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“Despite facing a series of headwinds the contract catering industry has continued to grow in 2019. Increased labour costs and falling business investment have held the sector back, but robust consumer spending and growth in the leisure economy have offered some reprieve.”

– **Francesco Salau, B2B Analyst**

This report looks at the following areas:

- **Brexit may add to the costs of future minimum wage increases**
- **Vegetarian and vegan options have moved from niche to normal**

The value of the contract catering industry grew moderately in 2019 to reach £5.8 billion. Robust consumer spending, the growth of the leisure economy, and the mainstreaming of alternative diets has helped the sector counter serious headwinds.

Headwinds came in the form of rising labour costs due to minimum wage increases, and Brexit-related uncertainty which has reduced business investment and raised input costs through currency devaluation.

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