

December 2011

Suncare - UK

“Poor summer weather has contributed to the 2% decline in total suncare value sales between 2009 and 2011. According to Cancer Research UK, people still need UV protection when the sky is cloudy as clouds are not a good shield against UV radiation. If consumers can be convinced that sun ...

Healthy Snacking - UK

“That half of users find the health claims on healthy snack packaging to be confusing suggests potential for snacks to gain standout in the category through focusing on fewer, clearer and more tangible health messages. These claims could include those that feature most highly in the consumer research, like low-fat ...

November 2011

Consumers and The Economic Outlook - Quarterly Update - UK

The report includes an overview of the changes in household well-being over the last three years, a breakdown of planned and recent spending, and consumers' assessment of when the feelgood factor will return to the economy.

Dieting Trends - UK

“Despite the concerns of political commentators about David Cameron's encroaching 'nanny state' politics, there is reason to believe that consumers might require more guidance with regards to healthy eating.”

September 2011

Vitamins and Supplements - UK

“Over a half of adults do not take vitamins and supplements as they feel they get all the vitamins and minerals they need from their diet. Perhaps supplements manufacturers could expand their brands into foods such as vitamin and mineral enhanced cereal bars and yogurts in order to boost usage”.

Functional Food and Drink - UK

Estimated value growth of 32% over 2006-11 saw the functional food and drink market reach £785 million. The market has benefited from consumers' efforts to be healthy but it also continues to face some sizeable challenges. There is a debilitating level of consumer cynicism towards functional health claims and 75 ...

August 2011

Children's OTC and Healthcare Products - UK

“Fewer than one in five parents consults a pharmacist for health advice. The National Pharmacy Association's annual Ask Your Pharmacist Week could place more focus on the pharmacist's role in helping parents diagnose their children's ailments and providing OTC solutions, so that pharmacists are viewed by parents as a first ...

July 2011

Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools - UK

“There is a major opportunity for trusts and contractors to diversify into budget gyms, which is a fast-growing sector within the private health and fitness industry. They could do this both on their own accord (eg by opening their own private facilities independent of councils) or by opening smaller ‘infill’ ...

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The report includes an overview of the changes in household well-being over the last three years, a breakdown of planned and recent spending, and consumers' assessment of the potential impact of the government's austerity measures.

June 2011

Health and Fitness Clubs - UK

For the UK health and fitness clubs industry, it has been a case of ‘battening down the hatches’ during the past two years. Most operators have seen business decline or at best stay relatively flat as consumers have cut back their spending on discretionary products and services.

OTC Painkillers and Cold and Flu Remedies - UK

Since the beginning of the recession in 2008, the market for OTC pain and cold/flu remedies has experienced a decline in value sales. According to Mintel’s consumer research, the active ingredients contained in OTC medication are more important than the brand of medication.

May 2011

Feminine Hygiene and Sanitary Protection Products - UK

The sanitary protection (sanpro) and feminine hygiene market is expected to generate sales of £297 million in 2011, an uptick of over 1% year on year. The FMCG category is highly promotional with multi-purchase and discount deals a regular feature of supermarket shelves.

March 2011

Babies' and Children's Personal Care Products - UK



Health and Wellbeing - UK

- In order to grab parents' attention, manufacturers are increasingly focusing on introducing new products that are fun to use for babies' and children. Children's character-licensed toiletries are becoming increasingly common. Almost one in six parents buy toiletries for their baby or child which feature characters.
- Own label has grown ...

January 2011

Oral Healthcare - UK

While the market has reached close to 100% penetration for basic items (eg toothpaste and toothbrushes) and is serviced by a comprehensive and wide-ranging product offer, there is still room for growth. There is an opportunity to upgrade the basic one-step brushing regimen to include a mouthwash and, for more ...

Beauty Retailing - UK

Beauty retailing is an innovative and dynamic market. But its structure is very different to a number of large non-food categories such as clothing, electricals and DIY where specialist retailers dominate. In beauty retailing non-specialists play a particularly important role too.