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Each month Mintel's UK Retail Briefing concentrates on a particular sector or market. This month's provides analysis of the food retail sector.

This report looks at the following areas:

- An analysis of the latest UK retail sales trends
- Growth of the food retail sector tracked against inflation
- Recent performance of the major grocery multiples
- Looking ahead to performance of the food sector and the outlook for Christmas 2014
- The latest monthly UK retail news and commentary.

We also include an Analyst's Comment looking at the recent developments at Tesco.

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McColl's

...launches loyalty scheme

...sales grow 3.6%

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Aldi

...launches first smartphone

...founder Karl Albrecht dies aged 94

...to launch equestrian clothing

Lidl to offer premium French wine selection

Morrisons

...partners with Quidco

...Q1 like-for-likes

...sells Kiddicare to Endless

Ocado to open new warehouse

Sainsbury's

...now sole owner of Anobii

...names first two Netto sites

...to close non-food website

...to power store on food waste

Tesco

...hire Marks & Spencer finance head

...Phillip Clarke to stand down

...to build 4,000 homes

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Conviviality full-year pre-tax profits up

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Tesco and Morrisons sales down 3.8%

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Bonmarché like-for-like sales up
 Boux Avenue to open first airport store
 Champion to return to the UK
 East sales dip 2%
 Internazionale brand name for sale
 La Senza
 ...administrator closes six outlets
 ...more store closures
 Matalan to launch Oxford Street Flagship
 Next sales grow 10.7% in first half
 Oliver Bonas launches click-and-collect
 Pepe Jeans considers sale
 Primark sales soar 22% in Q3
 Select buys 18 Internazionale stores
 SuperGroup sales grow 19.6%
 White Stuff sales jump 16.2%
 Footwear retailing
 Office considering £300 million stock market flotation
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 Jimmy Choo opens doors of virtual showroom
 Multi-sector retailing
 Argos
 ...expands use of augmented reality in catalogues
 ...to cut or freeze 10,000 prices
 B&M sales grow 31.9% in Q1
 Hema to launch UK website in September
 Marks & Spencer recruit Tesco internet chief
 Poundstretcher cuts prices across the board
 Department stores
 Debenhams poaches Mothercare Chief Financial Officer
 Fortnum & Mason standalone airport store
 Harrods to redevelop menswear department
 John Lewis
 ...to launch 'Tea on The Green' in Glasgow city centre
 ...partnership sales rises 6.3% in first half
 Selfridges
 ...launches Cartier online
 ...opens Christmas shop
 DIY retailing

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Homebase attracts takeover bids
 Home Retail Group considering selling Homebase
 Kingfisher like-for-like sales fall 1.8% in Q2
 Travis Perkins sales rise 11.5% in first half
 Electrical retailing
 Comet administrators facing probe
 Dixons Carphone
 ... announce shareholders support for merger
 ...opens first store
 Music and video goods retailing
 HMV like-for-like sales grow 9.2%
 Carpet retailing
 Carpetright sales grow 5.2% in Q1
 Floors-2-Go collapses into administration again
 Homewares retailing
 Cath Kidston attracts Chinese investor
 Home shopping
 Amazon
 ...launches two-day European delivery
 ...launches wearable technology store
 Ao.com like-for-like sales jump 30% in Q1
 eBay
 ...partners with Sotheby's
 ...The British Fashion Council to launch eBay shop
 Findel sales down
 N Brown
 ...hires CIO
 ...Simply Be announces Kelly Brook collection
 Net-a-Porter Chief Executive steps down
 Health and beauty retailing
 Walgreens expected to take full control of Alliance Boots
 Book and stationery retailing
 Smiggle to double UK store portfolio
 Sports and leisure goods retailing
 Alan Fort to take control of American Golf on an interim basis
 Sports Direct
 ...profits grow 19.8%
 ...to open stores in Australasia
 Garden centres

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The Garden Centre Group to return to Wyevale
Opticians
Lenstore posts record billing in May
Miscellaneous specialist retailing
Brighthouse revenue grows by 12.2%
Card Factory sales rise 8.9% in first half of the year
Halfords sales accelerate 7.9% in Q1
Kiddicare stores to close
Mothercare
...appoints new chief executive
...Destination Maternity withdraws bid
Pets at Home sales jump 10.4%
The Fragrance Shop sales jump 11.2%
Thorntons' sales grow 0.6% Q4
Miscellaneous
Royal Mail expands its click & collect service
Economy
Retail sales growth lowest in three years
Retail sales rise 4.2% in June
Shop prices fall in July
UK: Tesco and Morrisons sales down 3.8%

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