

December 2018

Contract Catering - UK

"The contract catering market successfully navigated Brexit headwinds for a second year in 2018. Growth was underpinned by robust consumer expenditure and strong demand in business and industry and education, tied in part to record employment and pupil numbers.

However, margins remain pressured by mounting price competition, while the industry ...

Coffee Shops - UK

"With four in five coffee drinkers wanting to customise their drink, shops that offer create-your-own options will thrive in today's challenging high street conditions. But it's not just customisation that's important. Whether it's becoming destinations for work, socialising and convenience, focusing on sustainable schemes or meeting health goals, coffee shops ...

November 2018

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

"Financial well-being and confidence was lower in each of the three months to October than we reported throughout the summer months. This matches the stagnant economic performance in August and September. Overall though, most consumers are still getting by, and remain relatively optimistic about their financial future."

– Rich ...

September 2018

Eating Out Review - UK

"Foodservice operators that base their strategy around promotions are not doing enough to stand out. Brands also need to show that they care about the well-being of their customers by responding with menu choices that cater to healthy lifestyles."

- Trish Caddy, Foodservice Analyst

The Leisure Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

"The leisure industry continues to benefit from consumer drive towards experiences. As winter temperatures settle in, consumers are turning to indoor activities, especially visiting museums and art galleries. While pubs and nightclubs remain key to the night economy, operators need to find ways of holding up demand as consumers are ...

Pizza and Italian Restaurants - UK

"Consumers' desire to cook pizza or Italian food at home as well as the rise of "more adventurous cuisines" is forcing operators to innovate with menu choices and retail formats in order to maintain demand. While the spate of emerging pizza or Italian fads looks to have potential to retain ...

The Leisure Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

"Consumers are reprioritising their leisure spending towards sharing experiences and habitual leisure activities, including frequent visits to pubs for drinks, working out in a gym and buying takeaways. Meanwhile, England's success in the FIFA World Cup combined with the recent heatwave has helped boost the UK leisure economy."

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Burger and Chicken Restaurants - UK

“The biggest threat to the popularity of burger and chicken is the trend of consumers cutting back on eating meat. This is being driven by Younger Millennials who have either adopted a full-time vegan lifestyle or are simply eating more plant-based dishes. Operators now need to tackle this issue by ...

August 2018

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

“Consumers continue to worry about the impact Brexit will have on the UK economy. But people are still focussing much more on their own financial situations, which are currently in a pretty healthy state. The base rate rise will make it harder for some, but the general outlook is positive ...

Eating Out: The Decision Making Process - UK

“Visits to foodservice venues are driven mostly by discounts, which puts pressure on operators to maintain trading levels. While promotional activities remain prevalent, there is potential for these to be specifically targeted at celebratory occasions. Meanwhile, chain operators can’t rely solely on the convenience of their high street locations. Instead ...

June 2018

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 ...

The Leisure Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

“Consumers cut back on spending and put more focus on their health at the start of the year. As we approach summer peoples’ priorities appear to be shifting. A quality over quantity mind-set is still apparent but intention to spend on drinking and dining out is on the rise. Leisure ...

Attitudes towards Lunch Out-of-home - UK

“The convenience of quick meals is a key driver for the lunch-to-go market amongst time-poor consumers. Operators should also consider the grey pound as a good long-term growth driver for leisurely eating out occasions, led by Baby Boomers who are more inclined to sit down for a lunchtime meal.” ...

May 2018

Pub Visiting - UK

“Millennials are particularly likely to view pubs as all-round leisure experiences and are receptive to new and more unusual forms of entertainment. The difficulty for landlords will be to cater for these more open-minded pub-goers while also meeting the needs of more traditional patrons who tend to see the pub ...

Pub Catering - UK

“Eating at pubs is an affordable treat which should not be badly impacted in a consumer downturn, providing pub operators continue delivering excellent service as well as high quality yet affordable meals. In addition, pubs that make the most of non-traditional meal times can maximise profits coming from younger consumers ...

March 2018

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

“People are still wary about the potential impact of Brexit – particularly when it comes to the cost of living. But people seem able to separate these macro-economic concerns from their own personal financial situation. Unemployment remains at record lows, and while average wages are still increasingly more slowly than ...

Attitudes towards Home Delivery and Takeaway - UK

“Consumers’ need for quick convenient meals is confirmed, as four in five Brits have bought takeaway food recently. Young working adults and parents are driving demand for weekly home deliveries, prompted by the rise of online ordering and third-party services.”

– Trish Caddy, Foodservice Analyst

The Leisure Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

“Although participation in many leisure activities continues to grow there are areas of the market that may begin to struggle if consumers begin to increase their saving habits. There is a growing range of eating out venues so pubs and restaurants need to stay innovative.”

– Helen Fricker, Associate ...

February 2018

Menu Trends - UK

“Although older diners enjoy common cooking methods like roasting, steaming and stir frying, affluent 16-44-year-olds are driving the shift towards emerging food trends including smoking, curing, raw food, fermenting and pickling. Pizza brands are leveraging consumer demand for wood-fired oven cooking; however air pollution concerns may result in the banning ...

January 2018

Ethnic Restaurants and Takeaways - UK

“Much of ethnic restaurants and takeaways’ growth will come from businesses driving existing store performances on the back of strong brand management, menu development and home delivery options. ‘Foodism’ continues to fuel demand for new flavours found in ethnic cuisines, specifically among younger Millennials, parents and those living in urban ...

Retail Venue Catering - UK

“The UK’s love of eating out is providing opportunities for retailers to move into this sector. The boundaries of retail venue catering are increasingly being pushed with a simple supermarket café likely to become a thing of the past. Consumers are used to eating out regularly and in a bid ...