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"Spending on electricals held up well in 2017 despite increased pressure on consumers' finances. However, it was again the non-specialists that were the driver, particularly those with a strong presence online as spending increasingly moves to online channels."

- Nick Carroll, Senior Retail Analyst

# This report looks at the following areas:

Demand is equally being driven by high levels of promotional activity, which whilst successful in driving short-term sales has the potential in the long run to undermine the pricing integrity of those within the sector.

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