

## March 2015

### Menswear - UK

“The men’s clothing market has been growing at a faster rate than womenswear. Discounting has been a big issue across the clothing sector, but menswear is likely to have benefited from fewer men being interested in special offers than women.”

– Tamara Sender, Senior Fashion Analyst

## February 2015

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

“People are finally starting to feel the benefit of the recovery in their pay packets. After five years, average wages are finally increasing more quickly than prices. Although this will take time to feed through into consumer confidence, there are signs that spending habits are changing.

### Optical Goods Retailing - UK

“The market for optical goods in the UK is concentrating into the hands of three major companies: Specsavers, Boots Opticians and Vision Express. Although Specsavers is reaching saturation in terms of store numbers we have seen Boots on an expansion trail, while Vision Express has been expanding by buying up ...

## January 2015

### Handbags - UK

“There is real growth potential for the men’s accessories market as younger generations of men have become accustomed to using manbags, with 20% of 18-24s carrying one with them most of the time.”

– Tamara Sender, Senior Fashion Analyst