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**Free Writing Prospectus** 

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The Kroger Co.

Pricing Term Sheet Dated September 26, 2016

Issuer: Security Type: Trade Date: Settlement Date: Denominations: Ratings (Moody s / S&P / Fitch)\*: The Kroger Co. Senior Notes September 26, 2016 October 3, 2016 (T+5) \$2,000 x \$1,000 Baa1 / BBB / BBB

1.500% Senior Notes Due 2019

Principal Amount: Maturity Date: Coupon: Benchmark Treasury: Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: Spread to Benchmark Treasury: Yield to Maturity: Price to Public: Interest Payment Dates: Make-Whole Call: CUSIP/ISIN: \$500,000,000 September 30, 2019 1.500% UST 0.875% due September 15, 2019 100-00 ¾ / 0.867% T + 65 basis points 1.517% 99.951% March 30 and September 30, commencing on March 30, 2017 Treasury Rate plus 10 basis points 501044 DD0 / US501044DD07

2.650% Senior Notes Due 2026

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Principal Amount: Maturity Date: Coupon: Benchmark Treasury: Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: Spread to Benchmark Treasury: Yield to Maturity: Price to Public: Interest Payment Dates: Make-Whole Call: \$750,000,000 October 15, 2026 2.650% UST 1.500% due August 15, 2026 99-06+ / 1.587% T + 110 basis points 2.687% 99.676% April 15 and October 15, commencing on April 15, 2017 Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points (prior to Par Call: CUSIP/ISIN: July 15, 2026) On or after July 15, 2026 (three months prior to maturity)

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3.875% Senior Notes Due 2046

Principal Amount: Maturity Date: Coupon: Benchmark Treasury: Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: Spread to Benchmark Treasury: Yield to Maturity: Price to Public: Interest Payment Dates: Make-Whole Call: Par Call: CUSIP/ISIN:

Joint Book-Running Managers:

\$500,000,000 October 15, 2046 3.875% UST 2.500% due May 15, 2046 103-22 / 2.327% T + 155 basis points 3.877% 99.963% April 15 and October 15, commencing on April 15, 2017 Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points (prior to April 15, 2046) On or after April 15, 2046 (six months prior to maturity) 501044 DF5 / US501044DF54

1.500% Senior Notes Due 2019 Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC Fifth Third Securities, Inc. Santander Investment Securities Inc.

2.650% Senior Notes Due 2026 and 3.875% Senior Notes Due 2046 Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC Fifth Third Securities, Inc. PNC Capital Markets LLC

Co-Managers:

1.500% Senior Notes Due 2019 BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC PNC Capital Markets LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated MUFG Securities Americas Inc. Mizuho Securities USA Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

2.650% Senior Notes Due 2026 and 3.875% Senior Notes Due 2046 BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC Santander Investment Securities Inc. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated MUFG Securities Americas Inc. Mizuho Securities USA Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. CastleOak Securities, L.P.

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