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Gaming Machines - UK

The UK's gaming machines industry is unique in the number of leisure sectors in which it has a stake: as well as in dedicated amusement arcades, slots are played everywhere from pubs, clubs and casinos to bingo halls, betting shops and leisure centres. But the sector is also unique in ...

Sports Goods Retailing - UK

The UK sports goods market was worth £5.6 billion in 2007. It has undergone massive consolidation with the rise of Sports Direct International to market leadership, with a UK retail turnover of over £1 billion a year, more than doubling in size since 2003. Other retailers have struggled to ...

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Online Betting Habits - Will Online Betting broaden the punter profile or just change existing gambling habits? - UK

September 2007 saw the Gambling Act become fully operational, and with it the culmination of a huge number of changes in the UK gambling landscape. Attracting massive criticism from certain quarters, those sub-sectors bearing the brunt have been the supercasino, fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs) and online betting and gaming ...

Cinemas - UK

Despite an increasingly competitive environment, cinema continues to find new ways to attract audiences and break records. July 2007, for example, saw a huge surge in admissions as people sought refuge from the wet weather to see the latest blockbusters. Although audience numbers fluctuate annually, largely due to the popularity ...

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Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools - UK

A period of rapid growth appears to be coming to an end for the leisure centres and swimming pools market, as a number of external pressures come to bear on the sector. These include rising energy costs, a reduction in funding from PFI schemes and the lottery, a crumbling infrastructure ...

Active Leisure Pursuits - UK

The active leisure pursuits market examined by Mintel effectively straddles the sports and leisure markets, a position that presents a broad range of opportunities to appeal to different types of participants, but also exposes it to wide-ranging competition. And although these pursuits are all well-established, many have generally struggled to ...