

July 2021

Convenience Stores - UK

“The convenience sector has the opportunity to take a position at the confluence of two of the leading trends of the current retail environment. The rise in interest in local communities and local shopping and the vast growth in online retailing. If stores are able to position themselves as centres ...

June 2021

Garden Products Retailing - UK

“With consumers staying at home like never before, home improvement and new hobbies have been on the agenda for many. As a result, interest in gardening has experienced a boom over the last year. New gardeners have more purchasing options than ever before with online retailers, garden centres, supermarkets and ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“Despite the continuing upheaval caused by COVID-19, financial wellbeing and financial confidence both hit new index highs in April 2021, while planned financial activity for the next three months approached pre-pandemic levels in May, driven by increased interest in leisure and hospitality.

While there are growing signs of polarisation and ...

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COVID-19 - Retail and E-commerce: A Year On - UK

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been a seismic event in the history of modern UK retail. Overnight, consumer behaviour shifted and retailers of all sizes were forced to react to the new environment the pandemic had brought. Some excelled in this new environment, while for some it meant the end of ...

April 2021

Footwear Retailing - UK

“The past year has hit the footwear sector hard and is likely to have a lasting impact. Initially, footwear, being a very seasonal fashion item, suffered big losses when stores were shut during the spring months. Additionally, as more people were forced to shop online many footwear specialists had to ...

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DIY Retailing - UK

“The DIY market saw double-digit growth, both in total expenditure (16.5%) and at specialists (14.9%), amid disruption in 2020. Ultimately, it proved one of the best-performing non-essential retail markets, as it was elevated by extended periods inside and the rise in flexible living. The changes of the past ...