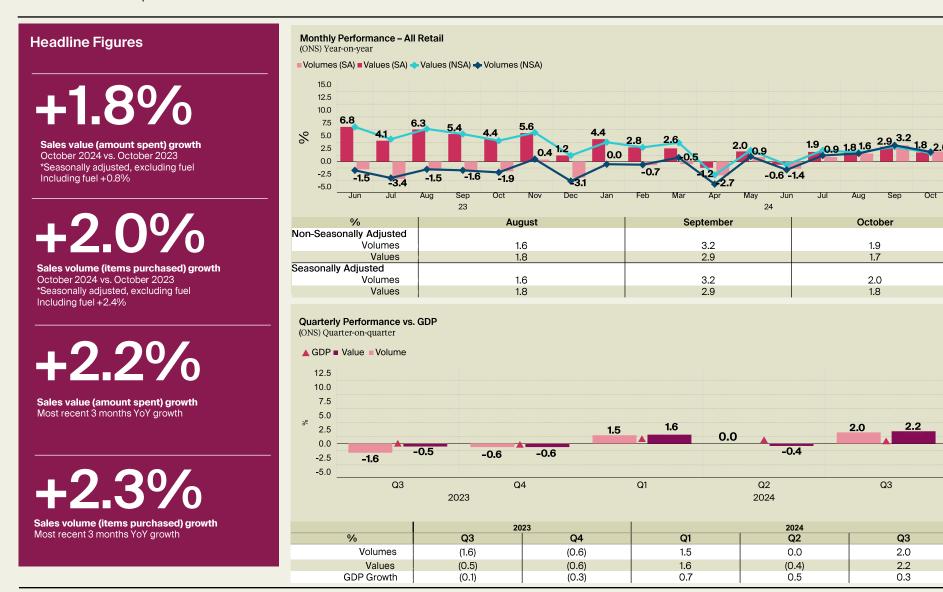
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Key Messages

- October saw weak consumer demand, with retail sales values growing by a modest +1.8%. Volumes grew by a healthier +2.0%, but the rate of implied deflation (-0.2%) is a concern.
- Grocery demand was inexplicably weak (values -1.3% / volumes -2.6%) and remained the main drag on performance. Non-food was stronger (values +4.1% / volumes +4.9%), albeit deflationary (-0.8%).
- In terms of categories, it was a good month for jewellery, cosmetics, and books, with both value and volume growth. However, it was a poor month for clothing, footwear, and furniture.
- Online penetration declined by 10bps to 27.7% of total retail sales, with online spend down -1.2% month-on-month.

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