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Retail Review - UK

Mintel's annual review of all major retailers and retail categories highlights performance trends within and between categories. Its key objective is to assess retailers' responses to the prevailing market conditions as the industry faces another difficult year.

Music and DVD Retailing - UK

Retailers selling music and video face huge challenges, ranging from rapid price deflation to a new generation of consumers who often download music (and sometimes films) for free.

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Opticians - UK

The UK retail market for opticians is mature, with stiff competition. Most major chains are reaching saturation, with few opportunities for expansion into new towns, and competitive conditions are squeezing margins. Despite this, in the two years since Mintel last reported on this market, sales have still managed to grow ...

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Childrenswear Retailing - UK

The market has been living under the shadow of unfavorable demographic trends for some time now but it does not appear to be denting consumers' ability to spend. There is more choice and fashionability in the market ensuring it remains highly competitive in pricing terms.

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 ...