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Garden Products Retailing - UK

"The garden products market was helped by good weather and improved consumer confidence. Spend is expected to grow by helped by a real upturn in personal disposable income which should boost consumer confidence further. The long-term trends are for market growth, but individual years can be volatile, affected by the ...

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DIY Retailing - UK

"The outlook for the DIY market is tough. We think that the recent strength in the sector – spending rose by 10% in 2014 to £14.2 billion and should grow by another 7.5% in 2015 – is catch-up spending after the recession. In the longer term the combined ...

Greetings Cards - UK

"Despite competition from digital communications and social media, sales of greetings cards are holding up well. Sales of single cards (not including boxed) grew from £1,428 million in 2013 to £1,456 million in 2014, up 2%."

Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

“Economic improvements are finally beginning to be felt at the consumer level. Falling prices of essentials and rising wages are helping incomes go further and there are indications that people are beginning to relax their budgets and spend on items and experiences that have been out of reach during the ...

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White Goods - UK

"Large domestic appliances are not a ‘take home today’ purchase and so most people will order them for home delivery. Plus they are mainly products which have definite specifications, making them easy to find online and for people to compare prices. So online shopping has grown rapidly and we estimate ...

Department Store Retailing - UK

"The main department stores have been among the types of retailers leading the way in both expanding delivery options and click-and-collect as consumers are increasingly looking for the easiest and most convenient way to shop and receive their purchases."

– Tamara Sender, Senior Fashion Analyst

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