

## press release

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### Tesco results give investors reason to shop around

- Those seeking high returns should look elsewhere
- Tesco still listed as a buy for long-term investors

**Tesco's share price rose 5% this morning following today's announcement that profits reached £3.13bn, the highest ever recorded for a UK retailer. Nick Raynor, investment adviser at The Share Centre explains despite phenomenal profits, investors may want to shop around for better value.**

"Today's results show Tesco is still the nation's favourite supermarket. Its advertising focus on 'every little helps' appears to have reassured consumers looking to cut costs on their weekly shop, that Tesco is still the best bet for good value food and clothing items.

"However, the supermarket giant may not offer the best value for shareholders and investors alike. Although Tesco is undoubtedly a good share for those who are looking for a low risk investment offering slow-to-steady growth, those looking to bolster their income or profit from market volatility could do better elsewhere.

"We are still listing Tesco as a buy for long-term investors, but shareholders looking for income should be aware that Tesco is currently offering dividends well below the market average. The supermarket is yielding just 3.5% as opposed to the FTSE 100 average of 5.1%.

"Seasoned investors looking to take advantage of current weakness in the market could consider dipping in and out of the banking and mining sector, although this is only for those willing to accept high levels of risk."

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