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- Small business and commercial use provide some support
- High merchant fees reduce merchant acceptance

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- Low limits contribute to low transaction and average spend growth, though digitalisation offers hope

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