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Consumers and the Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

“The increase in confidence that we discussed in Consumers and the Economic Outlook – UK – March 2018 clearly wasn’t a one-off. Our confidence data has been running for almost a decade now, and people’s assessments, both of their current financial situation and how they expect their finances to shape ...

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DIY Retailing - UK

“Pressure is mounting on the DIY sector, with spending becoming increasingly fragmented and shifting from specialists to non-specialists. The pressure comes from external sources, including the shift away from home ownership, slowing activity in the housing market and increasing competition, but also internal ones such as the disruptions caused by ...

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Major Domestic Appliances - UK

“The market for major domestic appliances has continued to grow, but at a slower rate than previous years. The replacement market remains resilient, but replacement purchases can occur unexpectedly leading consumers to prioritise price and speed of replacement, rather than taking the time to research and upgrade to the latest ...

Garden Product Retailing - UK

“The outlook for garden products retailers is tough, as competition intensifies, both in-store and online. B&Q will build on its strengths as a place where novice gardeners can get something to cheer up their plots easily and will pick up market share because of the disruption at Bunnings-owned Homebase. Meanwhile ...

Carpets and Floorcoverings - UK

“The carpet and floorcovering sector is set to continue growing in line with a buoyant housing market, but times are ‘a-changing’ in the sector. As competition increases, and space for new retailers becomes available with the decline of Carpetright, we can expect to see new offerings and product ranges from ...

Department Stores - UK

“The UK department store sector remains challenging, with a number of the leading players struggling to carve out their niche in a crowded retail market. Innovation has been centred on creating a compelling in-store environment and whilst this is important, research suggests that department store retailers should be doing more ...