

December 2008

General Insurance Overview - UK

The general insurance market is perhaps the most competitive sector in UK retail financial services. In recent years it has attracted a plethora of new entrants, resulting in aggressive pricing and advertising strategies and an increase in switching activity. Growing pressure to remain competitive, particularly given the growth of price-comparison ...

October 2008

Retail Banking Overview - UK

Up until recently, the retail banking industry has enjoyed many years of strong growth, prompted by a booming economy, high consumer confidence, low unemployment, rising house prices and strong consumer spending. Fuelled in part by a boom in consumer credit – cheap and easily available – everything changed in mid-2007 ...

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Investing in Property - UK

UK consumers have long been renowned for their strong affinity to property ownership. Indeed, these home ownership aspirations have led to a sharp increase in the overall level of owner-occupation over the last three decades. As a result, the household sector now holds almost half of their total assets in ...

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Consumer Attitudes to Debt - UK

Being in debt is no longer a social taboo, but rather an accepted and integral part of modern life. Over recent decades, we have been encouraged to borrow in order to own our own property and so that we can buy the things we want, though not necessarily need, today ...

April 2008



FS: Big Picture - UK

Consumers and Financial Advice - UK

This report examines the key issues facing the market for financial advice. It considers current economic factors and the impact of proposed regulatory changes. The size of the intermediary market, and the main markets for financial advice are assessed, while the report also considers recent market developments. Mintel's consumer research ...

February 2008

Long-term Savings and Investments - UK

The savings and investment market has been fairly buoyant over the past few years. More attractive interest rates on savings accounts and cash ISAs and, from mid-2004 to mid-2007, an improving stockmarket have led to strong inflows into deposits and equity investments. However, there are fears that the recent bull ...