

## September 2021

### Kitchens and Kitchen Furniture - UK

“Kitchens spending rebounded in the past year, having dropped in 2020 amid a particularly tumultuous middle of the year. Ultimately, extended periods inside have consolidated the kitchen’s role as the hub of the home, prompting many to boost immediate spending; but also, seeing others reassess their layout, and prioritise it ...

### Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“The end of social distancing and the associated boost to retail, leisure and entertainment spend brought about an immediate rebound in economic activity, and GDP grew by 4.8% in Q2 2021. Consumers have also responded positively, with Mintel’s current financial wellbeing and financial confidence trackers reaching new record-highs in ...

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### Bathroom and Bathroom Accessories - UK

“Despite the events of the last 18 months, the bathroom and bathroom accessories sector recovered after an initial shock to experience growth in 2020 and the outlook looks positive for 2021. Amid unprecedented time spent at home, and reduced opportunities to spend elsewhere, consumers turned to DIY and home improvement ...

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### Department Stores - UK

“Department stores have been rocked by COVID-19 and face increased competition from pureplays and fashion retailers expanding into new categories. They will need to respond by widening and elevating the in-store services they offer to encourage customers to visit stores, as well as making shopping easier by blending the in-store ...

### Furniture Retailing - UK

“Furniture spending dropped sharply in mid-2020, driven by store closures, a sharp decline in the housing market and a reduced appetite for big-ticket purchases. This has quickly recovered, however, as the home gained from extended periods inside and redirected spending. Nonetheless, this disruption has sent shockwaves across the retailing landscape ...