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Living and Dining Room Furniture - UK

“The living and dining room furniture sector is facing a challenging year as inflation erodes consumers’ disposable income leading many to put off larger purchases. With consumers increasingly likely to live in smaller homes and to rent privately, there is growing demand for furniture that is more versatile to maximise ...

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Bathrooms and Bathroom Accessories - UK

“Consumers are attracted to retailers that can offer a full planning and design service, highlighting the importance of attracting and training good staff in stores. Designers have a significant opportunity to help households manage their bathroom clutter by injecting additional storage solutions, including shelves and fitted furniture. Those retailers that ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

“The snap election clearly unsettled consumers. All three of our measures of sentiment fell between April and May. And the inconclusive result means that there was no immediate bounce in confidence post-election. Instead, our data shows that people were even more concerned after the results were announced than they were ...

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Furniture Retailing - UK

“The furniture sector has enjoyed a number of good years, but the market looks set to become much more challenging. It is therefore more important than ever for furniture retailers to ensure they have a clear position in the market, highlighting how they are delivering value for money while ensuring ...

Department Stores - UK

“Department stores are having to justify their raison d’être and are seeking to adapt to the changing dynamics of the marketplace. The main players in the market have recognised a need to focus on experiential retail in response to growing demand for leisure and experiences over purchasing of products. They ...