

December 2008

Self Invested Personal Pensions - SIPP - UK

The market for self-invested personal pensions (SIPPs) has, on paper, been a real boom area over the last three years. Exponential growth from a very low base had created a market with £50 billion in assets under management prior to the Q3 2008 stockmarket shake-out. Growth has been driven by ...

November 2008

Life Insurance and Protection - UK

The life protection industry provides a vital service by allowing consumers to protect themselves and their families from the potentially devastating financial impact of death, critical illness or long periods of unemployment. However, despite the fact that individuals are increasingly being required to take on greater responsibility for their own ...

September 2008

Retirement Planning - UK

With a rapidly ageing UK population that is spending increasingly more time in retirement, due to improvements in longevity, it can be argued that planning for retirement has never been more important. This is especially true if one considers the fact that company support for workplace pensions schemes has declined ...

August 2008

Annuities - UK

The UK annuity market is currently in a healthy state, and prospects look promising. Over the next few years, more people are due to come to the market, as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age. The pool of defined-contribution pension savers is set to get a significant boost in ...

July 2008

Occupational and Group Pensions - UK

As a large proportion of the UK population are rapidly heading towards retirement, ensuring adequate pension provision is becoming more important than ever before. Ironically, however, employer support for company pension schemes has gradually declined in recent times. Many firms in the UK have simply found it too onerous to ...

April 2008

Preparing for the National Pension Savings Scheme - UK

Encouraging more people to make provision for their own retirement is a primary aim of the UK government. Reform after reform has centred on restoring consumer faith in the pensions industry and boosting take-up of pensions, albeit with varying degrees of success. Examples include the launch of stakeholder pensions in ...

March 2008

Personal and Stakeholder Pensions - UK

The overall market for personal pensions has been growing steadily over the last few years, although pension ownership amongst the adult population in the UK remains relatively low. SIPPs have become increasingly popular over the last few years, whilst stakeholder pensions have failed to achieve the success that many had ...

February 2008

Critical Illness Cover - UK

This report examines the key issues facing the critical illness industry today. It considers the current economic factors and the impact of industry and regulatory changes. The overall size of the critical illness market is assessed, while the report also identifies key players and innovation within the market. It also ...