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RETAILING SUMMARY REPORT

Retailing:

Consumer spending will be impacted by the following factors:

Negatives:

1. Gasoline prices
2. Iraq

Positives:

1. Rising income
2. Sharply increased tourism (reflecting the weaker dollar)
3. Trading up
4. Gift cards percentage up significantly
5. Internet sales rising (both on store sites and for pure internet firms)

In our opinion, spending will remain strong for at least the next five or six quarters.

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