

### June 2016

#### Garden Products Retailing - UK

“Competition in garden retailing is intensifying as merger and acquisition activity is reshaping the specialist and DIY sectors, creating large multiple chains in an industry which as recently as 10 years ago was dominated by independent companies and small chains. The nature of specialist retailing is also changing with major ...

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#### DIY Retailing - UK

“The UK DIY market remains challenging with growth in consumer spending slowing and retail sales through the specialists going into decline. Quality and staff expertise are key points of difference for the specialists, but they need to find a way to bring this closer to the everyday lives of consumers ...

#### Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

“Mintel’s consumer confidence data shows that the economy only has, at best, an indirect impact on sentiment. When the UK economy was outperforming most of its peers, many people were still pretty wary. However, in 2016 sentiment has continued to trend upwards, despite disappointing growth in the economy as a ...

#### Washers and Dryers - UK

“Washing machines are a household essential and will be replaced as a matter of urgency when they go wrong, but the buoyant housing market and growth in household numbers have stimulated the first-time buyer market too. Manufacturers have forged ahead with innovative products in the market for laundry appliances. The ...

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#### Department Stores - UK

“Department stores have reinvented themselves. They have become destination stores for younger customers offering aspirational brands, complemented by great own brands. The best department stores recognise that a store is much more than somewhere to just buy products, it should be a leisure destination with a retail offering that is ...

#### Fridges and Freezers - UK

“Innovation has touched almost every aspect of design in the market for refrigeration, inspiring consumers to trade up for better style, functionality and different formats. Today fridges and freezers come in a range of colours, have a variety of storage solutions, are more energy-efficient, keep food fresher for longer and ...