution

“Mindful Choices” top food trend for 2018, Innova Market Insights, Nov. 2017

Consumers today idealize food that is close to its “natural” form

Consumers across the board express the belief that food closer to its natural state is superior to food *changed* by scientific or industrial processes (particularly when that change is seen to be motivated by profit). At its most basic level, this means foods that are:

Grown naturally



Grown without unnecessary chemicals
– respecting rhythms and
interdependencies present in nature

Made simply



Simple ingredients – no unnecessary
ingredients – no unnecessary stages of
preserving or processing

Key Trends

More value

More convenience

More fresh & healthy

More personal

Increased focus on health & product origin

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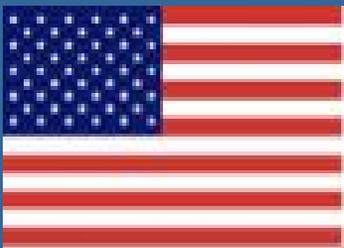


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Food Retailers
Respond to
Customer Concerns
About Health




THE
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ALL•YOU•CAN•EAT PANCAKES

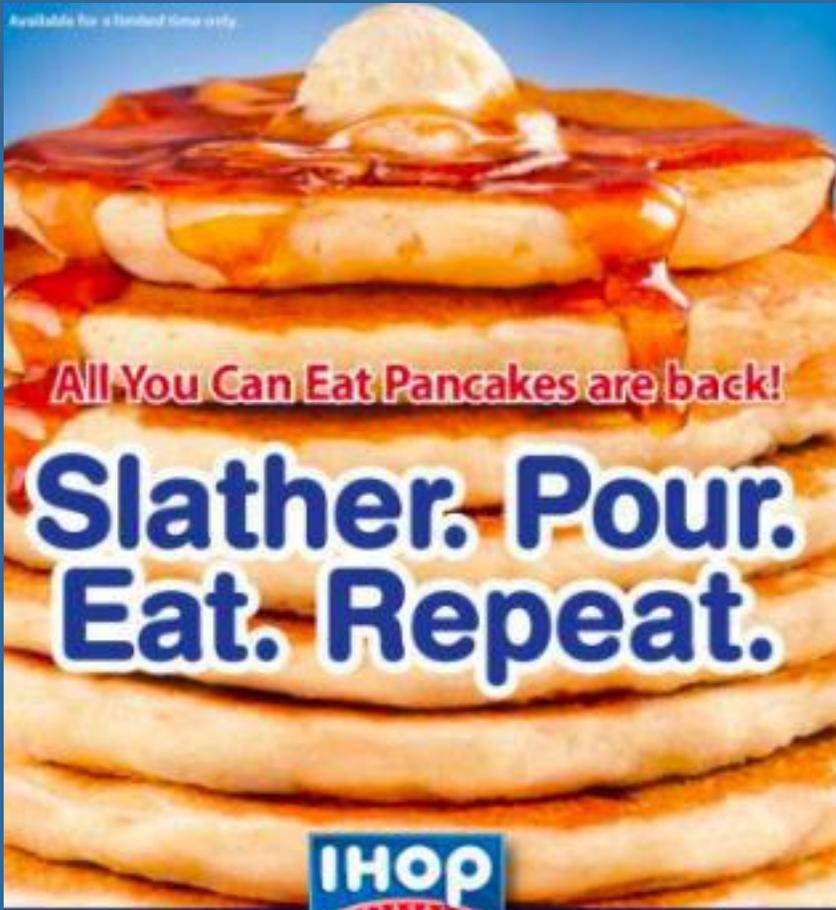
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4 Jan

IHOP \$3.99 special. Expect to see Gov. Regulation more active on food & health issues in 2018 but maybe not in USA!

Tesco and its suppliers join forces to halve food waste by 2030



Call for 'latte levy' of 25p to cut disposable coffee cup waste

Expect Accelerated Regulation on Recycling of Packaging in the Food & Beverage Industry

21 Sep 2017 --- Tesco has announced ground-breaking partnerships with suppliers to tackle UN Sustainable Development Goals on food waste. Speaking at a meeting of Champions 12.3 in New York yesterday, Dave Lewis, CEO of Tesco announced partnership agreements with 24 of the retailer's largest food suppliers, who will adopt the Sustainable Development Goals to halve food waste by 2030.

Will a 25p charge change Britain's throwaway coffee cup culture?

UK and Other Markets:
We've Reached The Tipping
Point on Recycling Issues –
Huge Implications for F&B



Plastic bag use down 70% in Wales since charges began

Tesco to end sales of 5p carrier bags

Supermarket to stop selling 'single-use' bags but will offer customers 'bags for life' costing 10p



Blue Planet II episode highlights how plastic is killing our precious sea creatures

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sustainability programme



When it comes to Food & Drink
What is Ireland famous For?

ON FOOD, CONSUMERS NEED TRANSPARENCY & COMMITMENTS



63%

care about the origin
of the products they purchase

67%

want fewer
preservatives and coloring agents

60%

want local
brands & fresh products

86%

think that
transparency in companies
is important

They Seek Reassurance on the Safety and Integrity of Their Food

Changes* in Grocery Market Share by Channel UK 2017-2022

| | Share of Grocery Sales | | |
|--------------|------------------------|------|----------|
| | 2017 | 2022 | % Change |
| Hypermarkets | 8.8 | 7.7 | -1.1 |
| Supermarkets | 46.6 | 42.8 | -3.8 |
| Convenience | 21.7 | 22.1 | +0.4 |
| Discount | 10.9 | 14.1 | +3.2 |
| Online | 5.6 | 7.6 | +2.0 |
| Other | 6.4 | 5.7 | -0.7 |

Shopping in “Big Barns” Less Often and Buying Less per visit.
Hard Discount, On-Line and Convenience Winning the Day

* IGD Forecast, 2017



Report: Amazon and alternative formats will bring 'carnage' to supermarkets



Food Industry Analysts Predict Tough Times for Supermarkets

- Retail space devoted to food sales in the US has hit a record high.
- New store growth is outweighing demand, and grocers are cutting prices to compete.
- Department stores followed the same strategy in the last decade, and now they are closing stores and filing for bankruptcy at staggering rates.

The retail apocalypse is heading straight for Kroger, Whole Foods, and Aldi

Inmar: Dim future for traditional supermarkets

Shares, stores to decline as fresh, limited assortment, e-commerce grow

It's Only Going to Get Worse for America's Grocers

Lidl And Aldi's Aggressive U.S. Invasion Spells Trouble For Supermarkets



Aldi fires \$3.4 billion shot in U.S. supermarket wars



**Lidl Open First USA Store
150 planned by end 2018.**



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600g

| Nutrition Facts | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|---------------------|------|
| Per 100g | Per 600g | %* Daily Value | Dietary Information | |
| Energy | 2142 kJ | 24% | Low Fat | 1.8g |
| Protein | 21.4g | 24% | Low Sugar | 0.2g |
| Fat | 18.2g | 36% | Low Salt | 0.2g |
| Saturated Fat | 3.6g | 72% | | |
| Salt | 0.2g | 4% | | |

Best before: 12/00/2017

PHO 10/10/17

Both Aldi and Lidl have a Formidable Premium Ranges which Excelled this Christmas



Who's Leading the Way in On-Line Grocery? Why? (and don't go to the USA for on-line leadership!)



Xinxin with New Baby Wang
Economics Professor with a
Banker Husband.

Lives in Apartment with In-Laws
Downtown Hangzhou City*.

Singles' Day November 11th, 2016
She Purchased 90+ Items On-Line
Including Imported Meat**, Fruit, Wine

Alibaba Sales 11/11/16 \$17.8 Billion



** Purchased an extra fridge to store frozen goods bought on-line





Xinxin was more conservative in 2017. Only 47 packages! Here's Delivery Boy Wang Helping Out.

 **Dr. Food**
@ProfDavidHughes

Alibaba.com had \$25 bn sales Singles Day (11/11) in China. Friend Xinxin bought 47 items incl. imported beef, seafood & fruit!

13 Nov 09:45



Kings' Galette ✓
480 g

FROZEN
- 1 + HK\$ 80.00

ADD TO CART



Mini Baguette
Pack of 1
140 g

FROZEN
- 1 + HK\$ 9.00

ADD TO CART



6 Cereals Bread Sliced
Pack of 1
450 g

FROZEN
- 1 + HK\$ 29.00

ADD TO CART



White Toast Bread
Pack of 1
350 g

FROZEN
- 1 + HK\$ 20.00

ADD TO CART



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**Pains au
Chocolat**



**Chocolate
Fondant**



Macarons

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French Food
Culture in
China & HK
B2C Platform

Now one in seven are buying their food online: Number doubles in two years as big supermarkets offer same-day delivery

- Total online grocery spending is predicted to rise by £1.2billion this year
- The trend will continue over the next five years, reaching a massive £17billion
- Tesco even recently tried out a robot that can deliver groceries in an hour
- Marks & Spencer are also planning same day delivery trials



ONLINE GROCERY CLICKS IN THE UK: SALES SET TO SURPASS £11 BILLION IN 2017



Walmart testing 24-hour automated pickup kiosk for groceries



Walmart Trials Standalone Box to Pick-Up Groceries Ordered On-Line. “60 second pick-up” with Unique Customer Code. “Click & Pick” Viewed as Outstandingly Successful.



NEWS > ONLINE RETAIL

Walmart expands Uber delivery test to more cities



Walmart partners with smart lock maker August to test in-home delivery of packages and groceries

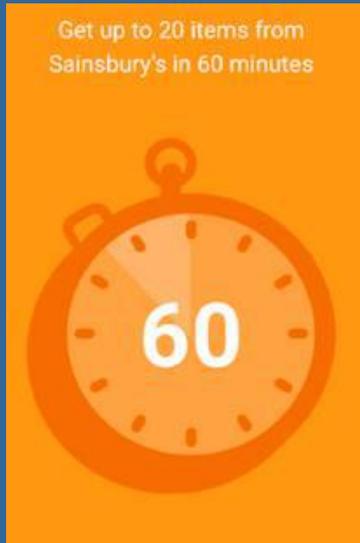


August Doorbell
Cam | Answer The
Door From
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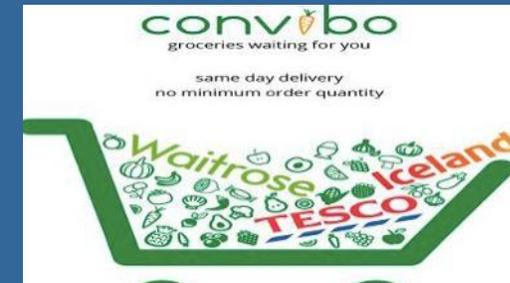


Walmart **announced** today it will begin testing a new service that will allow customers with August smart home devices, like the August doorbell and security cameras, to have their packages delivered inside their home instead of left on the doorstep. This test will also include online grocery orders, which won't just be placed inside the house like the packages, but will be put away in the fridge and freezer, when appropriate.

September 22nd, 2017



Grocery Delivery Options Proliferate in the UK



About Placing Orders with Alexa

You can ask Alexa to place orders for Prime-eligible physical products.



U.S.: Walmart takes on Amazon through Google Express partnership

August 23, 2017



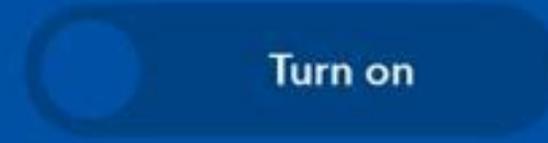
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| <p>Add milk on Thursdays</p> <p>by tescolabs 30 1</p> | <p>if a product goes below a certain price then add it to my basket</p> <p>by tescolabs 55 3</p> | <p>if it's warm tomorrow, add burgers to your shopping basket</p> <p>by tescolabs 5 0</p> |
| <p>if</p>  <p>then</p>  | <p>DO</p>  | <p>if</p>  <p>then</p>  |
| <p>Add eggs to your shopping basket if you're running low</p> <p>by tescolabs 2 0</p> | <p>With just a tap, add doughnuts to your basket</p> <p>by tescolabs 17 0</p> | <p>if the price of a product changes then send me an email</p> <p>by tescolabs 36 4</p> |



OK Google, add something to my Tesco basket

Ask Google Assistant to search for and add an item to your Tesco Basket. In the search it will prioritise any items you have in your usuals and favourites. If you have a slot already booked it will amend and checkout that order, if you don't then items will be added to your basket for next time.

by Tesco





BRIEF

BREAKING: Amazon to buy Whole Foods in \$13.7B deal

August, 2017

Market Capitalization of Some Major Grocery Retailers (US\$ bn)*

| | |
|--|-----------|
|  | \$560 bn. |
|  | \$455 bn. |
|  | \$286 bn. |
|  | \$82 bn. |
|  ** | \$26 bn. |
|  | \$22 bn. |
|  | \$21 bn. |

* as of December 8th, 2017

** Woolies Australia

What if Amazon Bought Sainsbury's?!

Posted on July 18, 2017 by Prof David Hughes & Miguel Flavián — Leave a comment

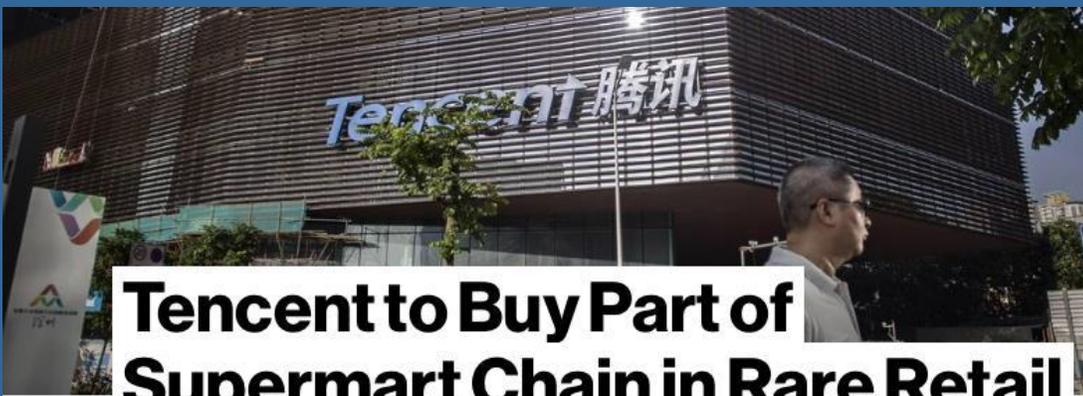
Sainsbury's
live well for less



Market Cap Amazon \$629 bn.
and Sainsbury's \$9 bn.
January 12th, 2018

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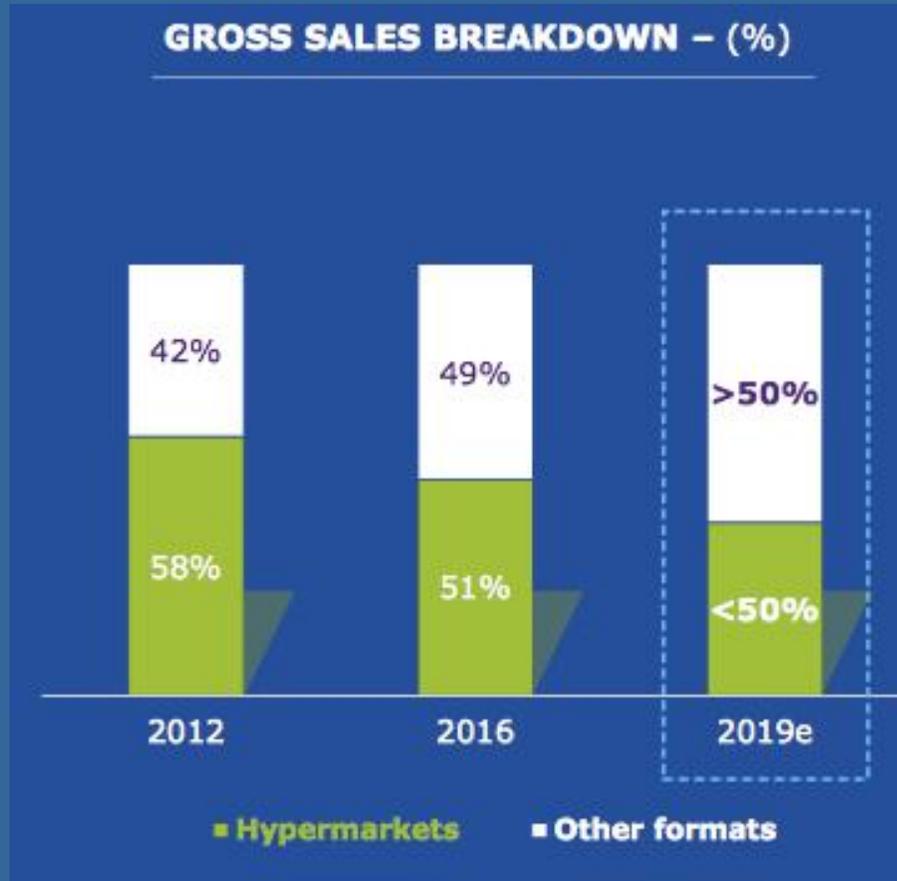


**Tencent to Buy Part of
Supermart Chain in Rare Retail
Foray**



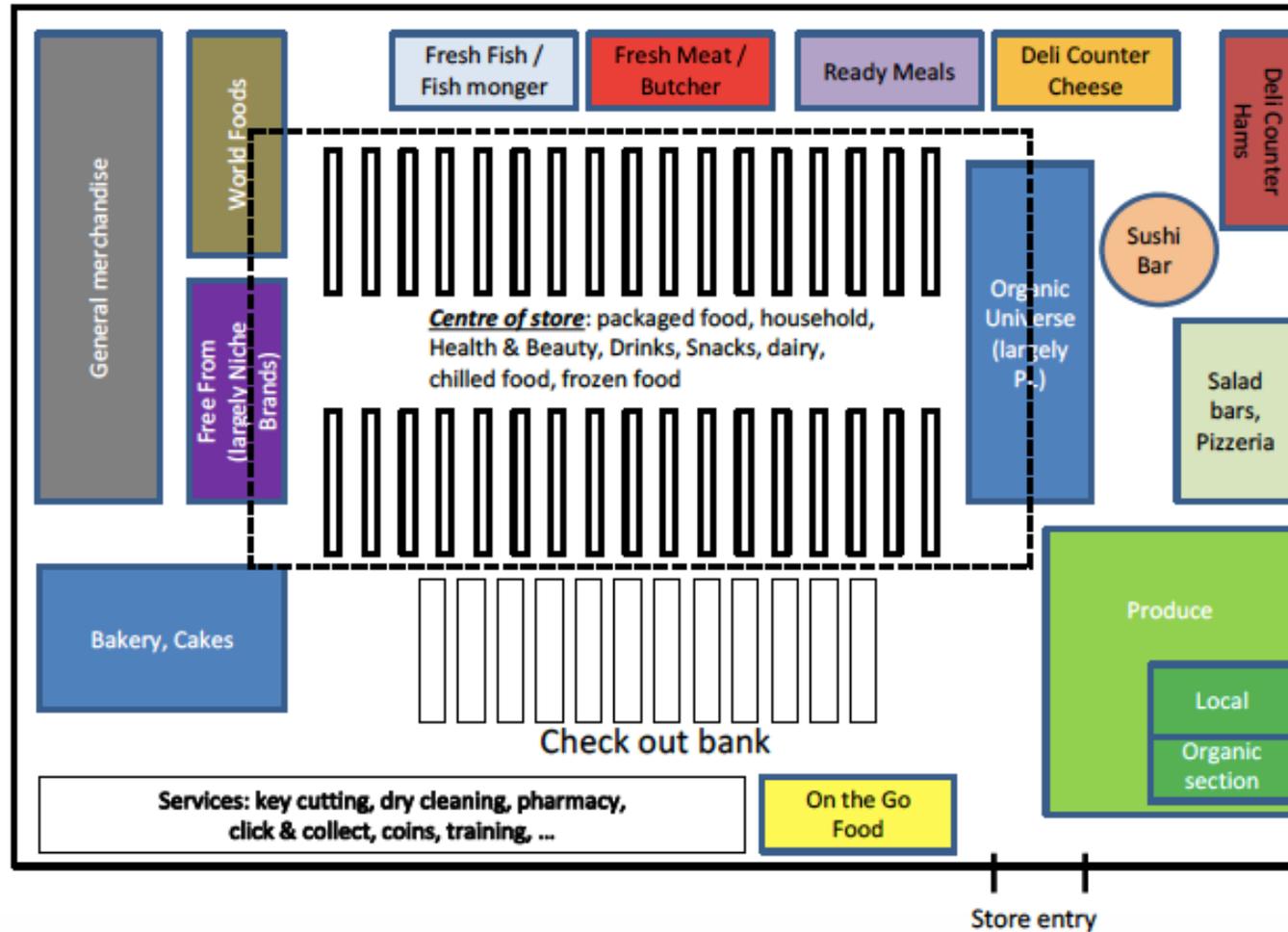
**Alibaba buys stake in Chinese
hypermarket chain Sun Art**

For Major Supermarket Companies around the World: The Future is Omni-Channel. One Product Does Not Fit All Channels!

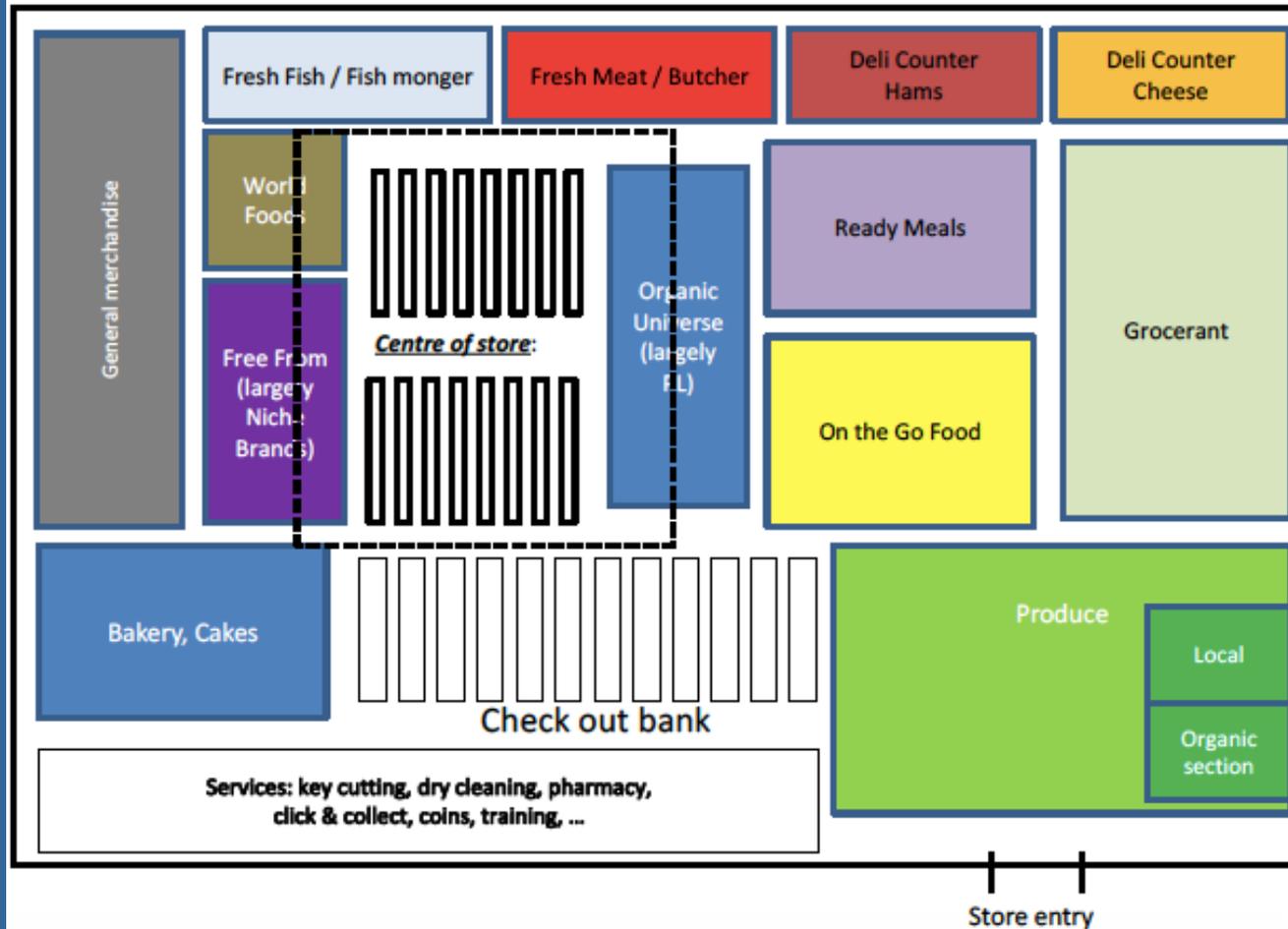


Supermarket Store Configuration is Changing

From stores dominated by 'centre of store'....



... to greater focus on fresh, pre-prepared, and unique food ranges, as well as service expansion



“Alexa: Turn Off the Lights when the Last Shoppers Abandon Supermarket Aisles 4 to 12”!

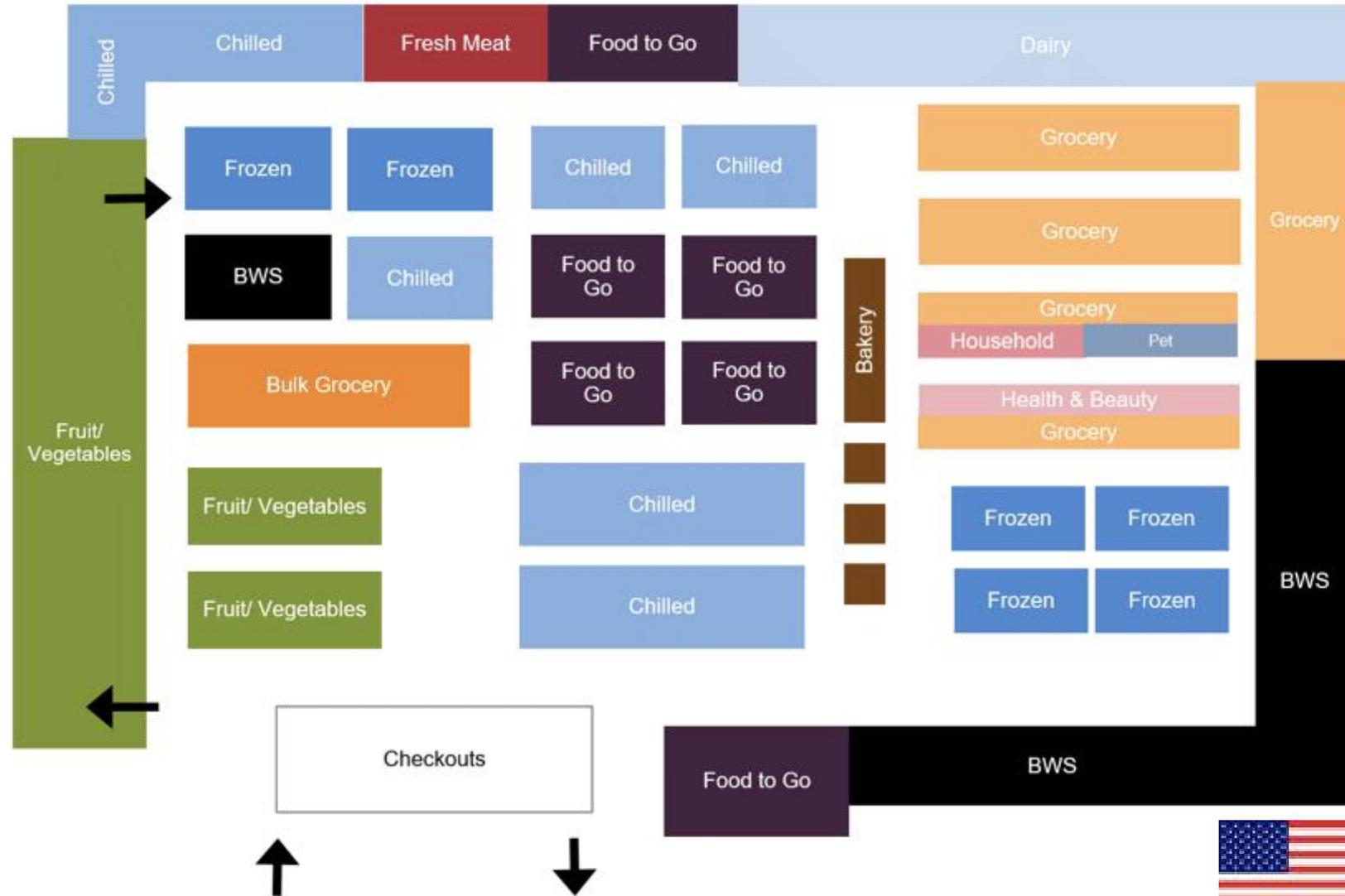
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Store layout





For Theatre in Grocery Retail and Food-to-Go Concepts Take a Look in Asia:
Here's Ben's in KL

Kroger testing Fresh Eats small format grocery store in Central Ohio



Fresh Eats planned for West Jefferson will include produce, deli, beer, wine and floral departments, as well as a drive-thru pharmacy and a Starbucks with indoor and outdoor seating.

UK Food-to-Go Value to Soar in Next Five Years



| | 2017 | 2022 | Change | CAGR* |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| | £ billion | £ billion | +% | +% |
| Food-to-Go Specialists | 5.1 | 7.7 | 51 | 8.4 |
| Quick Service Restaurants | 5.4 | 6.3 | 17 | 3.1 |
| Coffee Specialists | 2.9 | 4.2 | 45 | 7.4 |
| Convenience & Forecourts | 2.7 | 3.6 | 33 | 6.1 |
| Super/Hypermarkets | 1.3 | 1.7 | 31 | 5.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>17.4</i> | <i>23.5</i> | <i>35</i> | <i>6.2</i> |

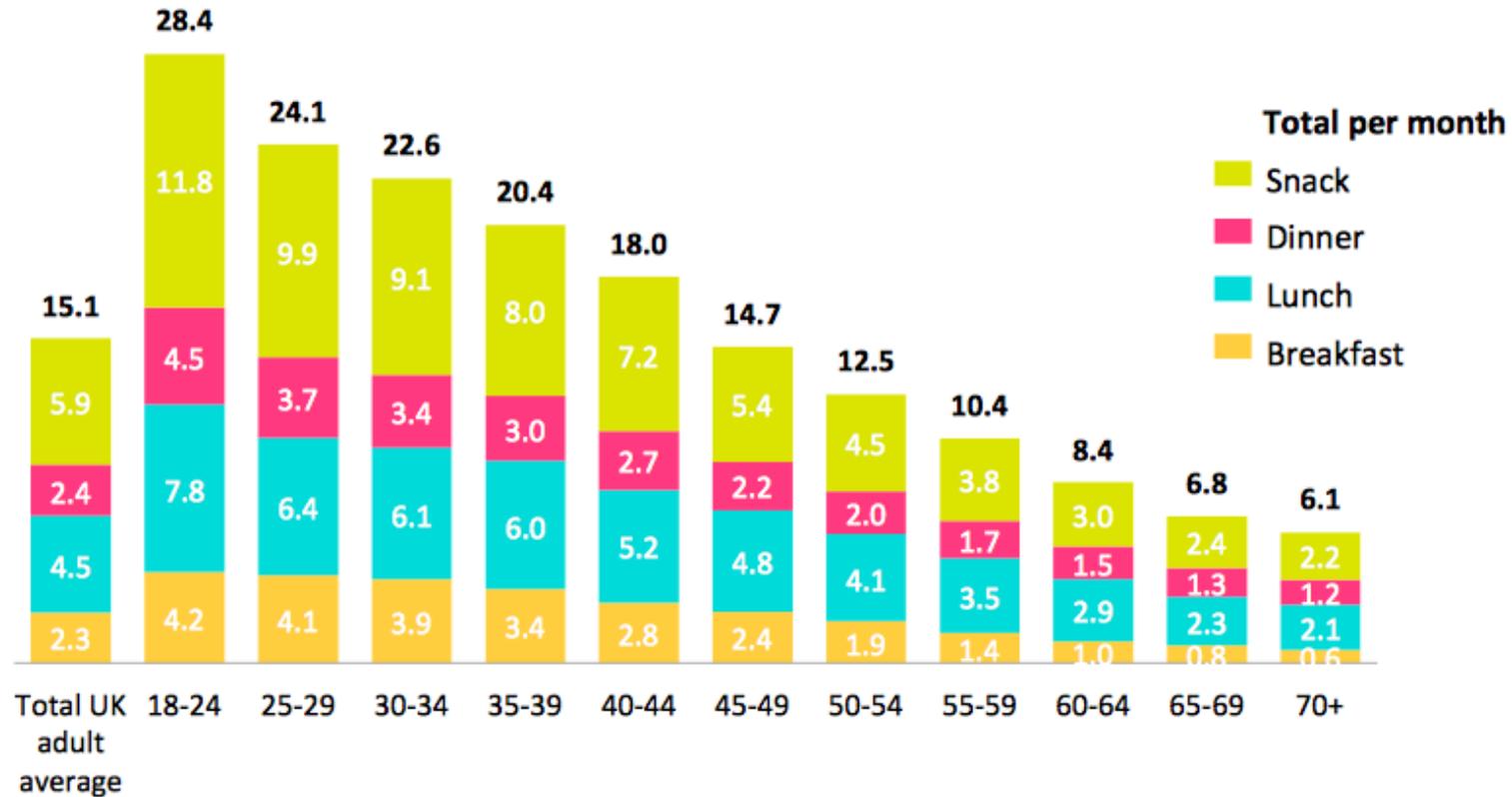
* CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate

Source: IGD, UK 2017
 Supermarkets are the Minor Players in Food-to-Go.

Younger Consumers Eat Out Most Frequently in the UK



The Ageing Demographic - Eating out frequencies



MCA. 2016 © | Oxford Farming Conference, the UK Foodservice Market, Jan 2017

Food-to-Go Accelerates the Convergence of Food Retail & Food Service







new brown rice sushi #GrainPower

Harmony set with brown rice

- salmon
- salmon, avocado, cucumber & sesame
- wasabi, soy sauce sachet
- salmon / avocado / masago
- prawn tempura / avocado / egg / sesame seeds
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Crustacean, Egg, Fish, Milk, Mustard, Sesame seeds, Soya, Sulphur Dioxide, Wheat gluten

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The Other Day, I Popped into a Convenience Store and Found that it had:

Huge Hot & Cold Beverage + Snack Offering





Healthy Food Offer





Asian and Western Food & Beverages





It's a 7-11 in Hong Kong

In KL, 7-11 is a hang out place for pensioners with a kiosk to pay bills, post office in addition to tea & coffee, snacks, meals, etc.





WHSmith

This “Newsagent” Chain is a Major Vendor of Snacks and Mini-Meals in the UK

How Deliveroo's 'dark kitchens' are catering from car parks



As appetite grows for upmarket takeaways, delivery service is setting restaurants up with satellite kitchens inside metal boxes

The Guardian
Oct. 28th 2017

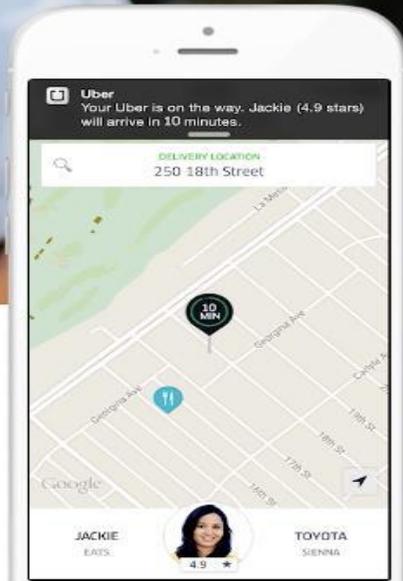


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MIGHTY QUINN'S

Brisket Sandwich with Burnt End Baked Beans

★ **Featured on the Food Network's Best BBQ. Ever**

Slow smoked beef brisket, sliced on a brioche roll with Mighty Quinn's housemade bbq sauce and a side of burnt end baked beans. Served with slaw, pickled cucumbers and chiles.

\$12.75



UberEats Delivery Partnership with McDonalds in USA, Western Europe, Australia



Meal kit start-up Blue Apron aims to raise \$450m

2016 Revenues \$800 mill. Annual Loss \$54 mill.

A two-person plan, with ingredients and recipes for three meals, costs about about \$60 (£47). Options include soy-marinated chicken thighs and sesame soba noodles.



HelloFresh launches IPO as Blue Apron posts Q3 loss



Huge Interest in Recipe Kits Worldwide
But Jury Still Out On Financial Prospects



Blue Apron IPO Float at \$10
in Late-June 2017 Drifting to
\$3 per share January, 2018

HelloFresh launches Christmas dinner recipe boxes



The box costs £69.99 for a family of four. A premium version, which also has a chocolate orange pot dessert, costs £89.99 for four.

Blue Apron rival Chef'd reels in \$35 million from Smithfield and Campbell Soup



Tesco doubles recipe box trial and adds Asian flavours



Tesco's Katsu Curry recipe box

Tesco has more than doubled the size of its recipe box following strong demand.



Recipe kits could be about to go mainstream. This week, HelloFresh revealed it was [venturing into retail](#) with a listing in Sainsbury's.

Waitrose trials recipe box delivery after ditching store offer

Cook Restaurant Quality Meals In 20 Mins

- ✔ Cook with authentic flavour ingredients and recipe kits created by our expert chefs
- ✔ Expand your repertoire with easy to follow 15-20 min recipes
- ✔ Discover global cuisine - over 50 chef-inspired recipe kits

[Claim my £3 trial box](#)



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HOW IT WORKS

1. We create exciting, easy-to-follow recipes



2. We send you a SimplyCook box

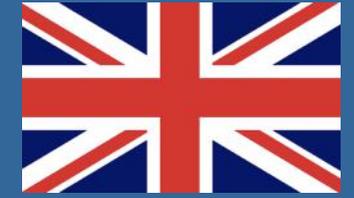


3. You follow our recipes, adding 4-6 items of fresh food

4. You enjoy a delicious meal for 2-4 people



Aldi launch new meal kits meaning you could eat dinner for JUST £1.60 per person



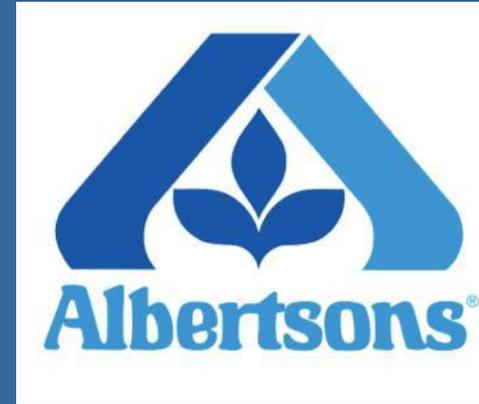
ALDI have launched a new selection of ready-to-cook meal kits and savvy shoppers can eat dinner every night at a cost of just £1.60 per person.

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Albertsons expands partnership with Instacart to 1,800 stores



Albertsons has partnered with Instacart to offer same-day delivery from more than 1,800 of the grocer's locations, according to a company release. The service will be available by the middle of next year.



Albertsons Buys Meal Kit Service Firm Plated in September, 2017

Kroger Extending Own Label Meal Kit Offer to Mid-West (December 14th, 2017)



Meal kit sales are projected to reach nearly \$5 billion this year, according to research firm Packaged Facts, up from \$1.5 billion last year.

Unilever backs US organic meal-kit firm Sun Basket



The private equity arm of global CPG giant Unilever, called Unilever Ventures, led the \$9.2m Series C-2 funding of organic meal kit company Sun Basket.

Unilever to buy Brazilian organic food firm Mae Terra



The Maker of Hellmann's Mayonnaise Has Bought a Fancier Upstart

We're on a mission to save you time and bring you food you love.



A new farm-to-fridge player called [Farmstead](#) is doing things a little differently. Food costs the same as in the supermarket; delivery takes under an hour and is less than \$5 (or free in some cases); and the company uses artificial intelligence to figure out what and how much to stock, based on what customers buy most.

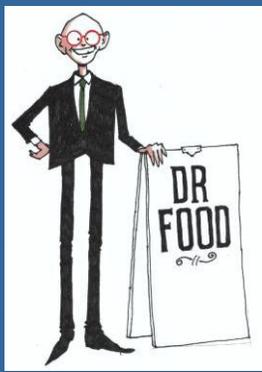
Farmstead
Launches First Free,
30-Minute Grocery
Pickup Hub in San
Francisco

Chef-in-Box's vending machine cafes going to London by 2018



Issues Food Firms Will Ponder in 2018

- who's running the show? Certainly not Walmart/Tesco, it's the digitally adept/social media-smart consumer
- am I accessing the newer routes to the consumer?
- how transparent am I – in terms of supply chain and corporate values (in-tune with consumer values)?
- are we satisfyingly simple – production, ingredients, products, packaging, values?
- can we personalise our offer – producing for specific consumers, communicating with them (e.g. in-store)?
- all matters “green” – sustainability writ large. We're part of the solution for society and not the problem



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