

December 2008

Sunglasses - UK

The sunglasses market was worth £225 million in 2007, a rise in value of 2% since Mintel last examined the market. However, the gloom in both the weather and the economy has certainly taken its toll on the market, with much of the growth recorded attributable to inflation, and the ...

Factory Outlet Centres - UK

Factory outlet centres, also sometimes called designer outlet centres or shopping villages, are well established in the UK. With 41 such centres (as defined by this report), the UK market is generally regarded as saturated: any further major openings are unlikely after Gloucester Quays launching in 2009.

November 2008

Fashion - Size Matters! - UK

British women's relationship with fashion and sizing continues to become steadily more schizophrenic. As obsession with celebrities and what they wear pushes them towards the size zero ideal (UK size 4), in the real world the average woman's figure is a size 16 and heading upwards.

October 2008

Luggage - UK

The economic downturn of 2008 has had a significant effect on the sales of suitcases, both on the number being bought and on the amount that consumers are willing to spend. Despite the attempts of brand owners to position suitcases as a fashion accessory, the impulse to purchase luggage remains ...

Fashion Accessories Retailing - UK

The total adult fashion accessories market, as defined by this report, was worth just over £1 billion in 2007 – a 37% increase on 2003 and up by 7% on 2006. Growth has been largely driven by women's handbags, and women's accessories accounted for 70% of the sector's sales in ...

September 2008

Nightwear - UK

The nightwear market is dominated by retailers with private label offerings. Price erosion is occurring, and this decline in average nightwear prices has limited growth and product innovation. To a certain extent, ultra-low prices, such as those offered by supermarkets and Primark, have acted to devalue and commoditise the nightwear ...

Clothing Retailing - UK

The UK clothing market has been dominated by price for much of the last ten years, as cheaper sourcing from the Far East has facilitated the growth of value retailers and increased competition in the marketplace.

August 2008

Retail: Clothing and Footwear - UK

Designer Clothing - UK

The UK designer clothing market grew by 2.5% in 2007, to reach a total of £2 billion. Womenswear was the star performer at 3.2% growth, driven especially by strong sales of top-end ranges where consumers look for differentiation, newness, quality and exclusivity. Menswear was solid, whilst children's designerwear ...

Fashion Online - UK

The online fashion retail market has boomed in the last five years and shows no signs of stopping. In 2007, Mintel estimates that the market was worth £2.38 billion and for 2008, this is expected to increase by 26.3% to £3 billion. The market is being driven by ...

July 2008

Precious Metal Jewellery - UK

Mintel estimates the market for precious metal jewellery is worth £2,620 million in 2008, up by 11% on 2003, with stronger growth in the quality sector.

Womenswear Retailing - UK

Classics are back as British women are becoming tired of fast fashion

June 2008

Watches - UK

The watches market is increasing in value to an estimated £880 million in 2008 – up by 19% on 2003 – although volume sales are slightly down in the mass market. The more successful brands have been those that have focused on new product development and design innovation to meet ...

Men's Underwear - UK

The overall men's underwear market has been challenging over the last five years. Between 2003 and 2007, there was a 15.6% increase in the number of units sold across underpants, vests and socks, but a 4.6% decline in value sales – to reach £679 million. Consumers have bought ...

May 2008

Footwear Retailing - UK

As far as specialist shoe retailers are concerned, here is a market being attacked on all fronts. Low barriers to entry have seen a rapid rise in competitors that outshine in terms of both price and styling. So, where to next for the specialist shoe retailer? Are they doomed to ...

April 2008

Underwear Retailing - UK

In 2006, underwear sales grew by 2.3% and the year after by 2.2%, reaching an estimated £3.3 billion in 2007. However, within this, women's underwear increased by 2.6% in 2007.

March 2008**Womenswear - UK**

The women's outerwear market has been characterised in the past five years by falling prices and rising volumes as women have taken to fast, throwaway, celebrity-inspired fashion. But could all this be about to change?

February 2008**Women's Accessories - UK**

Over the past two years, market value has grown strongly, largely due to the phenomenal success of handbags. Celebrities and designers have been the major influences in defining handbags as objects of desire.

January 2008**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.

Maternity Clothing - UK

The birth-rate has been increasing, offering retailers greater opportunities. Women are having their first child later in life, and across a broader age spectrum. Although the maternitywear market has changed dramatically and is now certainly more fashion than frump, the offerings are still perceived as Hobson's choice. The consumer perception ...