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Jewellery & Watches Retailing - UK

"The UK jewellery and watch market looks set to become increasingly challenging. Prices are rising and domestic demand is softening as a result. Growth in the market is being driven by sales of luxury watches amongst tourists taking advantage of a weak Sterling. However, one in four UK consumers plan ...

Food and Non-food Discounters - UK

"Over the past 10 years the discount sector, both food and non-food, has shown that it is highly adaptable, succeeding to thrive in both market conditions which favoured a low-cost alternative and in conditions where traditionally there would have been less demand. With an uncertain economic outlook in the short ...

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Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

"The snap election clearly unsettled consumers. All three of our measures of sentiment fell between April and May. And the inconclusive result means that there was no immediate bounce in confidence post-election. Instead, our data shows that people were even more concerned after the results were announced than they were ...

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Online Retailing - UK

"Whilst online accounts for a fraction of the total retail market in the UK, its influence on consumer purchases is far greater than this suggests. Whilst 2017 is likely to be tougher for the retail industry than 2016, the broader trends in the market are still in favour of online ...

Furniture Retailing - UK

"The furniture sector has enjoyed a number of good years, but the market looks set to become much more challenging. It is therefore more important than ever for furniture retailers to ensure they have a clear position in the market, highlighting how they are delivering value for money while ensuring ...

Greetings Cards & Personal Stationery Retailing - UK

"Resistant to the growing threat of digital alternatives, the UK greetings card and personal stationery market has continued to grow. Growth in consumer spending on greetings cards has outpaced stationery. However, a number of trend-driven retailers have proven that demand for both well-made and well-designed stationery remains robust. Looking forward ...

Department Stores - UK

"Department stores are having to justify their raison d'être and are seeking to adapt to the changing dynamics of the marketplace. The main players in the market have recognised a need to focus on experiential retail in response to growing demand for leisure and experiences over purchasing of products. They ...