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"The supermarket sector is expected to return to growth for the first time in four years in 2017. However it is still a sector fighting against the grain of current shopping habits. Consumers continue to move to more fluid and frequent habits and the discounters continue to present a considerable thorn in the side of the leading players." – Nick Carroll, Senior Retail Analyst

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- This season's must have accessory: wholesale
- Trading up/down/sideways: What falling real incomes could mean for the sector
- Amazon and Whole Foods: for now file under 'potential'

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