

#### June 2016

##### Garden Products Retailing - UK

“Competition in garden retailing is intensifying as merger and acquisition activity is reshaping the specialist and DIY sectors, creating large multiple chains in an industry which as recently as 10 years ago was dominated by independent companies and small chains. The nature of specialist retailing is also changing with major ...

#### May 2016

##### DIY Retailing - UK

“The UK DIY market remains challenging with growth in consumer spending slowing and retail sales through the specialists going into decline. Quality and staff expertise are key points of difference for the specialists, but they need to find a way to bring this closer to the everyday lives of consumers ...

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##### Department Stores - UK

“Department stores have reinvented themselves. They have become destination stores for younger customers offering aspirational brands, complemented by great own brands. The best department stores recognise that a store is much more than somewhere to just buy products, it should be a leisure destination with a retail offering that is ...

##### Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

“Mintel’s consumer confidence data shows that the economy only has, at best, an indirect impact on sentiment. When the UK economy was outperforming most of its peers, many people were still pretty wary. However, in 2016 sentiment has continued to trend upwards, despite disappointing growth in the economy as a ...

##### Convenience Stores - UK

“Consumers are increasingly looking for convenience in all aspects of their grocery buying habits. That is why we have seen a shift to more fluid grocery shopping habits with consumers, particularly younger consumers, shopping on a more when-needed basis. This shift has fuelled the convenience market and the leading players ...