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Kitchens and Kitchen Furniture - UK

"Today's consumers are seeking a stylish solution to kitchen design, but also one which is clever in terms of storage and ways to organise the space in the room. Suppliers have been responding to these demands by continually releasing new styles and designs. They have also been adding in greater ...

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Bathrooms and Bathroom Accessories - UK

"Although there is still a plentiful choice of conventional bathroom suites (a bath, mixer taps, toilet and washbasin), modern style and design has moved the bathroom into a new era. The latest bathrooms are a complex mixture of stylish fittings, digital-age devices, water-saving gadgetry and electronically controlled features. And the ...

Fabric Care - UK

"The market was boosted during 2010 by the entry of P&G's Ariel brand into stain removers, but the sector faces a challenge in continuing to encourage more people to buy separate fabric care products when laundry detergents and fabric conditioners are also offering added benefits, such as colour care and ...

Furniture Retailing - UK

"Restructuring of the furniture sector is on-going with specialist retailers continuing to fall by the wayside partly because of weak consumer demand and partly because specialists have failed to defend their share from encroachment from non-specialists, including grocers. The growing trend to online browsing and buying is becoming a major ...

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Washers and Dryers - UK

"The pace of change in laundry appliances has been breathtaking as manufacturers have pushed the boundaries of capacity, energy efficiency and functionality. New models wash the clothes faster than before and at lower temperatures and incorporate technology that takes the guesswork out of selecting the best programme, or deciding how ...

Consumers and The Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

The report includes an overview of the changes in household well-being over the last three years, a breakdown of planned and recent spending, and consumers' assessment of the potential impact of the government's austerity measures.