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# Navigating the UK retail landscape

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# Today I will...

Share how the UK looks vs other countries

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What does the landscape look like: HFSS, Cost of Living

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What does growth look like in the current climate

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# What the Worldpanel purchase panel is



**A sample of 30,000 Households weighted up to represent the GB population**

**Demographically representative (Age, Lifestage, Region, Social Class, Income)**

**Continuous, so we can track real changes in behaviour over time**

**Syndicated, so it is one data source that all our clients access**

**The most comprehensive view of the entire grocery market and the areas driving growth: Online and Discounters**

**The size of our panel makes it possible to pinpoint realistic, lucrative opportunities for your categories and retail partners.**

# What we do

Leaders in UK shopper behavioural understanding for more than 30 years

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Working with over 700 UK retailers and suppliers to understand the marketplace

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A dedicated team of 200+ experts working with clients to answer their business questions

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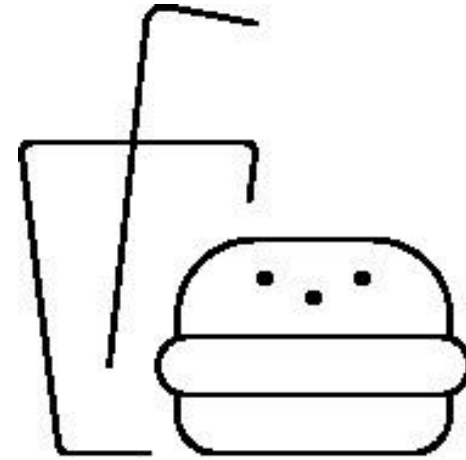
# The big numbers for FMCG in the UK

£115bn (+1%)



Take Home Groceries

£53bn (+2%)



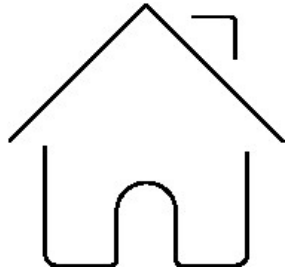
Out of Home Food & Drink  
(exc. Alcohol)

# Focussing on Take Home Groceries

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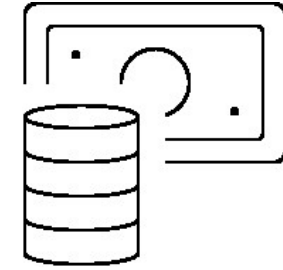
28 million  
households

x



268  
trips

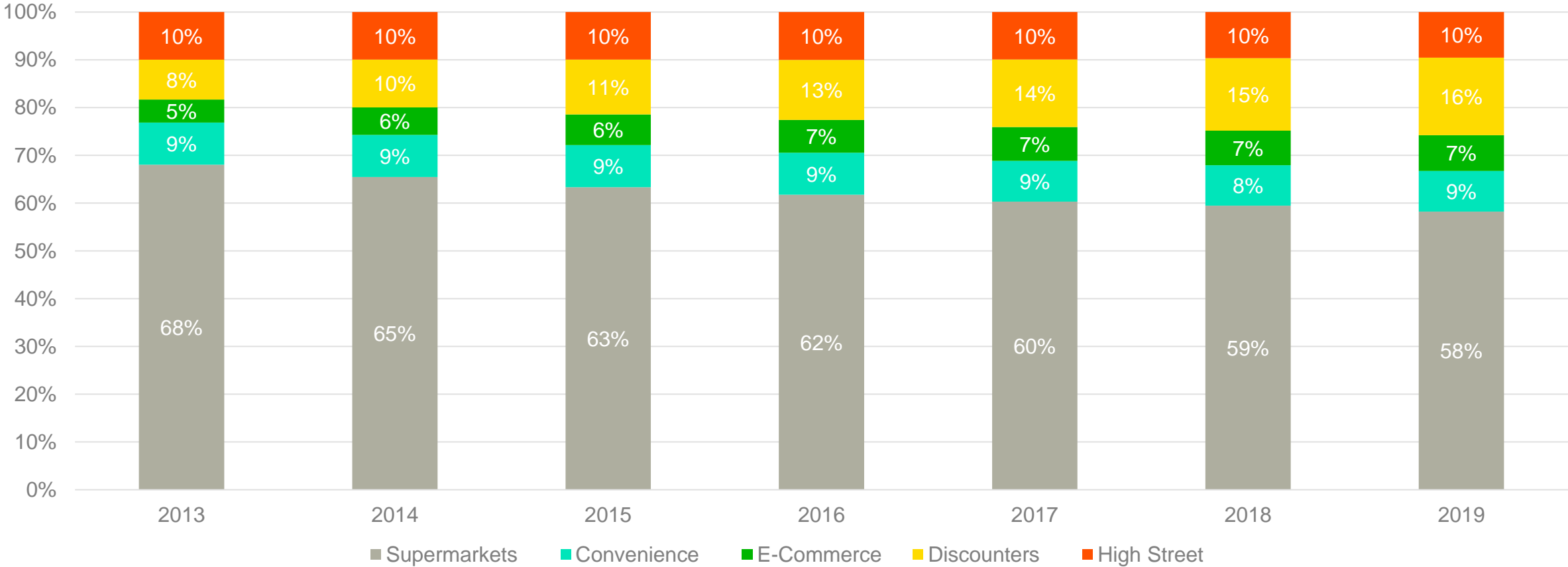
x



£15.48  
per trip

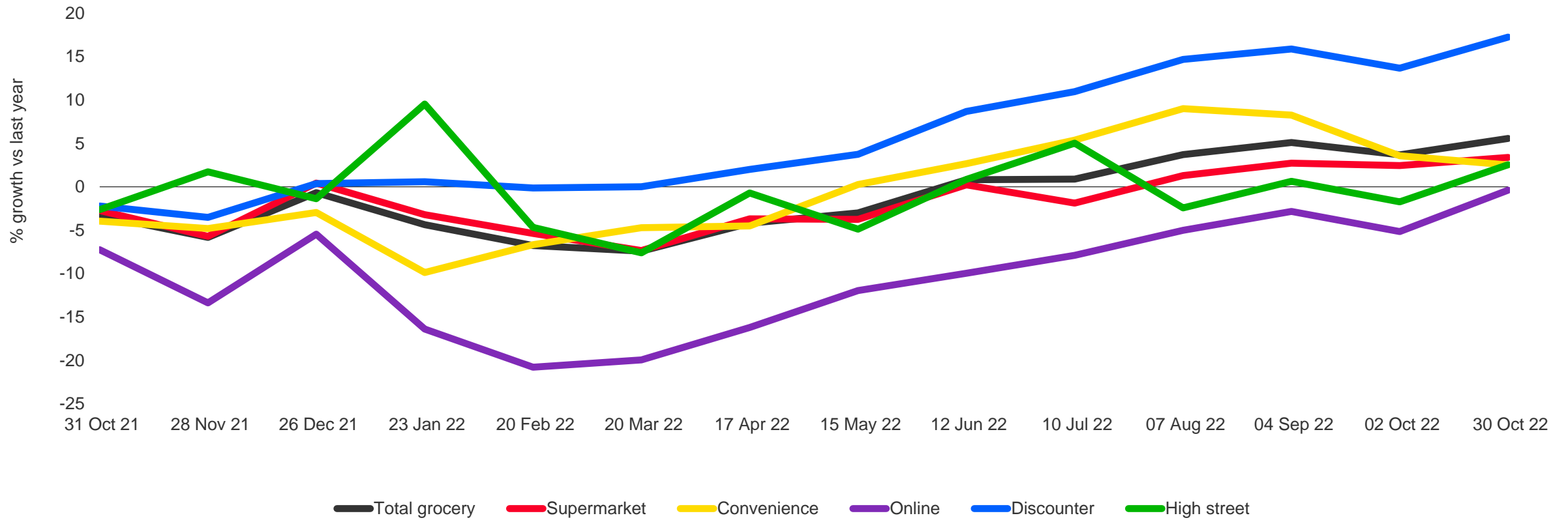
# The channel landscape is still dominated by Supermarkets but there has been a steady movement towards online and discounters.

UK Take Home Groceries – Channel Shares - £%



# Channel trends in the UK

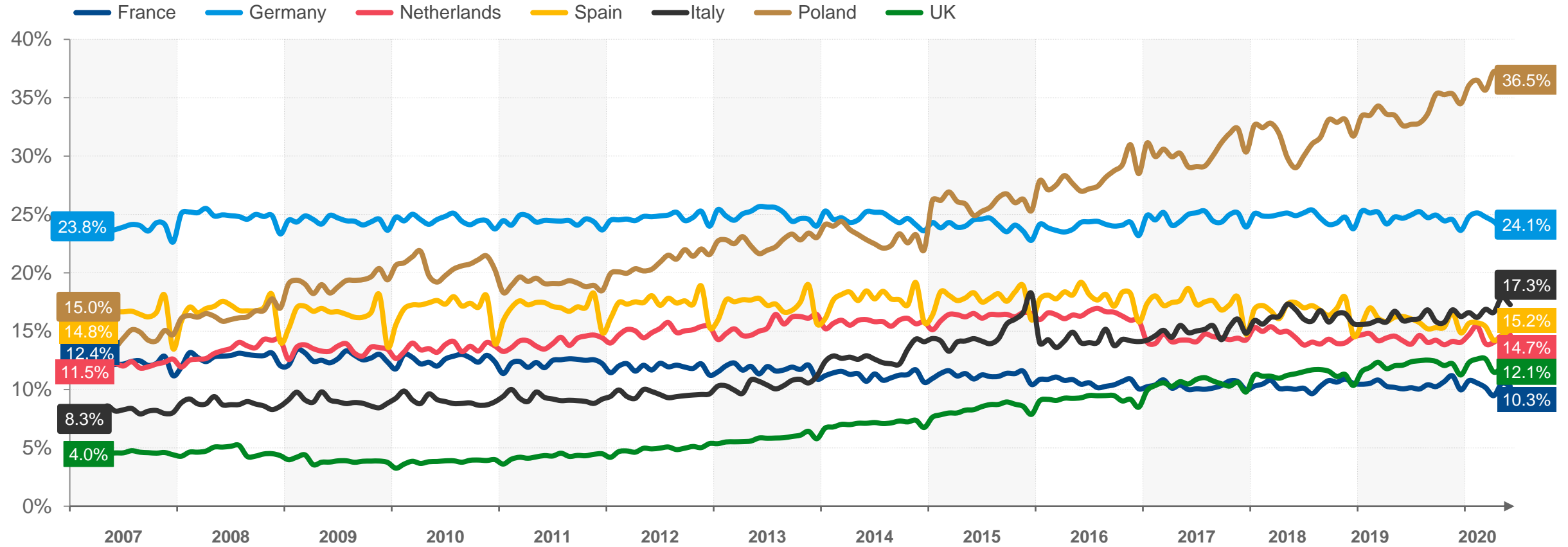
Growth gap between discounters and the rest has widened





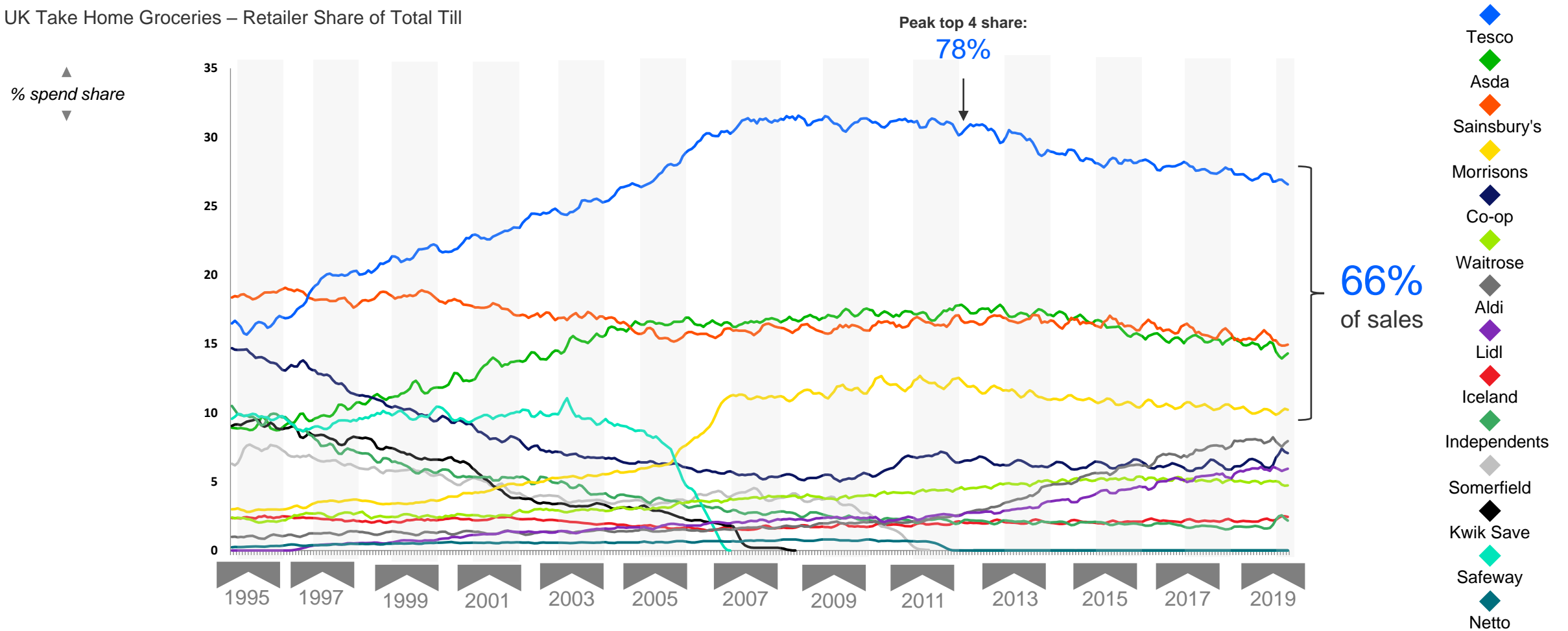
# Discounters have built from a lower base than the rest of Europe but have caught up quickly.

Global Take Home Groceries – Grocery Discounter Shares



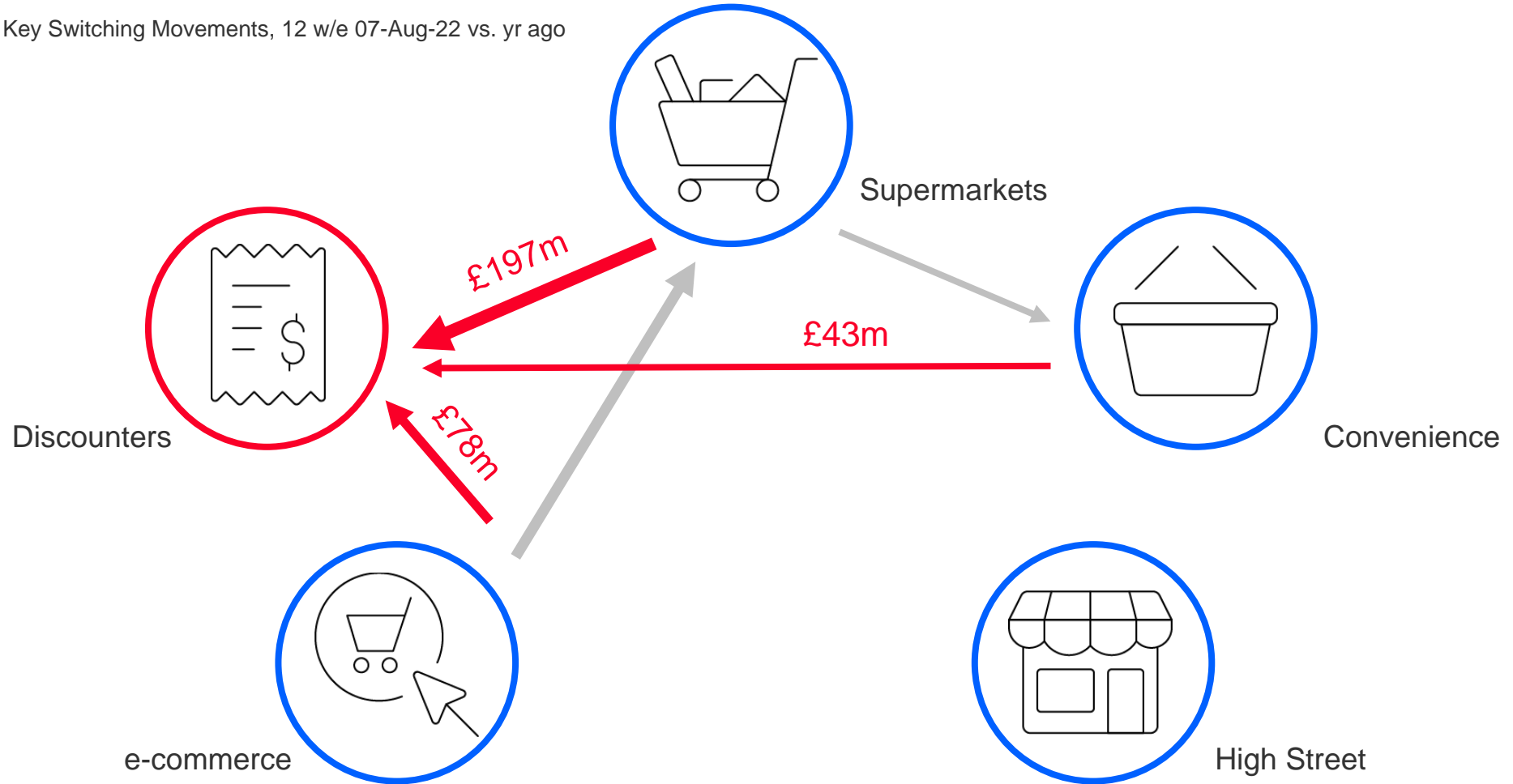
# The result is slow erosion of share for the top 4 and a major focus on resisting the rise of the discounters.

UK Take Home Groceries – Retailer Share of Total Till



# Discounters are picking up share from every other channel

Take Home Groceries – Key Switching Movements, 12 w/e 07-Aug-22 vs. yr ago



The response has consistently been to try to mimic the discounter model.

2008



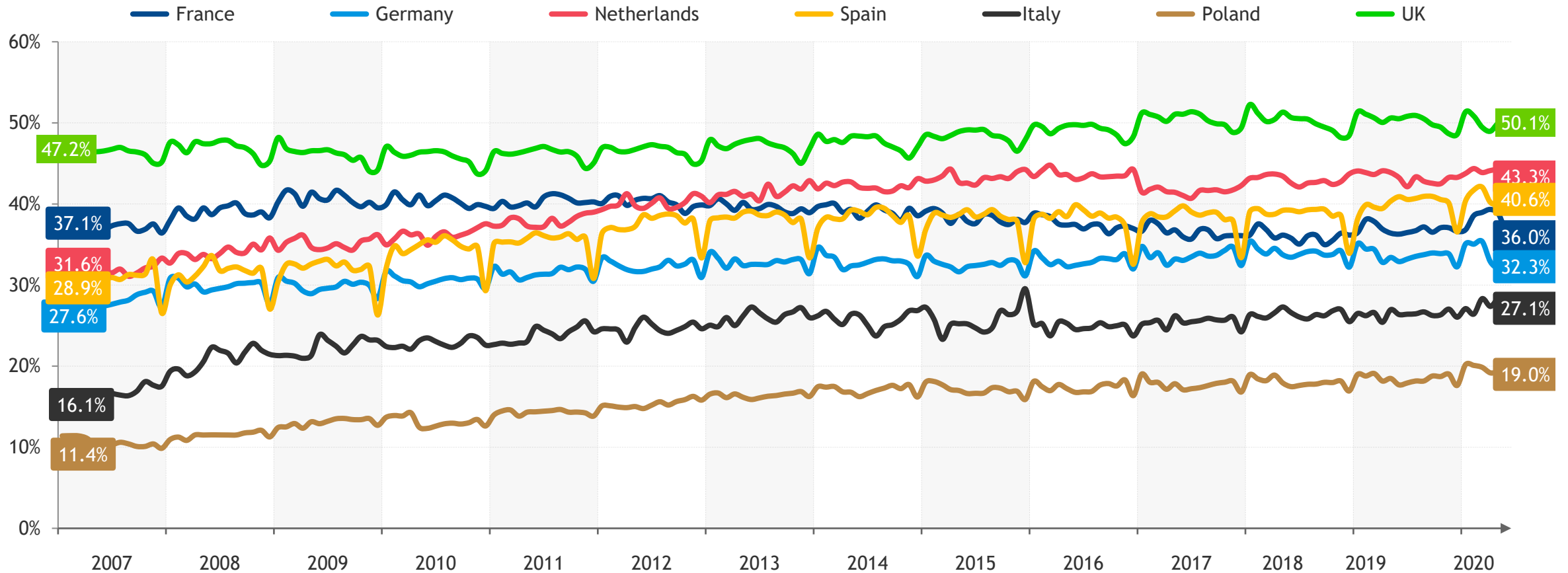
2020

We've price matched hundreds of products.

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# Once in store, we have most private label driven market in the world.



# And the most promotionally heavy market in the world

Total FMCG - % sales on promotion



24%



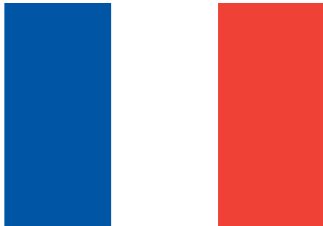
19%



16%



16%



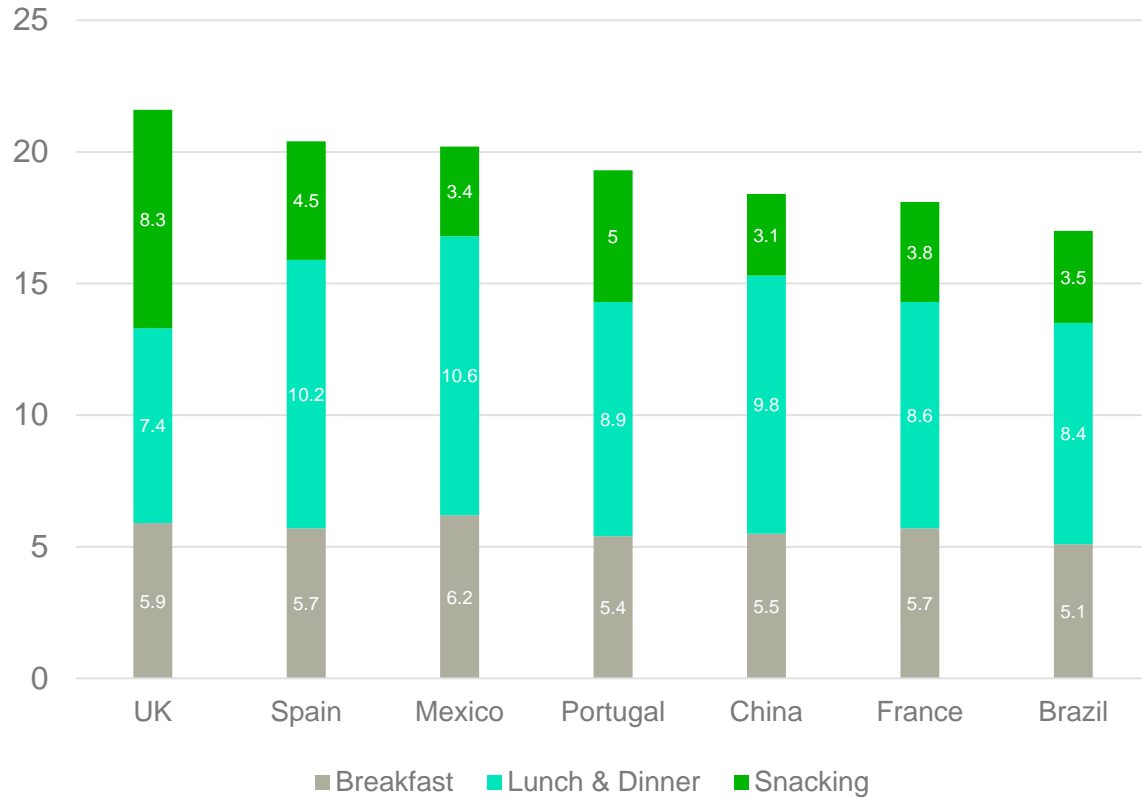
15%



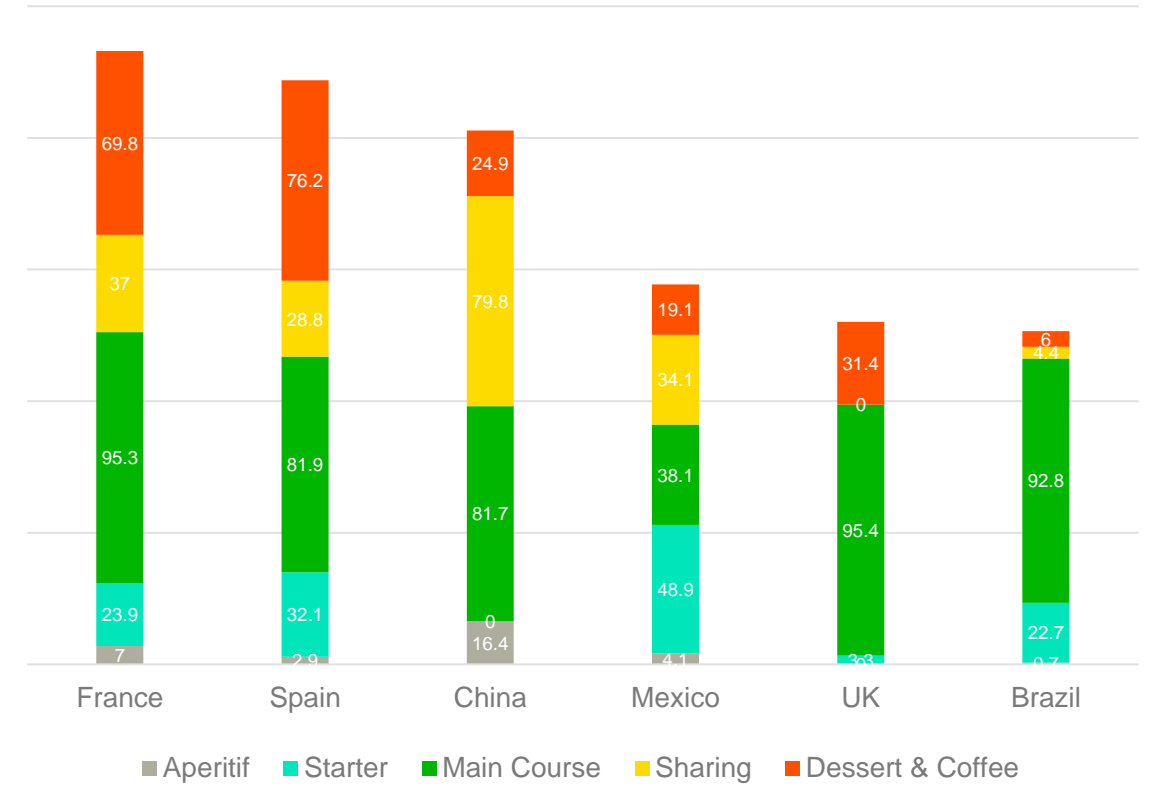
10%

# When it comes to food & drink, we're heavy snackers but simple when it comes to meal times.

Weekly at home food & drink consumption occasions by country



% at home lunch & dinner occasions featuring each 'course'



# Revised timing to HFSS legislation



## Restrictions on **locations**

- Restrictions on in store locations of HFSS products **will still go ahead in Oct 2022**
- HFSS products can no longer be merchandised in key store locations such as **gondola ends, checkouts, store entrances** and **online equivalents**



## Rules banning **multi-buy deals**

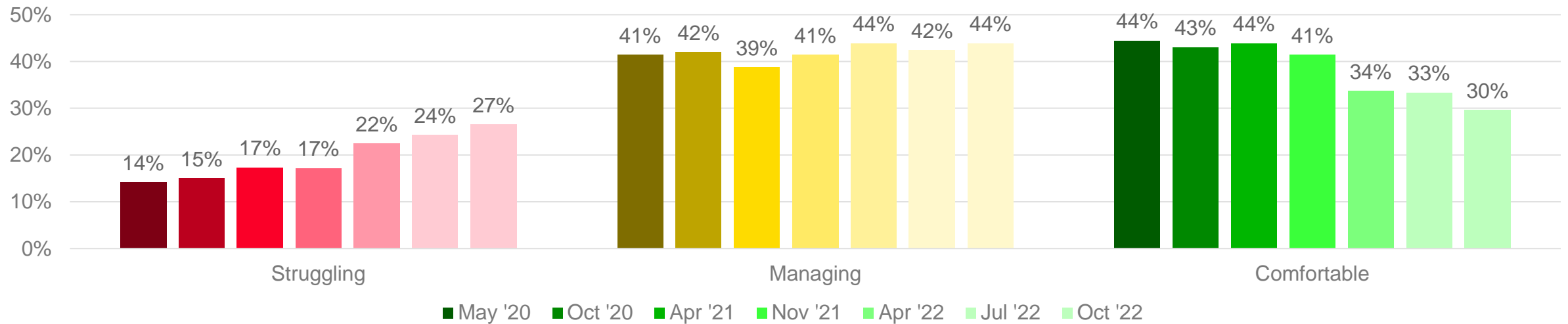
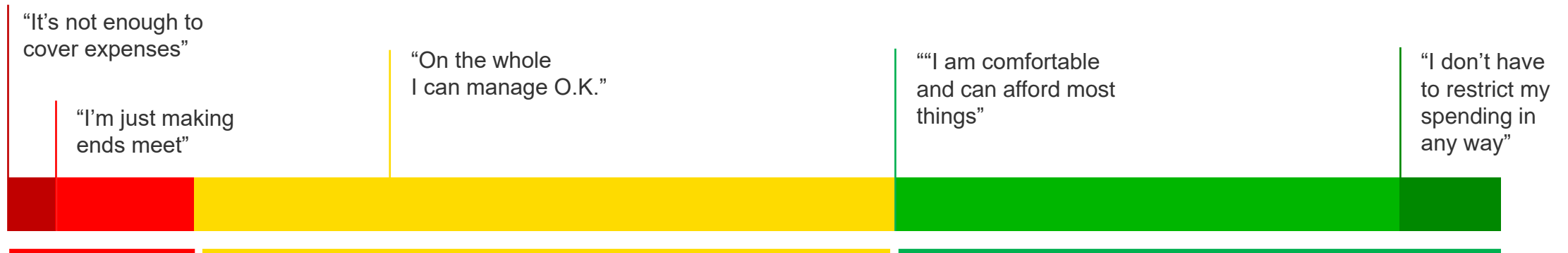
- BOGOF, 3 for 2, free refills, are **delayed for a year**
- Ban on TV advertising before 9pm and paid online advertising will be **delayed for a year**. Will now come into force **Jan 2024**.

**Despite the partial delay, the impact will still be significant in these categories**



# More than 1 in 4 households now describing themselves as struggling

Speak to your client service team to understand the impact in your category



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How to grow  
your  
business  
amidst the  
cost of living  
crisis



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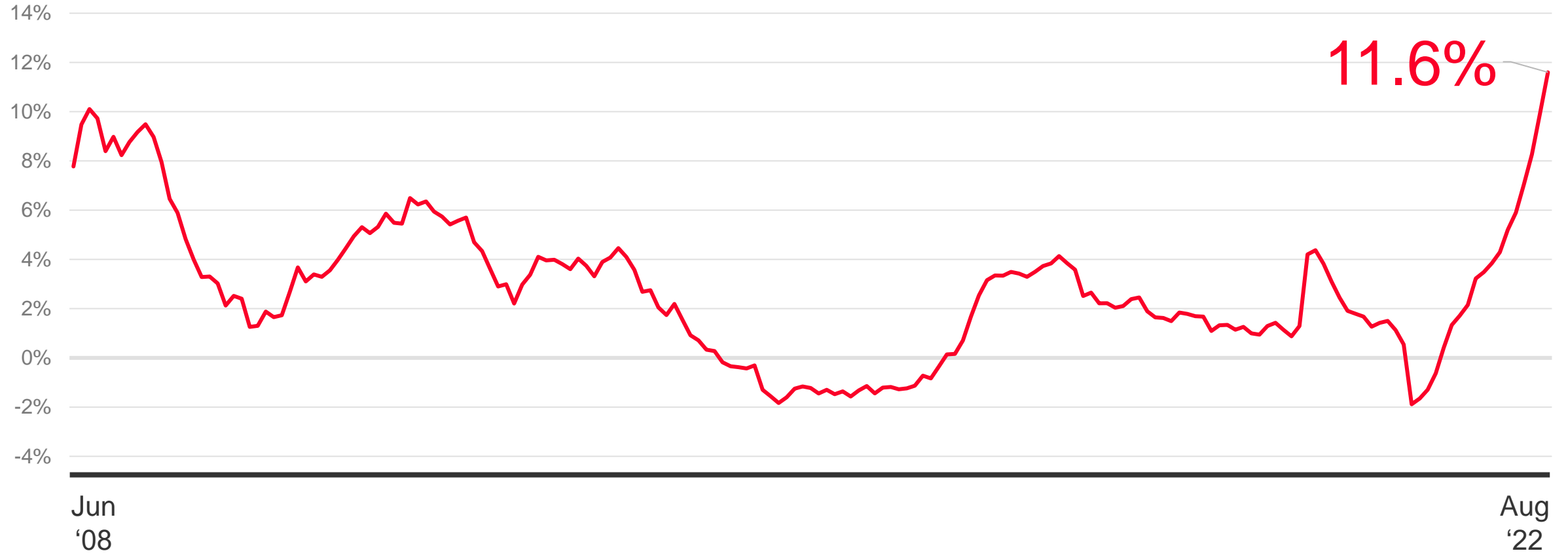
# Real behaviour to unpick how shoppers will respond



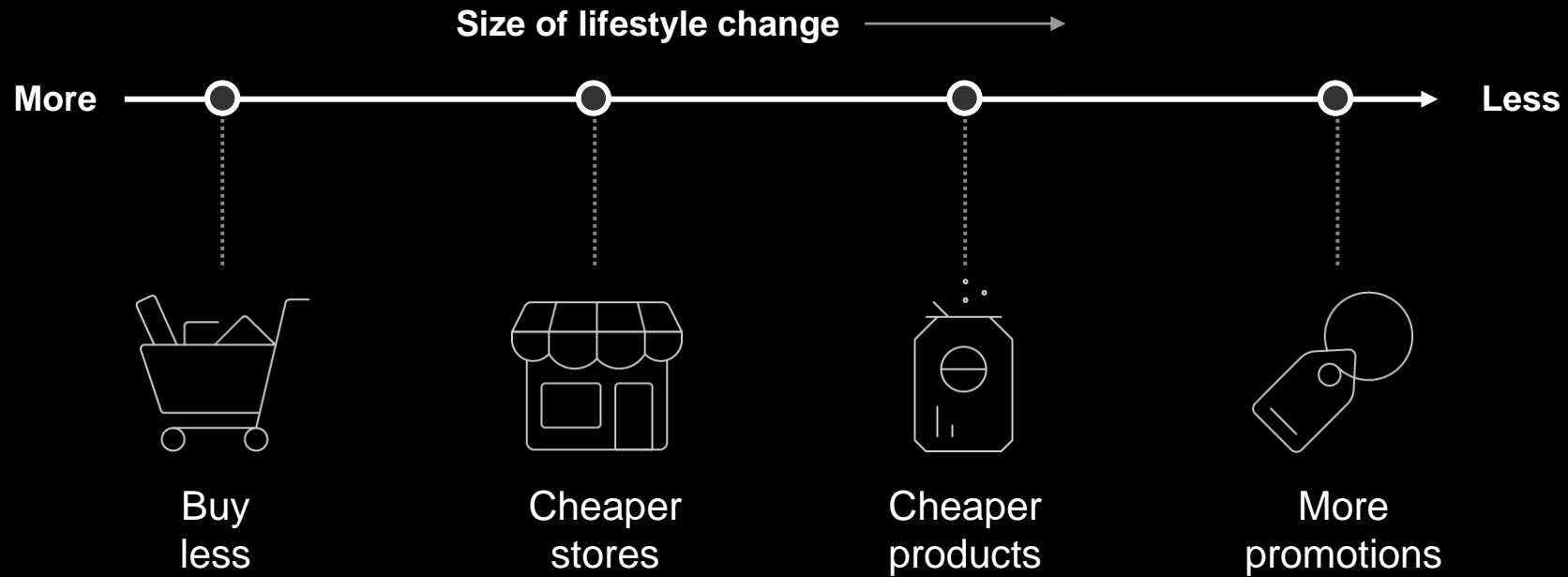
# Cost of living pressure is heating up

## Grocery inflation at its highest point for at least 30 years

Take Home FMCG – 4 w/e inflation

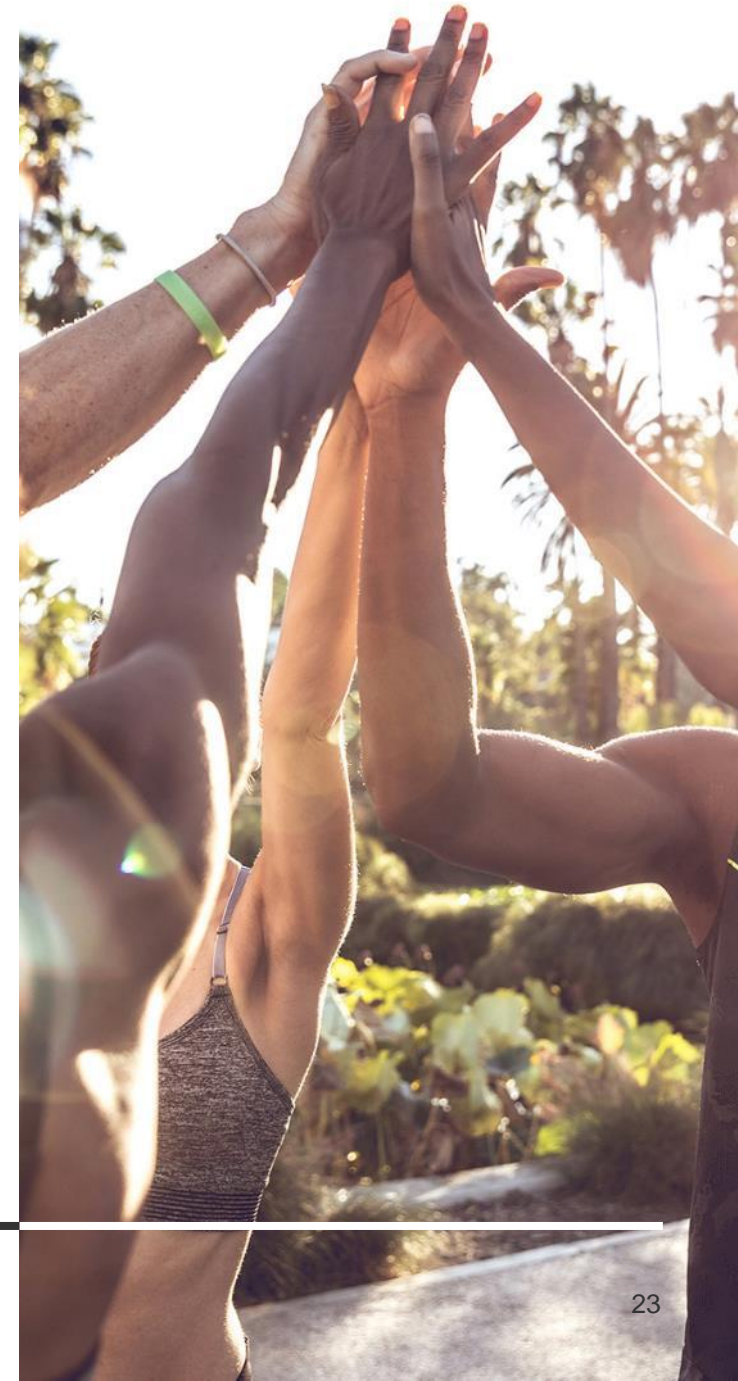
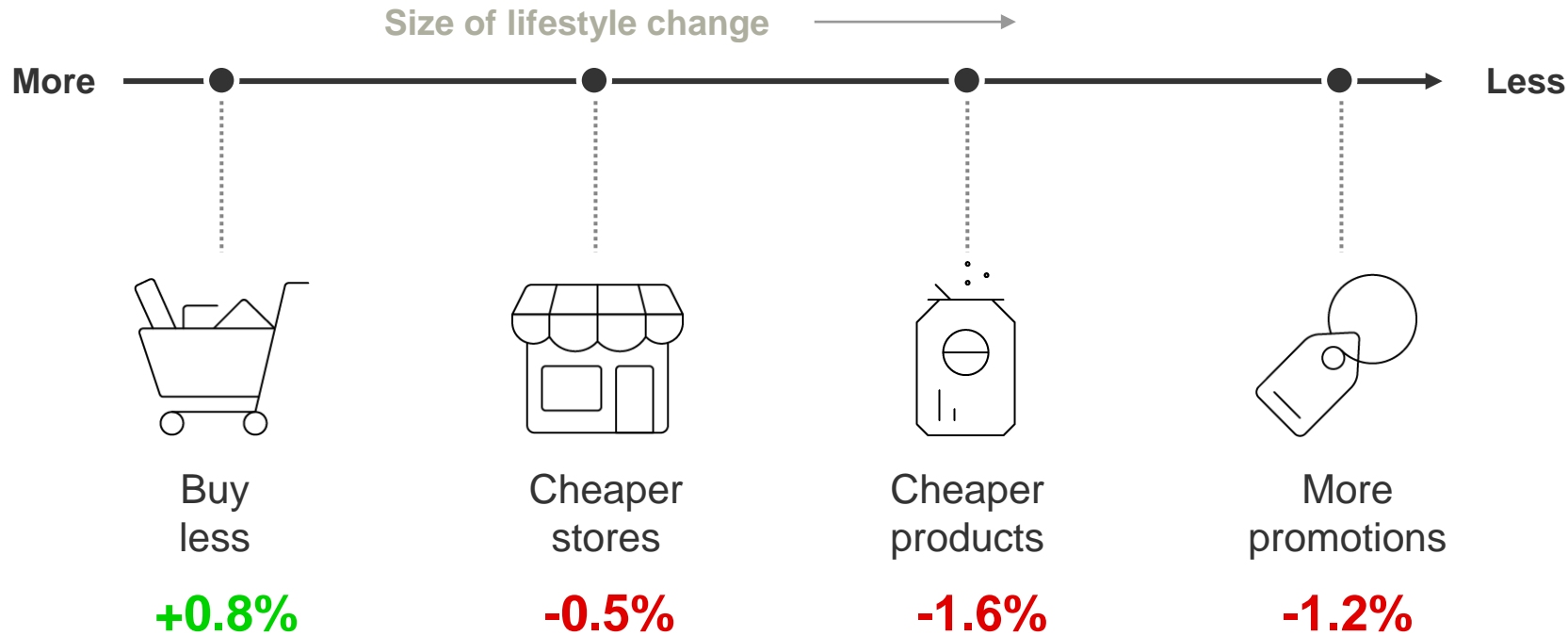


# What should we expect from shoppers?



# Savings are made where they cause least disruption to our lives

Take Home FMCG – Impact of each ‘coping strategy’ on total market value

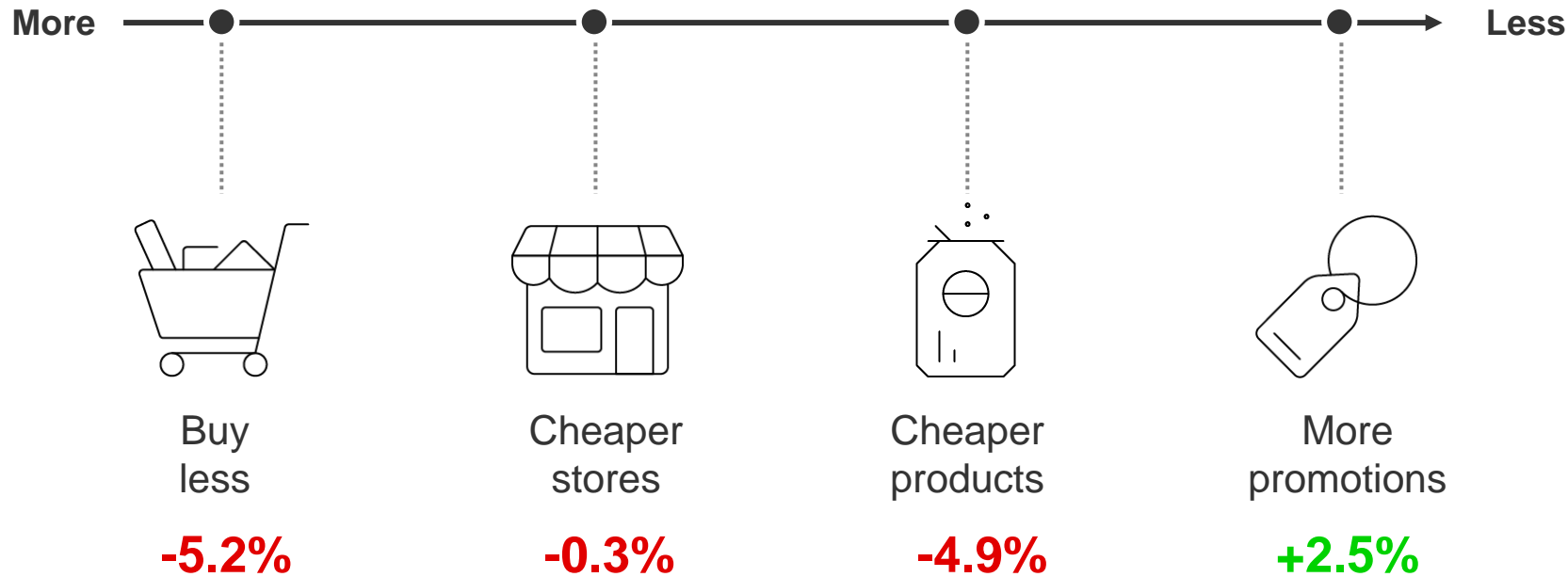


# We're already seeing the same pattern this time around

Volume reductions can be seen as release of lockdown restrictions not inflation response

Take Home FMCG – Impact of each 'coping strategy' on total market value

Size of lifestyle change





**This doesn't mean that every price rise will be rejected by shoppers**

**Historically shoppers have absorbed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of grocery price increases**



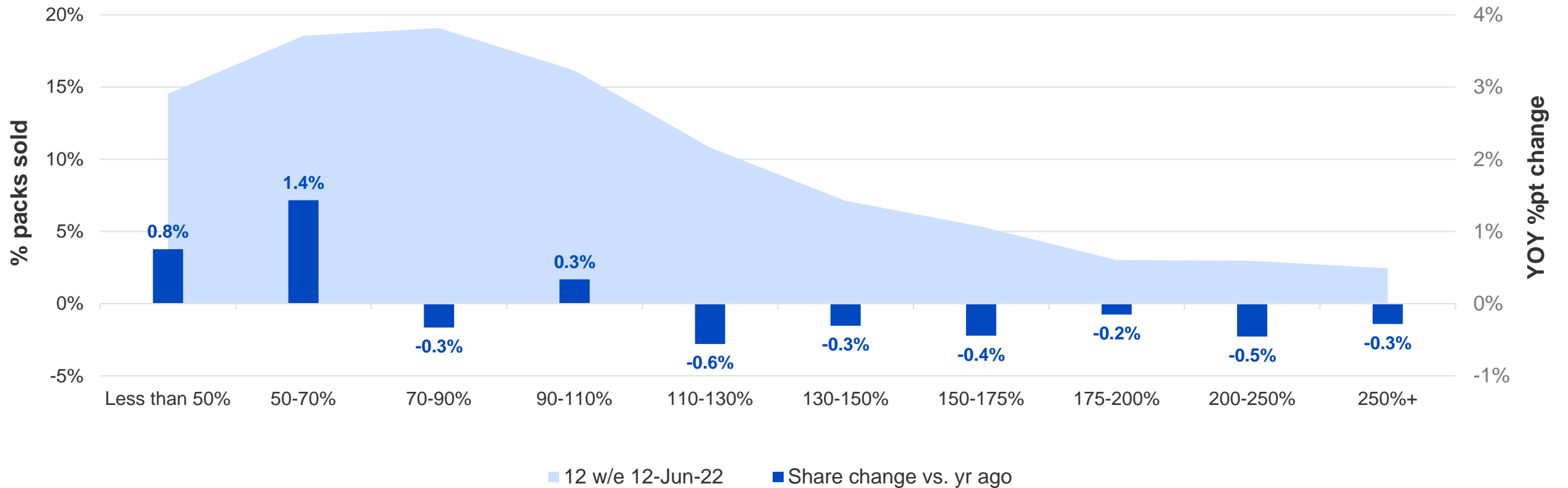
01

Be prepared to  
work harder to  
justify price  
premiums

# Selling at a premium just got tougher

Less than 15% packs (and falling) are sold at a 50% price premium

Take Home FMCG – % packs sold by price index vs. category average (price indices based on price per pack)



# Continue to invest where you can

Winning vs Losing Brands 2008 to 2011

**60%**

**more innovations**

**60%**

**more renovations**

Innovations = new brands/sub-brands

Renovations = new size, flavour, type

# The best performing brands continue to be those seeking new shoppers

(not those simply looking to hold what they have)

Top 5 best performing brands (value sales % growth) – 12 w/e 12-Jun-22

01



+42%

02



+35%

03



+31%

04



+30%

05



+27%

# Each by pulling one of our established brand growth levers

Top 5 best performing brands (value sales % growth) – 12 w/e 12-Jun-22

01

ASDA

+42%

More presence



02



+35%

More moments



03



+31%

More moments



04



+30%

New needs



05



+27%

More categories



02

Communicate  
value not price

# We've been far quicker to return to valued, social occasions post covid

It has been the incidental and functional that we've dropped

59%

of 2019

£0-10  
occasions



£10+  
occasions



101%

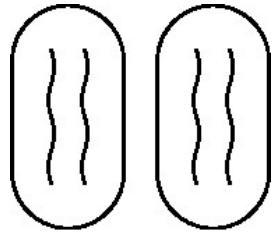
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# Winning categories in the last recession were certainly not basic essentials

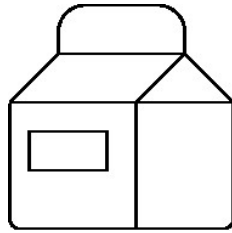
Total FMCG – Top 10 Growing Categories – Value Sales CAGR - 2007 to 2014 (filtered to categories worth more than £100m annually)

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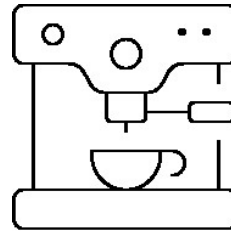
Healthier Biscuits  
+13%

#2



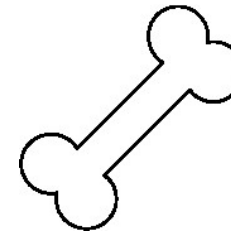
Chilled Flavoured Milk  
+11%

#3



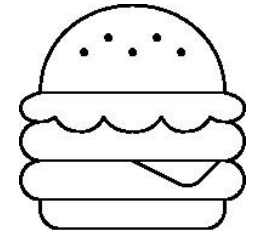
Ground Coffee/Beans  
+11%

#4



Cat & Dog Treats  
+10%

#5



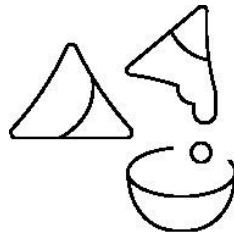
Chilled Burgers/Grills  
+9%

#6



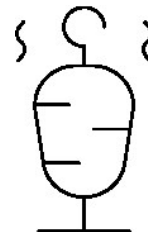
Savoury Biscuits  
+9%

#7



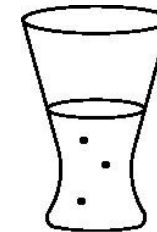
Ethnic Ingredients  
+9%

#8



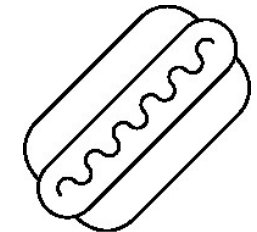
Flavoured Meats  
+9%

#9



Cider  
+9%

#10



Chilled Frkfrtr/Cont. Sausage  
+8%

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Don't overlook the  
older shopper

# Older shoppers are starting from a more comfortable position

The Daily Telegraph

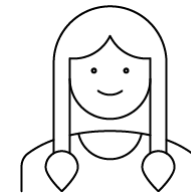
**How workers are being left behind as pensioners' disposable income soars**  
Retirees' income that used to lag behind working households has seen a spike driven by the Government's commitment to the triple lock

By Ben Butcher  
22 June 2022 • 8:04pm

Financially comfortable?\*

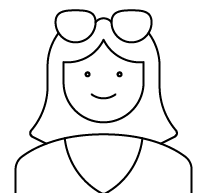
28%

Under 35s



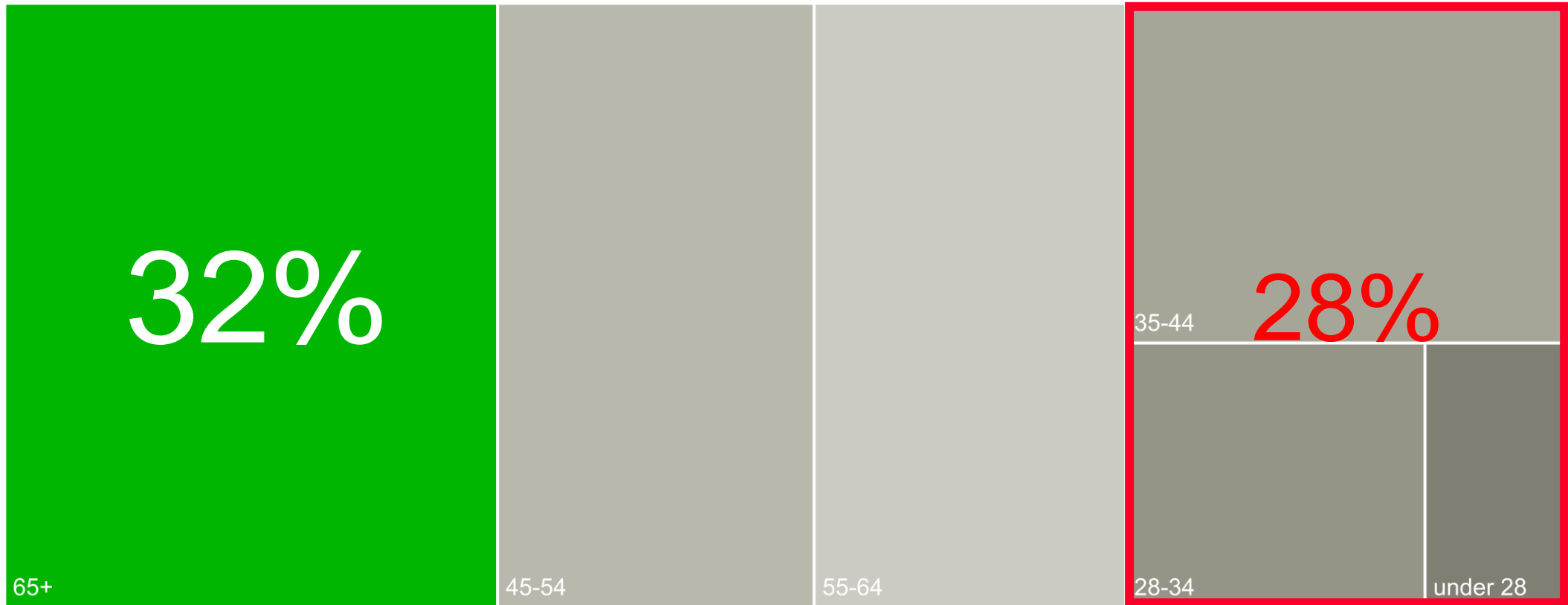
38%

Over 65s



# And we typically under-estimate their importance to the industry

Take Home Groceries - % sales by age of main shopper in the household



# There is a traditional slant to many of their choices

Categories with >40% sales from over 65s

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Chilled Cakes



Fresh Lamb

Brands with >50% sales from over 65s

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Werther's Original



# Less traditional lines also play a key role if they connect to a relevant need

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Brands with >50% sales from over 65s

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**Chilled Prepared  
Fish**



**Yoghurt Drinks &  
Juices**

*Charlie  
Bigham's*



## In conclusion

Build your channel strategy to address the supermarkets and be aware of the impact of discounters

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Pricing and value for money are key considerations ahead of any UK launch

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Which consumers are most valuable to your brand might not be your initial target

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## Thank you

If you would like to understand more about how we can help you get to grips with the UK retail landscape and its shoppers please contact

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