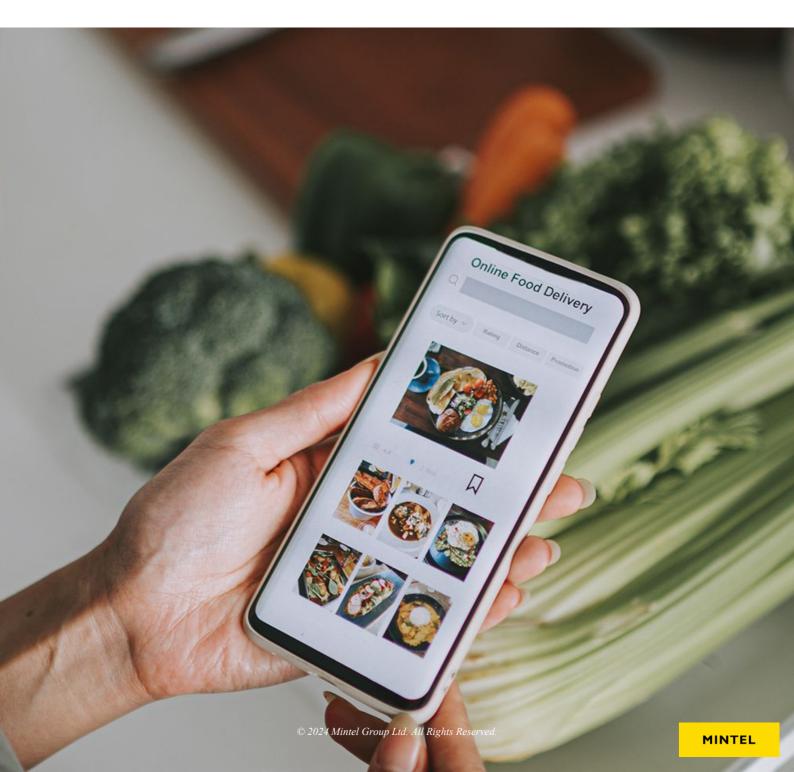
FOOD AND NON-FOOD DISCOUNTERS – GERMANY – 2021

While food and non-food discounters experienced diverging growth during the pandemic, both types of discounters are well placed to expand their online presence.



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