

December 2017

Small Business Overview - UK

“SMEs are not only a highly important aspect of the UK economy, representing more than 49% of all economic activity, but have also outperformed the enterprise sector over the past five years, recording growth of 21% while enterprise growth has been restricted to just 8%.

– Terry Leggett, Senior Industrial ...

Commercial Borrowing - UK

“Growth is essential for firms that want to respond to a changing marketplace and maintain their competitive edge, with external funding helping enable this expansion of operations. However, lenders can find it difficult to prove affordability for credit without a significant trading history, driving a trend for new businesses to ...

September 2017

Public Expenditure - UK

“A year on from the Brexit referendum, the primary determinate of public expenditure in the period beyond exit negotiations remains the speculative impact that renegotiated trade deals will have on national income. This uncertainty was compounded by the 2017 general election, which revealed growing weariness from the public around ongoing ...

August 2017

Commercial Mortgages - UK

“One year on, new commercial property lending activity looks to have remained largely unchanged despite Brexit, though it fell as expected from 2015. However, the structure of the market has changed, with a suppression of major financial commitments, a shift from new acquisitions to refinancing of existing deals, widening regional ...

July 2017

Bridging Loans - UK

“Despite increased regulation, the industry has had many new entrants over the last two years. However, bridgers must be wary of there being a greater amount of funds available to borrowers than the number who actually need them.”

– Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

Commercial Property - UK

“The overall outlook for the commercial property market is cautiously optimistic considering current economic and political uncertainties. In the short term, the market is set to be supported by continued occupier demand in key sectors, especially the industrial sector, and a relatively robust economic performance despite Brexit concerns. The investment ...

March 2017

Commercial Banking and Finance - UK

“The UK’s decision to leave the European Union in June 2016 has created an environment of uncertainty for small business owners, which is likely to continue for the foreseeable future while exit negotiations take place. ‘Brexit’, as well as low interest rates and potentially weaker economic growth going forward, is ...

Accounting and Financial Management - UK

“Consultancy will continue to represent the strongest growth potential for accountancy firms, with digital technology and data analytics expected to become an even bigger part of the consulting market. While Brexit-induced uncertainty is likely to negatively impact the market, it will also present opportunities for accountants to provide advisory services ...

February 2017

B2B Insurance - UK

“The rapid introduction of new technologies, such as telematics, and the growing importance of data and analytics, have demonstrated to insurance companies just how quickly the market can be disrupted by new ideas or non-traditional competitors. As insurers seek to build partnerships and alliances in the ‘insurtech’ sector, they must ...