

December 2015

Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

"Mintel's key measures of consumer confidence show that people are still wary. Although the improvements in sentiment that accompanied the end of the income squeeze have been sustained, 2015 has been a year of consolidation, rather than one of soaring consumer spirits. Earlier in the year, the election added ...

September 2015

Retirement Planning: Pre-retirement - UK

"Online tools that provide projections of what pension funds may be worth based on current contributions by an expected retirement date will help savers to take a more goal-oriented approach to their retirement planning. Services like this could be the key to bringing retirement planning to the fore much earlier ...

August 2015

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"The generally positive outlook of the economic climate, and the benefits that are gradually being witnessed at the individual level, means that the people of Britain are finally regaining their confidence. For the first time since the economic downturn, Mintel's data shows that more people feel better off compared to ...

May 2015

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"Economic improvements are finally beginning to be felt at the consumer level. Falling prices of essentials and rising wages are helping incomes go further and there are indications that people are beginning to relax their budgets and spend on items and experiences that have been out of reach during the ...

April 2015

Mortgage Advice - UK

“The Mortgage Market Review (MMR) has tipped the scales in favour of advised sales. Increased demand following the pension reforms is set to create further opportunities for advisers. However, the housing shortage means younger consumers are pushed a step further away from affording their first home. This creeping marginalisation of ...

February 2015

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“People are finally starting to feel the benefit of the recovery in their pay packets. After five years, average wages are finally increasing more quickly than prices. Although this will take time to feed through into consumer confidence, there are signs that spending habits are changing.

January 2015

Retirement Planning: At/post Retirement - UK

“Without the comfort of generous defined-benefit (DB) pensions, relatively few people will be able to enjoy the luxury of actively choosing to embark on a phased retirement. More likely is that phased retirement will most commonly be a result of people working to supplement their state pension, and attempting to ...