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Contract Catering - UK

“Despite facing a series of headwinds the contract catering industry has continued to grow in 2019. Increased labour costs and falling business investment have held the sector back, but robust consumer spending and growth in the leisure economy have offered some reprieve. The sector’s unique position as a service provider ...

B2B Economic Outlook - UK

“Despite the uncertainties surrounding Brexit, the UK economy has only slowed to equate to the growth of the Euro-area, and the Bank of England still anticipates stronger growth than the Euro-area over the next three years. The Brexit-related uncertainties continue, and are now potentially exacerbated by a General Election. They ...

Logistical Services - UK

“The industry relies on being proactive and adaptable to meet the challenges and demands of the supply chain customer and the online customer. However, many providers operate on tight margins and could still benefit from being more innovative.”

– **Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst**

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Estate Agents - UK

“The estate agents market has suffered from strong headwinds amid Brexit uncertainty in 2019. The uncertainty has suppressed property transaction volumes and property prices, both of which have affected industry revenue. The removal of this pressure should restore market confidence and translate into the return of healthy growth for the ...

Manned Security - UK

“The manned security sector has remained resilient, growing by 2.1% in value in 2019. The growth of the leisure economy played an important role in retaining the sector’s growth in the face of Brexit-related uncertainty in the wider economy, which the sector relies on for demand.

Moving forward, the ...

Food and Drink Packaging - UK

“Key drivers in the food and drink packaging market include: demographic changes (ageing population and rise in single-person households); busier lifestyles and convenience packaging; growing focus on light-weighting, sustainability and plastic replacement; brand owners looking for more connectivity with consumers and on-shelf differentiation.”

– **Claudia Preedy, B2B Analyst**

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Facilities Management - UK

Serviced Offices - UK



B2B: Services - UK



“Several recent high profile casualties in the facilities management sector reflect the scale of some contracts and the need to selectively tender in a highly competitive sector where capital investment can be significant. The industry includes labour intensive activities, with margins continually challenged by legislation changes and technology increasingly adopted ...

“In the short term, demand for flexible workspaces is expected to be boosted by the introduction of the new international accounting standard IFRS 16 in January 2019. Under the new accounting standard, lease contracts will have to be reported as liabilities in company accounts and can no longer be hidden ...