

December 2010

Toy Retailing - UK

The toys and games market experienced a tough couple of years in 2008 and 2009, with value sales depressed by fierce retail price inflation among leading players in the market. With the UK economy heading into recession in late 2008, there was already widespread discounting taking place and the collapse ...

November 2010

Food Retailing - UK

2009 was a relatively quiet year for the major food retailers, insofar as any year could be said to be so for companies that are so large and so dominant not just in their own sector, but in UK retailing as a whole. After the campaign of vilification in the ...

In-store Catering - UK

Increasing emphasis is being placed on in-store catering, both as a revenue stream and as a footfall driver. For example, bookstore retailer Waterstone's has increased the floor space dedicated to catering in order to help build its reputation as a destination leisure venue; this has in part been motivated by ...

October 2010

Greetings Cards - UK

The report covers the UK market for greeting cards. The greeting card market is defined as including cards for Christmas, birthdays, spring season occasions (ie Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Easter), other everyday occasions (anniversaries, good luck, get well and blank cards etc). Market sizes include money spent ...

Clothing Retailing - UK

There is more choice than ever before in the UK's clothing mass-market. But the retail landscape is about to change as the deflation of the last decade comes to an abrupt end. Raw material prices, freight and labour costs (particularly in the Far East) are rising and, coupled with the ...

Alcohol Purchasing in Supermarkets - UK

This is the first time that Mintel has produced a separate report looking at consumer behaviour surrounding and attitudes towards purchasing alcohol at supermarkets.

September 2010

Watches and Jewellery Retailing - UK

The watches and jewellery market has not been immune to the economic climate and the whole industry suffered in late 2008 and in 2009 as consumer confidence fell and people became more cautious about their spending.

August 2010

Furniture Retailing - UK

- Just under half of adults (25 million) look for lasting quality when deciding where to buy furniture. Retailers need to prove their quality credentials through inviting customer reviews and demonstrating how items can stand up to heavy usage, including the kids.
- Service is also important and four in ten adults ...

Footwear Retailing - UK

- Clarks, the market leader, and other traditional shoe retailers such as M&S and the department stores have been losing customers in the last few years.
- The biggest winners have been sports shops (such as JD and Sports Direct), Primark and New Look (because of their strength in young fashion), the ...

July 2010

Garden Products Retailing - UK

- There is massive potential for garden products, furniture and plants as more than eight in ten adults have a garden and 3% have an allotment.
- Around three in ten (14 million) adults think that paying more for better quality plants is worthwhile. Highlighting that plants are grown in the locality ...

June 2010

Retail Review - UK

- Consumers were disappointed by the outcome of the election, but recognise that the tough budget was inevitable.
- They have been increasingly concerned about their finances for the last 18 months, apart from a brief spell over Christmas.
- The VAT increase, rising interest rates and spending cuts will make life very ...

May 2010

Sports Goods Retailing - UK

Electrical Retailing - UK

- Despite the recession, and against a background of aggressive discounting, the sports goods retail market's value has remained above 2006 levels, at an estimated £5,646 million in 2010 (compared with £5,600 in 2006). It is expected to resume 4-6% annual growth from 2011.
- Parents of under-15s are 50 ...
- Despite the weak economy, price was not as important a consideration as perhaps expected, with nearly a third of consumers prepared to pay more for quality goods.
- A quarter of respondents were also still prepared to buy in stores, despite researching price and features online - suggesting that service is still ...

April 2010

Health Food Retailing - UK

This report concentrates on products traditionally sold through health food stores. Functional foods, ie those with added ingredients that are of benefit to health (eg cholesterol-reducing margarine), are not strictly health foods but are discussed throughout the report as an associated category.

Online Drinks Retailing - UK

This is a new UK report looking at the growing market and consumer demand for buying alcoholic drinks online. This has been particularly popular for wine, and has the potential to take off for other drinks.

March 2010

Optical Goods and Eyecare - UK

- Optical goods, especially spectacles, are a discretionary purchase and the recession has dented demand. Spending in 2009 fell by 2.2% compared with the previous year. However, modest growth will return in 2010 as consumer confidence improves with sales forecast to grow by 19% in the five years to 2014 ...

January 2010

Sandwich Shop Retailing - UK

- The market potential of healthy sandwiches is not being fully exploited. Three in ten sandwich buyers seek out such sandwiches, yet, low fat variants accounted for just 7% of new launches in 2009.
- Starting to provide nutritional information could open a market of nine million people to sandwich shops. Unlike ...

Beauty Retailing - UK

Promotions and special offers resonated with very large numbers of shoppers, equivalent to 22 million adults – 2009 was the year of the 'deal-conscious shopper'. Retailers have responded to changing consumer needs during the recession by increasing their promotional activity, offering deals like 3 for 2's or buy one ...