

Shoprite to discontinue operations in Nigeria

The Shoprite Group is exiting Nigeria after 15 years. The Cape Town-based company - the largest grocery retailer Africa - announced the decision in a trading update this week.



"Following approaches from various potential investors, and in line with our re-evaluation of the Group's operating model in Nigeria, the Board has decided to initiate a formal process to consider the potential sale of all, or a majority stake, in Retail Supermarkets Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of Shoprite International Limited," the company said.

The retailer has 25 stores in Nigeria, all of which will be discontinued by a later communicated date.



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Shoprite said the results for the year do not reflect any of its operations in Nigeria as it will be classified as discontinued operation.

Group sales rose by 6.4% to about R156.9 billion in the 52 weeks to 28 June, the group said. As a result of the lockdown, customer visits declined by 7.4%, while the average basket spend increased by 18.4%.

However, international supermarkets (excluding Nigeria) contributed 11.6% to group sales, and reported a 1.4% decline in sales from 2018. South African operations contributed 78% of overall sales and saw 8.7% rise for the year.



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