

Retail: Overview - UK

December 2009

Value Clothing Retailing - UK

The value clothing market is continuing to grow strongly, up an estimated 6% in 2009 to £8.1 billion. With a similar growth rate in 2008, sales of value clothing have not been dented by the consumer downturn.

November 2009

Food Retailing - UK

People want their grocery shopping to be convenient. But, in contradiction of popular myth, most people (85%) don't mind grocery shopping, although 35% admit that they find it a chore.

October 2009

Housewares Retailing - UK

- The impact of the recession on housewares is clearly shown by 2.5 million fewer adults buying housewares in 2009 compared with 2006, with purchases such as curtains and lighting among the most affected.
- Among retailers it is the supermarkets and Wilkinson's who have gained the most ground since ...

September 2009

Convenience Stores - UK

Convenience retailing is changing fast. For years, it changed little while the food retailing market leaders concentrated on developing superstores to serve the primary weekly shop. But in the last ten years those same market leaders have turned their attention to Cstores and developed formats that serve consumers far better.

July 2009

Fashion Accessories Retailing -UK

Clothing Retailing - UK

There is more choice than ever before in the UK's clothing mass-market. But it has been dominated by price for much of the last ten years, as cheaper sourcing from the Far East has facilitated the growth of value retailers.

Online Grocery Retailing - UK

The UK online grocery market is estimated at £4.4 billion (including sales tax and delivery charges) in 2009, having more than doubled (134% growth) in value over 2005-09. Rapidly rising food inflation, particularly in 2008, has contributed to high value growth in the sector, while dampening demand in volume ...

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Belts are the most popular fashion accessory, with more than 16 million broadband users buying at least one in the last year. The over-35s have less interest in buying accessories as they have changing spending priorities. Instead, there exist opportunities to promote belts to the accessories-buying 16-24s who are the ...

April 2009

Underwear Retailing - UK

The underwear market is not insulated from the Credit Crunch and UK recession: after a relatively good 2008, which saw the sector grow by 2.3% on 2007 and reach a value of £3.4 billion, Mintel estimates that it will decline by 1.2% in 2009. Menswear will be ...

March 2009

Retail Review - UK

Unprecedented numbers of large retail companies have been affected by administration since the last such report in 2008. And a continuing stream of bad economic and employment news means that the bottom of the financial downturn has yet to be reached.

January 2009

Department Store Retailing - UK

Consolidation has been a feature of the department store sector in the last ten years, both in terms of operator numbers and the range of goods sold.

Non-foods in Grocery Multiples -UK

Sales of non-foods by grocers like Tesco and Asda have boomed in the past five years, rising by 52% since 2003 to reach £20.4 billion annually. But now they are facing a tougher environment as consumer spending slows, out-of-town hypermarket space becomes more difficult to obtain and the ageing ...