

Flipping Markets

For years, discount has been the domain of a few specialist players. Today, it's a global movement, with retailers of all types — challengers and incumbents — rethinking their models to win on price, simplicity and value.

Four Markets. Four Different Routes. One Trend.			
POLAND  Biedronka Godziście takie ceny Wszystko w niskich cenach Biedronka The market that flipped 30% → 70% household penetration in five years.	MEXICO  Tiendas 3B Tu Despensa Inteligente BUENA CALIDAD A UN GRAN PRECIO TU DESPENSA INTELIGENTE Tiendas 3B The market that could flip next Local discount model scaling rapidly.	UAE / GCC  SAVA by Majid Al Futtaim More Value Every Day SAVA The incumbent fights back A regional retail leader builds its own discount format.	CHINA  Freshippo Superbox NB 超盒算 NB 超盒算 NB Freshippo Superbox NB The model gets reinvented Alibaba scales a lower-complexity discount model.

**Discount is no longer a niche.
It's a global strategy.**

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Key Takeaways

- 1 Discount is global.**

From mature markets to emerging regions, retailers are scaling discount formats to win new shoppers and drive frequency.
- 2 Both challengers and incumbents are moving.**

Local players are expanding, but established retailers are also launching or scaling discount models.
- 3 It's not just about price.**

Success comes from simpler assortments, lower complexity, more private label and highly efficient operating models.
- 4 The supplier impact is real.**

As discount grows, the balance of power shifts — and FMCG suppliers need to be ready for a more value-driven, more competitive landscape.

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The question is no longer if,
but how fast — and how prepared
you are.