



# October 2021

# Mechanical and Electrical Engineering - UK

"The combination of technological advances, Brexit, COVID-19 and the emerging policies surrounding net zero are all having a profound impact on the M&E sector. Accompanying these huge influences is a new government emphasis on infrastructure in an effort to stimulate the economy. The market is set for growth and at ...

## **B2B** Economic Outlook - UK

"Government support through the pandemic has enabled a rapid restart in activity following the end of mandatory COVID-19 restrictions. Although statistics are distorted on an annual basis, clear signs of recovery are abundant. In the short and medium term however, growing labour and goods supply issues could slow momentum, and ...

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#### **Solar Panels - UK**

"The outlook for the UK solar panels market is bright, fuelled by the decarbonisation agenda across the public, commercial and residential sectors. Market growth is anticipated to be initially driven by subsidy-free, large-scale, solar deployment and commercial installations. With solar PV set to be included in the next CfD allocation ...

## **Bridging Loans - UK**

"With the end of the coronavirus business support schemes on the horizon, it is expected that more borrowers, developers and businesses alike, will turn to bridging to provide them with the means to complete projects and to boost cash flow levels."

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**Energy Industry - UK** 

#### Serviced Offices - UK

"While changes in working practices beyond COVID-19 will result in an overall reduction in office space requirements, offices will still be needed but with a greater requirement for more flexible space and shorter leases. The growing popularity of hybrid working models and the emergence of the "work near home" concept ...

## **Cloud Computing - UK**

"The cloud computing model is inherently designed to handle fluctuating demand and was therefore ideally placed to handle the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Cloud computing was already in strong growth prior to the economic disruptions of Brexit and COVID-19, partly reflecting its embryonic development, but the pandemic served to ...

# **House Building - UK**

The house building industry recovered strongly from the disruption caused by COVID-19, benefitting from the impact of the stamp duty holiday that has driven demand though H2 2020. This, alongside delays to completions and a preference for larger homes, has put pressure on prices as home buyers take advantage of ...

#### **Ceramic Tiles - UK**

"The ceramic tiles sector was severely disrupted by COVID-19 in Q2 2020. Against this some of the measures imposed to stimulate the wider economy created very strong conditions and H2 2020 and H1 2021 witnessed a major upturn in demand in the important residential RMI sector. Those conditions will be ...

**Plumbing - UK** 







"With green tariffs becoming more ubiquitous, energy suppliers must do more to differentiate their green credentials. Suppliers should consider offering services and products to help consumers live more sustainably in their homes. This can unlock new opportunities for growth and create competitive advantage.

Suppliers can more actively engage with customers ...

#### **Adult Social Care - UK**

"With the demand on services only expected to increase, councils need to embrace more innovative solutions to mitigate the financial risk this issue presents. However, the continued delay in the publication of the Green Paper is a sign of the ongoing lack of consensus and thinking that should be being ...

### **Thermal Insulation - UK**

"The UK market for thermal insulation is set for a strong recovery, driven by pent-up demand and a buoyant housebuilding sector. The move to higher energy efficiency standards and low carbon heating in the Future Homes Standard will also exert a positive influence on thermal insulation demand.

In the retro-fit ...

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#### **Blockchain - UK**

"Blockchain is now more than a decade old and the commercialisation of the technology beyond cryptocurrencies is extending beyond the banking and finance sectors. Its potential remains enormous and the market is beginning to grow rapidly. While it remains early days for application in the banking and finance sector, cryptocurrencies ...

#### **Dentistry - UK**

"As part of the ongoing response to the pandemic, the interruption to dental service provision has had, and will continue to have, an impact on the income and sustainability of practices, dental laboratories, the dental supply sector, self-employed dental care professionals and support staff. Whilst the risk of widespread insolvency ...

"2020 saw an unprecedented decline in activity as restrictions were initially imposed. However, the government-introduced Stamp Duty holiday, combined with the low interest rates associated with COVID-19, caused hugely favourable conditions for plumbing products in the important replacement market in the second half of the year and the first half ...

## **Conferencing and Events - UK**

"The impact of lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions saw the conferencing and events sector among the hardesthit industries. Government support has been instrumental in supporting business, but the sector has seen skilled workers leave, which could hamper recovery. Pent-up consumer demand will drive leisure events, while areas such as business that ...

#### Software - UK

"Digital transformation programmes across business and public sectors were rapidly advanced during 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the twinned forces of the continued trend towards software as a service and the increased capability and ease of personalisation of packaged software conspired to restrict growth in the value of software ...

# **Commercial Property - UK**

"The commercial property market had already begun to enter a phase of structural change well before the onset of the pandemic. The impact of COVID-19 has accelerated many existing trends including the demise of the traditional high street, the rapid rise of ecommerce and urban logistics, and a shift towards ...