

But recent years have not been kind to Woolworths as shoppers have turned to supermarkets or the internet to gain better value, leaving the chain facing dramatic declines in sales in recent years. The stores made a loss of £72.5 million in the six months to August 2.

Major shareholders in Woolworths include property developer Ardeshir Naghshineh, who is the group's largest shareholder with a 10.2pc stake, and Baugur, the troubled Icelandic investor, which owns 10.1pc.

The support of Burdale Financial and GMAC Commercial which lent Woolworths £385m last January, secured against a range of the retailer's assets, will also be key.

Advisers to the board have expressed increasing frustration in recent days about the lenders' attitude and the collapse of Woolworths is likely to renew the debate about the responsibility of lenders in a downturn.

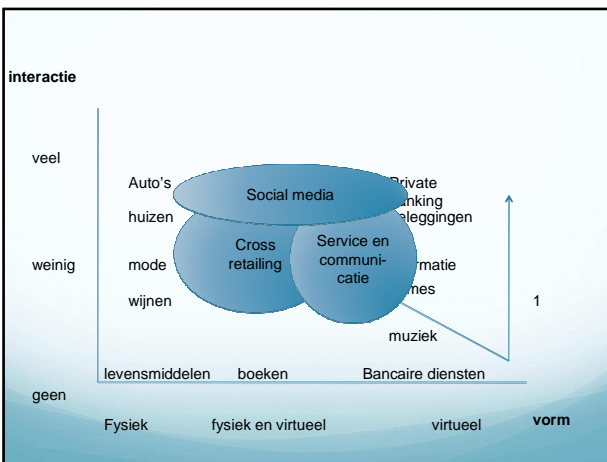
"They are putting rebuilding their balance sheet before lending to a viable UK business with blue-chip clients," an executive close to Woolworths' board said last week.

Tesco launches UK's first 'drive-thru' supermarket

It has moved into banking, pet insurance and telecoms, but Tesco will expand its reach further this week with the launch of the UK's first ever "drive-thru" supermarket.

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The service will allow customers to pick up their weekly shop without leaving their car.



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De wereld is transparant
De mens is connected, altijd
Het gedrag is niet meer bepaald
Conducta is de "driver of change"
Facilites veranderen, flexibel, losse en verbonden

Technology facilitates change

Aanpassen en overleven, kansen zien en benutten
Ondernemers moeten in spelen op:
het "nieuwe" gedrag en op de wensen van klanten
Particulieren en bedrijven
Persoonlijk, individueel en betrokken

Nieuwe ontwikkelingen
Mobile Internet: location based services
Augmented reality
Near field communication

RFID: tracking en tracing
Mobile betalen
Automatische identificatie

Mobile security
Communicatie
interactie

Integreer in koopmoment en communicatie



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