



October 2022

Ceramic Tiles - UK

"The ceramic tile market entered a period of very strong demand following the initial highly disruptive impact of COVID-19. Even after the initial pent-up demand, conditions remained favourable and demand was very strong. However, conditions in 2022 are changing strongly as the year progresses, and the prospects for 2023 and ...

September 2022

B2B Economic Outlook - UK

"As the service sector recovers and stabilises from the impact of COVID-19, firms are now facing a new and sustained challenge from rapidly rising prices. This will stifle growth across the economy as inflation hits supply chains from producers through to end-consumers"

– Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst

Plumbing - UK

"COVID-19 strongly disrupted plumbing product markets in the first half of 2020, but there was a strong recovery in the second half of the year that continued into 2021, though with less impact from pent-up demand. The first half of 2022 has held up surprisingly well in the face of ...

July 2022

Thermal Insulation - UK

"The recent buoyancy in thermal insulation demand in the private housing RMI sector is now strongly challenged by the fuel cost inflation pressure. However, soaring energy costs also provide a positive impetus for thermal insulation demand, especially affordable measures such as loft insulation and draught proofing as homeowners look for ...

Residential Windows & Doors - UK

"2020 was a year of contrasting fortunes emanating from the pandemic. Pent-up demand, particularly in the repair, maintenance and improvement (RMI) sector, propelled demand in 2021, and while 2022 started briskly, the mounting issues of rampant inflation, consumer confidence and at the same time cost price increases are repeating the ...

June 2022

B2B Economic Outlook - UK

"One of the biggest challenges facing the economy is a surge in inflation. Rising inflation was widely expected to be transitory when global economies reopened in 2021. However, the conflict in Ukraine sent energy prices spiralling, which has raised long-term inflation expectations and increased uncertainty about the post-COVID-19 economic recovery ...



April 2022

Construction - UK

“The construction market, covering a variety of end use markets, has shown major variation in demand firstly with Brexit and then COVID-19. Extreme changes in demand were seen in for example the private housing RMI sector during the pandemic but the buoyancy of demand in 2020 is now strongly challenged ...

Electrical Wholesalers - UK

“Prospects for the electrical wholesale market are set to remain highly competitive, compounded by increased competition from online and multichannel retailers.

March 2022

B2B Economic Outlook - UK

“With economic growth likely to weaken in comparison to 2021 and inflationary pressures affecting businesses, both in terms of costs and staff recruitment, it is vital that strategies are in place in order to be able to ride out yet more market disturbances.”

– **Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst**

February 2022

Schools, Universities and Hospitals - UK

“The prospects for the UK market for new construction of schools, universities and health facilities are strong, driven by a significant increase in public capital expenditure on schools and hospitals as the government starts to tackle the condition of both estates by committing to long-term capital investment.

Key commitments include ...