

Q1 Trading Statement 21/22

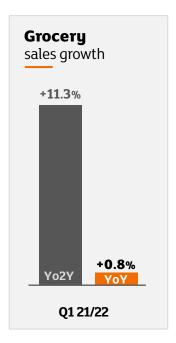
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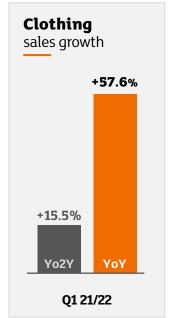
Q1 performance

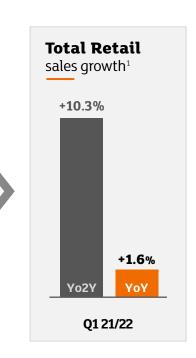
- Sales of Grocery, General Merchandise and Clothing all higher than expectations throughout Q1
 - Grocery sales benefitted from higher in-home consumption as COVID-19 restrictions continue
 - General Merchandise sales lower than last year's elevated levels but ahead of expectations
- Growth in grocery market share, reflecting improved value and innovation
- Continued improvement in customer satisfaction, moving further ahead of competitors
- Benefit from sales outperformance to be invested in improving value position, with an additional £50m price investment announced yesterday
- We now expect to achieve underlying profit before tax of at least £660m in FY21/22 with progress weighted towards the first half

Retail sales growth by category





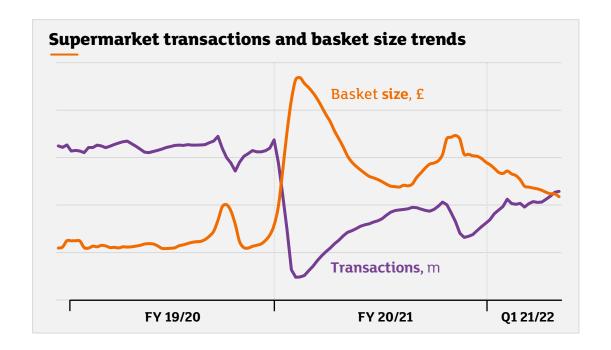




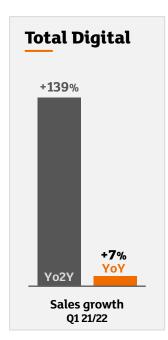
1 Excl. fuel

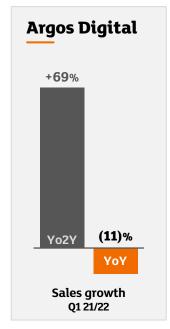
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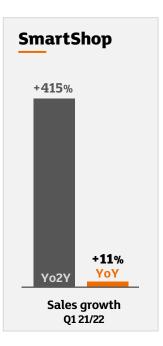
Customer behaviour normalising gradually

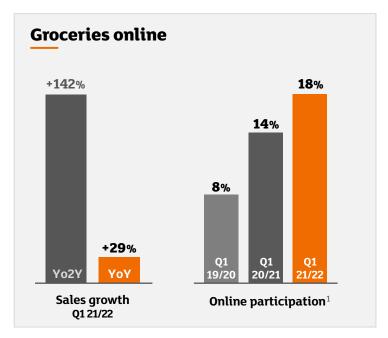


Continued growth in digital sales, significantly ahead of 19/20





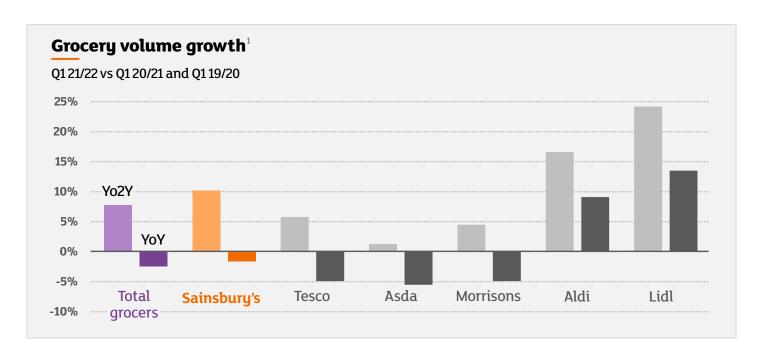




1 Of total Grocery sales

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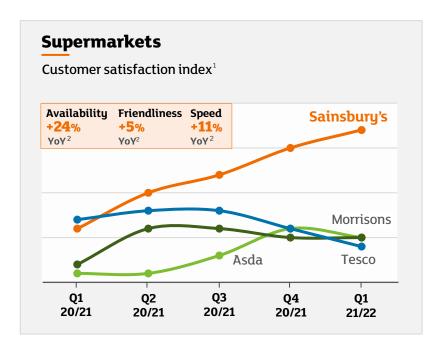
Ahead of the market on a one-year and two-year basis

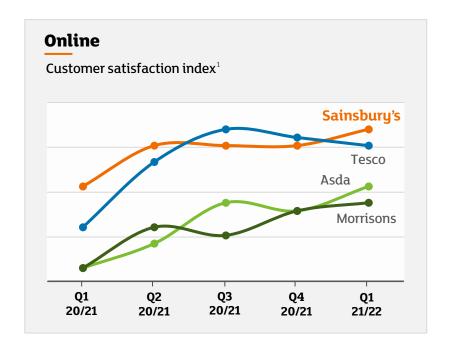


¹ NielsenIQ Panel volume growth YoY and Yo2Y. Total FMCG (excluding Kiosk & Tobacco), 15 weeks to 19 June 2021, 2020 and 2019. Market Universe: Total Outlets.

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Customer satisfaction ahead of competitors



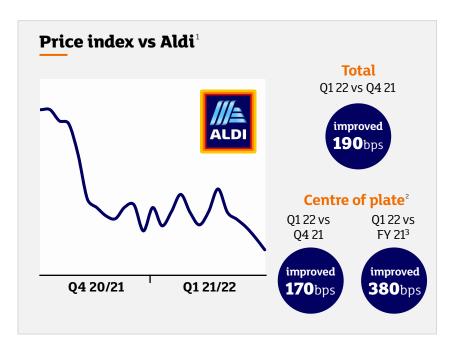


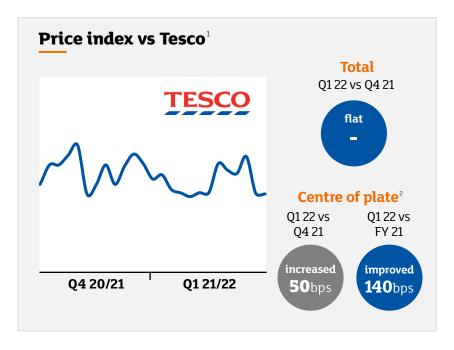
 $^{1 \}quad \text{Supermarket and Online customer satisfaction \%}. \quad \textbf{Source:} \\ \text{Competitor benchmarking survey}. \\ \text{Rolling 12 weekly scores.} \\ \text{Q1 21/22}$

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² Competitor benchmarking survey, supermarkets. Q1 2021/22 YoY

Value: encouraging early results on price investment

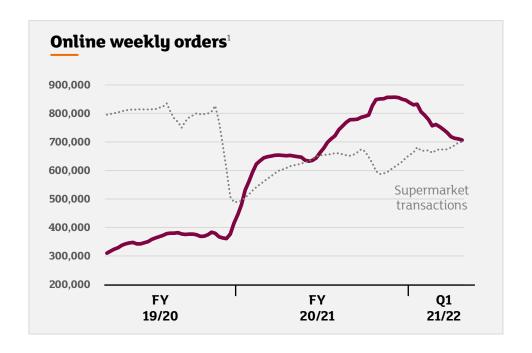


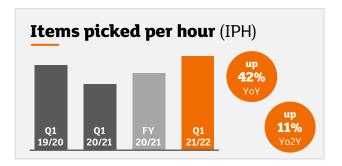


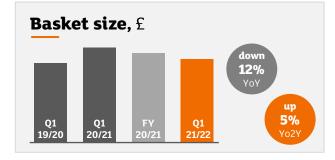
- 1 Value Reality. Mar-June 2021 vs Jan-Mar 2021 and vs Mar 20-Mar 21; Edge by Ascential; internal modelling
- 2 Meat, Fish and Poultry
- 3 Aldi price index refers to 30 weeks of available data for FY20/21

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Online demand down from peak, but still high, IPH improving



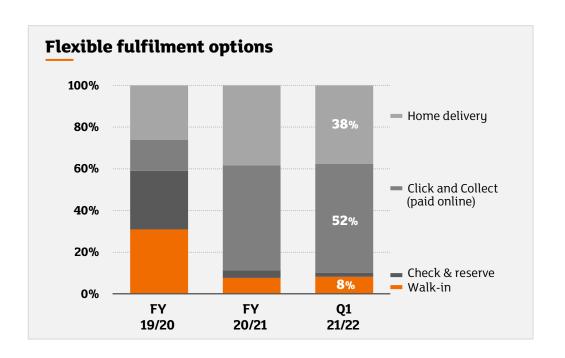




1 4 week rolling average

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Argos digital participation remains strong



We are delivering on our priorities



- Better value and innovation
- Underpinned by buying benefits and lower cost to serve



- Customer and profit focus
- Supporting the core food business



- Structurally lower operating costs to fuel investment in the core
- Cutting complexity and increasing pace of execution



Know and serve our customers better, use the power of Nectar



Environmental and social sustainability at our core

8 key metrics

Delivering for customers and driving stronger financial outcomes

Operational

- Grocery market share performance
- Strong customer satisfaction scores
- Maintain strong colleague engagement
- Deliver our Plan for Better commitment

Financial

- UPBT growth
- 200bps+ reduction in retail operating cost to sales
- Dependable retail free cash flow: £500m+ pa average
- Increase Return on Capital employed¹

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¹ ROCE: return divided by capital employed. Return is defined as a 52 week rolling underlying profit before interest and tax. Capital employed is defined as group net assets excluding the pension deficit/ surplus and excluding net debt. The average is calculated on a 14 point basis