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Small Business Overview - UK

“SMEs are not only a highly important aspect of the UK economy, representing more than 49% of all economic activity, but have also outperformed the enterprise sector over the past five years, recording growth of 21% while enterprise growth has been restricted to just 8%.

– **Terry Leggett, Senior Industrial ...**

Commercial Borrowing - UK

“Growth is essential for firms that want to respond to a changing marketplace and maintain their competitive edge, with external funding helping enable this expansion of operations. However, lenders can find it difficult to prove affordability for credit without a significant trading history, driving a trend for new businesses to ...