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Online Grocery Retailing - UK

“Online grocery is the quickest growing grocery channel, but equally the smallest. Once seen as simply a service to replicate the needs of a supermarket shop online, a number of new services came to market in 2016 that have the potential for online grocery to transcend this barrier and adequately ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

“Consumer sentiment has remained strong, reflecting growing real wages, low unemployment and, as yet, the absence of any major economic upheaval post-EU vote. When it comes to the impact of the vote, people are relatively positive about the big-picture issues such as the UK’s economic growth, and most feel ...

Specialist Food & Drink Retailers - UK

“Specialist food and drink retailers have enjoyed two years of growth, but rising inflation and successful turnaround strategies implemented by the supermarkets make for a challenging time ahead. Specialists can ensure their appeal extends beyond price by delivering a shopping experience that helps articulate their expertise while highlighting the transparency ...

Electrical Goods Retailing - UK

“Rather than the usual deflation seen in the price of electrical goods, retailers are going to have to decide how to tackle rising prices in 2017 due to the devaluation of Sterling. Whilst this is clearly a challenge the bigger issue will be if wider consumer demand slows due to ...

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Optical Goods Retailing - UK

“Concentration of the retail sector has continued and major suppliers have moved into online selling. The largest retailer, Specsavers, has continued to build market share, thanks to the expansion of the chain, as well as the addition of related services such as domiciliary and hearing services. In its latest move ...

Christmas Shopping Habits - UK

“It was a great Christmas, better than anyone expected. But the more one looks at the performance, the more one feels that there are warning signs. We think that people are worried about rising prices in 2017 and that they pulled spending forward for that reason. We think they are ...

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Beauty Retailing - UK

“The beauty retail market is experiencing slowing growth as consumers are spending less, notably on basic products within the personal care segment. Stores remain vital to the beauty purchase process; and by investing in new services and technology, retailers are able to add value to their offering that cannot be ...