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The Kroger Co.

Pricing Term Sheet Dated January 7, 2019

Issuer: The Kroger Co. Security Type: Senior Notes Trade Date: January 7, 2019 Settlement Date: January 14, 2019 (T+5) Denominations: \$2,000 x \$1,000 Baa1 / BBB Expected Ratings (Moody s / S&P)*:

4.500% Senior Notes Due 2029

Principal Amount: \$600,000,000 Maturity Date: January 15, 2029 Coupon: 4.500%

Benchmark Treasury: UST 3.125% due November 15, 2028 Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: 103-28 / 2.675%

T + 190 basis points Spread to Benchmark Treasury:

Yield to Maturity: 4.575%

Price to Public: 99.403% of the principal amount

Interest Payment Dates: January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2019

Optional Redemption Provisions: Make-whole Call: Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points (prior to October 15, 2028)

Par Call: On or after October 15, 2028 (three months prior to maturity) CUSIP/ISIN: 501044 DL2 / US501044DL23

5.400% Senior Notes Due 2049

Principal Amount: \$600,000,000 Maturity Date: January 15, 2049

Coupon: 5.400%

Benchmark Treasury: UST 3.000% due August 15, 2048

Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: Spread to Benchmark Treasury: Yield to Maturity: Price to Public:

100-16 / 2.974% T + 245 basis points

5.424%

99.646% of the principal amount

Interest Payment Dates:

Optional Redemption Provisions:

Make-whole Call:

Par Call: CUSIP/ISIN:

January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2019

Treasury Rate plus 40 basis points (prior to July 15, 2048) On or after July 15, 2048 (six months prior to maturity)

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Joint Book-Running Managers:

4.500% Senior Notes Due 2029

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. BB&T Capital Markets, a division of

BB&T Securities, LLC BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC MUFG Securities Americas Inc.

5.400% Senior Notes Due 2049

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

Fifth Third Securities, Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC Santander Investment Securities Inc.

Co-Managers:

4.500% Senior Notes Due 2029

Fifth Third Securities, Inc. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

Mizuho Securities USA LLC PNC Capital Markets LLC

RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Santander Investment Securities Inc. Drexel Hamilton, LLC

5.400% Senior Notes Due 2049

BB&T Capital Markets, a division of

BB&T Securities, LLC BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Mizuho Securities USA LLC

MUFG Securities Americas Inc.

PNC Capital Markets LLC U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

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