

## December 2008

### Houseplants and Cut Flowers - UK

The economic downturn presents the flower and houseplant market (valued at £2.2 billion in 2008) with challenges and opportunities.

## November 2008

### Carpets and Floorcoverings - UK

This report assesses the market for carpets and other floorcoverings since the last Mintel report was published in October 2006. Over the last year both value and volume sales have fallen considerably. The slowing of the housing market and other pressures on household budgets have put many homeowners off buying ...

## October 2008

### Baby and Nursery Equipment - UK

The baby and nursery equipment market's potential customer base is tightly defined and finite: prospective parents and parents of babies and very young children, as well as their friends and family. It is a staged market, with consumers needing different equipment at different times depending upon the child's development. It ...

## September 2008

### Garden Products Retailing - UK

Green is certainly the new black when it comes to the leading garden products retailers. There may appear to be natural synergies between gardening and the environmental movement, but for consumers this has to be delivered in a credible manner. In a sense the consumer is making their own moves ...

## August 2008

### Dry Cleaning and Household Retail Services - UK

The market for dry cleaning services has declined in each of the last three years. This has resulted in a restructuring of the industry and a diversification of the services offered by these outlets. By contrast, the market for other household retail services, principally repair, laundry and ironing services, and ...

### July 2008

#### Furniture Retailing - UK

The UK housing market has slowed dramatically and with house prices and the number of transactions forecast to fall this year, this must be bad news for furniture retailers. Already in 2008 there have been a number of casualties, including Sleep Depot and New Heights, and most recently Ilva and ...

### May 2008

#### China and Earthenware - UK

Replacement will inevitably remain the main driver to volume sales, but fashion is accelerating the buying cycle. Consumers want more well-designed and fashion-led tableware, and suppliers are now more than ready to meet that with an accelerated programme of new product introductions.

#### Electrical Retailing - UK

This report concentrates on 'electrical specialists' such as Currys and Comet.

### April 2008

#### Cookware - UK

Cookware is a durable and responsive market that enjoys plenty of innovation. Mid- and top-end suppliers have been creative in an intensely competitive market, which has experienced a huge influx of low-price products into supermarkets and value retailers. Distribution has broadened as many retailers with other specialisms have added cookware ...

### March 2008

#### Living Room Furniture - UK

This report examines the lacklustre state of the living room furniture market and how the changing fortunes of

#### DIY Review - UK

Interest in doing DIY has undoubtedly waned for a variety of reasons. Increasingly, the desire or indeed need to improve the home is not necessarily dependent

the UK housing market and cheap imports have influenced sales trends.

on consumers actually carrying out the job themselves. Thus, there is now a distinction between home improvement and DIY. This report examines the level ...

## February 2008

### Laundry and Dishwasher Appliances - UK

The laundry appliance and dishwasher market can easily be dismissed as a replacement market with little potential for growth. Nothing could be further from the truth. Two thirds of UK households do not own a dishwasher and most could benefit from the convenience and improved washing performance of a modern ...

### Glassware - UK

The report covers drinkware (eg glasses, jugs and decanters), other tableware (eg dessert bowls, serving bowls, platters, cups and saucers), cookware and food preparation, and other items (eg vases, candleholders).

## January 2008

### Household Linen - UK

This report assesses the household linens market since the last Mintel report was published in January 2006. Over the last two years market growth has all but ground to a halt. Supermarkets and fashion retailers have tempted consumers with products so cheap, they're too good to miss out on. Other ...

### DIY Retailing - UK

The expansionary phase of the late 1990s and early 2000s appears to be over, as does the boom in consumer interest in DIY fuelled by the media. There are few opportunities to open new out-of-town DIY sheds and people don't seem to be doing as much DIY as they used ...