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"Italian footwear retailers have been performing well, but competition is intensifying from the expansion of the fast fashion chains and from online pureplayers. The opportunities lie in modernising footwear retailing and in selling online."

– Natalie Macmillan, Senior European Retail Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Which retailers had been used for footwear shopping, in-store and online
- Agreement with a variety of attitude statements towards shopping for footwear

Spending on footwear in Italy has been more robust than that on clothing in the last few years and the top ten specialist footwear chains have grown their combined sales by 20% over the last three years. Independents and traditional shoe shops remain popular, but the multiples are growing share, with PittaRosso, in particular, expanding strongly. Competition from fast fashion retailers and from online has not been as strong as in some other countries, but these two channels are building momentum. Online remains underdeveloped, but fashion is a popular category through this channel and growing fast. Only a few footwear specialists sell online, and they lag far behind the online specialists in terms of range and services offered.

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